

# Little Hadham Parish News

March 2016

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## LITTLE HADHAM & ALBURY SOCIAL CLUB PLANNED ACTIVITIES 2016

MARCH 8TH - GAVIN VICARY - LOCAL WILDLIFE TALK

APRIL 12TH - ENNIS ROGERS' WORK @ RSPCA HERTS EAST

MAY 10TH - VISIT TO "COOK" BISHOP'S STORTFORD

JUNE 14TH - VISIT TO ALBURY "OPEN GARDENS"

JULY 12TH - SOCIAL CLUB ANNUAL DINNER

AUGUST 9TH - TONY FLOWERS' "MY NEPALESE FAMILY"

SEPTEMBER 13TH - PAT VAUGHAN'S FATHER'S WAR MEDALS

OCTOBER 11TH - HOLLY MULHERON - ACUPUNCTURE TALK

NOVEMBER 8TH - KIRAN'S "THE SKY AT NIGHT" TALK

DECEMBER 13TH - CARMELA COOKS ITALIAN

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# A message from your Team Vicar

The church season of Lent has arrived and it brings with it an opportunity for self-reflection, fasting and prayer. Recently I have been challenged to think further on Christ's second temptation in the Wilderness and what it means for us.



“Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, ‘To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.’” (Luke 4.5–7).

This temptation is to worldliness, to success, money and power - a temptation that supremely rivals the place that God should have in our lives. It's the ultimate temptation to our own materially obsessed culture and a dreadful conditional offer that the Devil still makes - 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority.'

In the United Kingdom, we rightly talk about fairness, justice, equal opportunities and fair dealing in finance, commerce and trade. Our Christian teaching rejects desire for worldly superiority and success but there is a spiritual sickness that troubles the culture we inhabit.

We, in the UK, are apparently one of the most inclusive societies; we talk a great deal about the marginalised, we care for the less privileged, we make sure we use politically correct and inclusive language but take a look at the advertising in our magazines, on our websites or TV commercials and a different story is being told. 'Exclusive' flats, 'exclusive' holidays, 'exclusive' shopping experiences, 'exclusive' leisure facilities ... the list goes on. If all these are 'exclusive,' then the question has to be asked who are those that are being excluded?



And when we are personally drawn to an 'exclusive' invitation or offer, can we dare to ask ourselves 'what is it in me that is being stirred and appealed to here?' Because it's not our generosity or our sense of community - rather it brings out the worst in us; the desire to be considered 'special' and 'set apart' at the expense of others. Consumerism can bring misery to the 'have nots' and 'exclusive' signs of belonging drive us further down the road to selfishness, a sense of superiority and worship of that which is not Holy, that which is not of God.

May we this Lent be 'special' and 'set apart' not because we have bought into 'exclusivity' but because we choose to worship God, give glory to Him alone and demonstrate true inclusiveness in our words and actions ..... just as Jesus did.

**May God bless you as we enter the season of Easter, Julie**

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## Parish Council News

**Road Closure** – C15 by the Old McVeigh and Parker site. There will be a full closure running 24/7 for 12 days from 7th March on the C15 from Little Hadham to Much Hadham at the building site on the Old McVeigh and Parker premises. This is to connect the new homes to utilities. There is a diversion route published on the Hertfordshire Highways roadworks website. EHDC have updated that they will provide a shuttle bus service and they will publish the details nearer the time.

### **Crash on the C15 near South Cottages.**

On Friday 29th Jan a car crashed into the wooden gateway to the village by the 30mph sign at South Cottages. Unfortunately the driver was injured and taken to hospital. The Council wish the driver a good recovery and have asked Highways to replace the gateway.

### **Annual Parish Assembly**

**Thursday 14th April.** Please put this date in your diary. Further details will be available in the April edition.

**Excessive speed of traffic** through Cradle End, Bury Green, Acremore Street, Ford Hill, Chapel Lane and C15. PCSO Broad has advised the Parish Council that she had carried out some speed checks in Cradle End and Bury Green in the last month. She could train local residents to use a portable speed device. Residents could note the registration numbers of vehicles speeding and they would be sent a letter from the police and could be invited to a speed awareness course. PCSO Broad also advised that Police will be continuing to check the A120 traffic lights for drivers jumping the red lights.

### **The next Parish Council meeting**

will be at the Village Hall on **Tuesday 1st March 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](mailto:clerklittlehadham@gmail.com)

## EHC Grants

East Herts Council is pleased to announce the launch of a special Queen's 90th Birthday grants programme in March. Grants of up to £300 are available. The closing date for applications is Friday, 15 April.

Every year, the council also provides grants to organisations putting on fun activities for children and young people over the summer holidays. The deadline to apply to the Summer Activities Fund 2016 is 5 April.

To find out more about these opportunities and others or to download an application go to [www.eastherts.gov.uk/grants](http://www.eastherts.gov.uk/grants)

## Little Hadham & Albury Garden Club

*If you missed last month's Garden Club meeting ,you really missed a treat. Not only was the ploughman's excellent but the speaker, Nick Dobson, led us through the world of his favourite plants and the ones he had bred himself. So if you own a Fuchsia called My Mum then Nick bred it.*

*This month's meeting is on Tuesday March 15th, 7.45 for 8.00 in the Village Hall. This is our AGM meeting, but since I have so little to say this year we have a speaker as well. Jonathan Forgham will be telling all about Plants, Birds and his travels. Do come along and enjoy the talk, have a some nibbles and wine and the unveiling of this year's Autumn Show Schedule and list of events.*

## Little Hadham & Albury Social Club

*Our AGM (Tues 9th Feb) was well attended and we all had a good old catch up! If you are interested in coming along and joining us please see the front page for planned activities in 2016 - there's something for everyone to enjoy! Interesting talks, excursions and a couple of meals thrown in for good measure! Do join us on Tuesday 8th March - Gavin Vicary is giving a talk on local wildlife. Everyone is welcome, do bring a friend - still only £2.50 including entrance, refreshments & raffle. More info: [cam2403@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cam2403@hotmail.co.uk)*

*A big thank you for your support -*

*Carmela, Binnie & Sue*

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## Public Consultation re. bypass

*As you may be aware, Hertfordshire County Council (HCC) is progressing plans for a road bypass of Little Hadham. This is part of the existing policy for this A120 corridor between the A10 and the M11, agreed in 2006. Also part of this policy in 2006 was the consideration of potential improvements at Standon.*

*As part of this consideration of potential improvements at Standon we are currently finalising an initial assessment to understand better the opportunities and constraints of the A120 corridor in this area. The outcome of this will feed directly into the wider Transport Visioning work that is being undertaken by Hertfordshire County Council to prioritise transport work between now and 2050.*

*As public acceptability of any option will form an important part of the decision-making process we will shortly be undertaking a public consultation on the options considered in our initial assessment report. It is planned that the public consultation will run between Monday 29th February and Monday 28th March.*

*An information leaflet will be available online, and a consultation portal will be available for you to share your views via [hertsdirect.org/a120standon](https://hertsdirect.org/a120standon). If you would like a hard copy, please call 0300 123 4040; email [A120standon@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:A120standon@hertfordshire.gov.uk); or write to Highways Major Projects Group, First Floor NW Block, County Hall, Pegs Lane, Hertford, SG13 8BR. A limited number of additional copies will be sent to your Parish Council representatives.*

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# The Hundred Parishes

Tricia Moxey, Trustee.

*Spring is on its way! Lengthening days indicates the approach of spring with increasing numbers of birds singing, twigs bursting into leaf and flowers opening. With the recent unseasonably warm weather many flowers are already blooming: some are stragglers from last autumn, others are spring flowers opening early. Members of the Botanical Society of the British Isles recorded 612 different species in flower at the start of 2016 compared to 368 at the same time in 2015.*

*Many spring flowers have yellow petals which are highly visible to passing insects but also help to lift our spirits on dull grey days! They include colt's foot, cowslips, daffodils, dandelions, lesser celandines, primroses and winter aconites.*

*Another with yellow petals is the rare oxlip which is only found in a few localities within west Essex, south Cambridgeshire and Suffolk. This is a perennial plant with a rosette of leaves from which arise short stalks, each topped with a cluster of 10 to 30 pale yellow primrose-like flowers, all facing in the same direction. Sadly, this rather rare woodland plant is a threatened species as deer find its flowers very tasty.*

*However, colonies of this beautiful plant can be seen in two of the nature reserves managed by Essex Wildlife Trust - Shadwell Wood near Saffron Walden and West Wood near Thaxted. Coppice management provides ideal conditions for oxlips as well as many other springtime species, so these woods are well worth a visit in the coming weeks.*

*Further details of these and other reserves can be found on the Essex Wildlife Trust website: [www.essexwt.org.uk](http://www.essexwt.org.uk). The What's On page at [www.hundredparishes.org.uk](http://www.hundredparishes.org.uk) lists occasional opportunities to help in conservation work there and at other local nature reserves.*

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## Message from your County Councillor, Graham McAndrew



### **Do you need help and advice?**

*HertsHelp provide free, independent services to everyone who lives in Hertfordshire.*

*HertsHelp makes getting the right support easy in Hertfordshire.*

*Whether you need information to help you get out and about, support to live independently, advice understanding your rights and entitlements or want to know how to volunteer in your local community HertsHelp can point you in the right direction.*

*The friendly advisors take time to talk through the range of support on offer, to make sure you get the help you need when you need it most.*

*Here are just some of the issues that people have asked HertsHelp about:*

- *How to get support if you are looking after someone*
- *How to get help to stay independent*
- *How to have a healthy lifestyle and stay physically fit*
- *Where to find emotional support and someone to talk to*
- *How to get advice on benefits or debts*
- *Where to find out about groups and activities to join in your area*
- *How to get help to feel safe at home*
- *Where to get support and information about children's issues*
- *What to do if you need help to explain a problem or have your say.*

*With a network of over 500 community and voluntary services across the county, HertsHelp can support you to find local solutions to everyday issues easily and quickly, saving you valuable time and energy.*

*To get in touch Call: 0300 123 4044, Email: [info@hertshelp.net](mailto:info@hertshelp.net), Minicom: 0300 456 2364*

*Text: hertshelp to 81025, Skype: Skype – HertsHelp, HertsHelp is open Monday to Friday 8am-6pm/ Saturday and Sunday 9am-5pm For further information visit [www.hertsdirect.org/hertshelp](http://www.hertsdirect.org/hertshelp)*

## Little Hadham School

*Believing and Achieving*

Our Y5 and Y6 children are really excited about singing in the Hertfordshire Schools Gala at the Royal Albert Hall on the 13th March. In fact, it is 'Musical March' for us, as we are all busy practising for our 'Musical Madness' Evening at the end of term. It will be the first public performance of our newly formed School Band, as well as our guitarists, choir, class pieces and soloists - what a talented bunch!

For those who would like something quieter, our PTA are holding their 'Annual Quiz Nite' on Saturday 12th March at 8pm. All are welcome and tickets available from the school office on 01279 771285.

Thank you for your continued support.

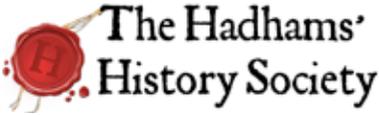
Liz Stockley

## Easter Sunday 27th March **Easter Egg Hunt**

Millennium Wood 11am

Please express an interest in attending via  
[jforgham@hotmail.com](mailto:jforgham@hotmail.com) so we know  
roughly how many eggs to hide. Thank you.

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*A very enjoyable evening ended the 2015 programme with drinks and nibbles; it was very ably rounded off with a quiz set by Richard Maddams.*

*The January AGM had to be postponed as it was inquorate. Thanks are nevertheless due to those who turned up on what was a very chilly evening. The re-arranged meeting was held on the 1st Feb and sufficient members attended to allow the meeting to proceed. The outgoing committee and helpers were thanked for their work in the previous year. The officers and two committee members re-stood for their posts and were duly re-elected. Bill Cullen our web-master resigned due to a planned relocation and he was thanked for his services. The quorum required at our AGM, EGM and committee meetings was discussed together with an appeal for new committee members to ensure the future of the society. I am very pleased to report that Caroline Baigent and Amanda Halliday put their names forward for the 2016 committee and were duly elected.*

*Events held in 2015 were reviewed and thought to be a good mix; many were very well attended by members and guests. The draft programme for 2016 was approved. Anyone interested in our local history is encouraged to join the society; membership fees are £10 per annum and subscriptions for 2016 are now due. Meetings are open to the public who may attend any particular meeting as a guest for £2.*

*Our web-site [thehadhamshistorysociety.org](http://thehadhamshistorysociety.org) has information about the society and a diary of future events; details of the 2016 programme have yet to be added.*

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## Easton Lodge News

*EASTER at the Gardens of Easton Lodge will be a double delight this year.*

*Not only will children be able to take part in their very own Easter Fun Trail, but at the same time they will be raising money to help restore an historic tree house.*

*The tree house, designed and built for the Countess of Warwick by Harold Peto at the turn of the last century, requires thousands of pounds for restoration and the Gardens' trustees have embarked on a Treehouse Project.*

*To support this, we are having a special opening on Easter Sunday, March 27, for a children's Easter Fun Trail. Our young visitors can work their way around the gardens, finding and solving the clues to the Easter puzzle and then return with it completed to claim their prize from the Easter Grotto. There will also be an Easter croquet challenge and the chance to "be a bunny". The gardens will be open from 11.30am to 3.30pm, with last entry at 2.30pm. Entry to the gardens will be £3 per adult; children come in free. There is a £1 charge for taking part in the Easter Fun Trail.*

*Daisy's will be open until 3pm selling homemade soup, bacon rolls, hot and cold drinks and delicious homemade cakes.*

*Please note that the part of the Gardens belonging to Warwick House, the Italian Garden and the Walled Garden will not be open during the event.*

*For more information, visit our website [www.eastonlodge.co.uk](http://www.eastonlodge.co.uk), call 01371 876979, or email [enquiries@eastonlodge.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@eastonlodge.co.uk).*

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*There is something rather comforting about taking items to a charity shop. I think it is a combination of a pat on the back for doing something 'good' and the pure pleasure of finally giving up some of those things that somehow crept into the house when your guard was down! I speak today as one who has just off-loaded two beautiful pairs of curtains, made by skilled seamstresses years ago and which have been hanging about (!) for ages. One pair, exquisite material and very large, never really fitted any of our cottage type windows, but I loved them. So they have gone....unfortunately not via the dry cleaners as I really can't afford the huge sum required to hand them over 'pristine'. Then there is the jacket which I bought from a charity shop for £20, loved dearly but found that I didn't have much opportunity to wear. That's gone too, but back to a different shop! There are all those books which I felt sure I would find the time to read – and haven't. So, hopefully, they will find new homes too. And so it goes on – take in a load and, knowing me, buy another!*

*I don't like the idea of going on strike. As a former journalist, our union only once demanded me to strike – and I didn't, being called a 'blackleg' for my troubles. But I do think that junior doctors have no other means of showing their fury and desperation and I'll back them all the way. After four-plus years of training, they are offered a paltry starting salary of £22,636. When you hear what GPs and consultants earn, the 'junior doctors' level of pay is a real insult! P.S. My farmer husband has put in a plea to whoever it is in the village who walks their dog along the footpath by the school and throws the 'filled' plastic bag into the hedgerow...to kindly stop. It's not much fun having to pick up someone else's dog poo to keep the footpaths nice for others to enjoy.*

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# What's on in March

in the Village Hall unless otherwise stated

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

## **7-11, Isabel Hospice Make A Will Week**

Local solicitors will prepare or amend your Will. Instead of charging a fee, they will invite you to make a donation to Isabel Hospice. Suggested minimum donations: basic will £100, a pair of basic Mirror Wills £150. More complex Wills may incur a charge. To make an appointment contact any participating solicitor quoting 'Isabel Hospice Make a Will Week'. Book as early as possible as some solicitors are only able to offer a limited number of appointments. A list of all participating solicitors are on our website: [www.isabelhospice.org.uk](http://www.isabelhospice.org.uk).

**8 Tue, LH & A Social Club**, 8pm. Gavin Vicary is giving a talk on local wildlife. Everyone is welcome, do bring a friend - still only £2.50 including entrance, refreshments & raffle. More info: [cam2403@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cam2403@hotmail.co.uk).

**12 Sat, Firewalk and IceWalk**, 7 – 10pm, Presdales School. Ware. Take on the challenge of a firewall walk barefoot over red hot coals or over broken glass. You can sign up at [www.isabelhospice.org.uk](http://www.isabelhospice.org.uk) – places are limited.

**12 Sat, Annual Quiz Nite** 8pm, LH School. See page 8.

**14 Mon, Hadhams' History Society**, 8pm, Green Room, Much Hadham, Village Hall "Cromer" The Last Windmill in Hertfordshire, by Robin Webb, who is heavily involved in the preservation of this very old mill.

**15 Tue, LH & A Garden Club, AGM and talk by Jonathan Forgham**, 7.45 for 8pm. All welcome.

**17 Thur, Way Inn Coffee Morning**, 12.30

- 1.45pm, rear of Village Hall. Please come along, You will be sure of a warm welcome.

**17 Thur, MH Horticultural Society** 7.30pm, Long Barn. Hopleys, High Street. Much Hadham. **Traditional Basketry**, an Illustrated talk and demonstration by Leah Pybus Refreshments and Raffle. All welcome, so bring a friend. Admission: Free to members, non-members £2

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

**27 Sun, Clocks go forward** one hour at 1am.

**27 Sun, Easter Egg Hunt**, Millennium Wood, 11am. See page 8. (Have you changed your clocks and watches?)

**27 Sun, Easter Fun Trail**, Easton Lodge. from 11.30am to 3.30pm, with last entry at 2.30pm. Entry to the gardens will be £3 per adult; children come in free. There is a £1 charge for taking part in the Easter Fun Trail. See page 10 for details.

**31 Thurs, Whist Drive**, 7.30, £2 includes tea and biscuits. Contact Ross Barron 01279 771694 for more details. (If you would like to learn to play whist please let me know.) New players welcome.

## Coming up

From 6th April you must have your dog micro-chipped by law! See the ad on page 15 for details of how you can get this done free.

2 April **MH Horticultural Show**, see p 13.

14 April, **Annual Parish Assembly**.

20 April **History Soc**, LHVH, 8pm, "River Stort History" by Richard Thomas, a Hoddesdon historian with considerable knowledge of our local waterways.

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## Much Hadham Horticultural Society Spring Show 2016

Saturday 2nd April 2.30pm – 4.30pm  
Much Hadham Village Hall

Come along and enjoy the display of  
spring flowers,

floral arrangements, hanging baskets,  
domestic section, children's exhibits

Free Entry, Refreshments & Raffle

Please note : All entry slips to be  
submitted by 8pm Wednesday 30th

March (see schedule

Email entries to

[flowers@muchhadham.com](mailto:flowers@muchhadham.com) or

[byrnem144@btinternet.com](mailto:byrnem144@btinternet.com)

All exhibits must be on display by  
10.30am on the morning of the show

Doors open from 8.00am closed at  
10.30 for judging.

## The 'Way Inn'

Come and meet friends and  
neighbours over a cuppa or soup  
and a roll. Rear of Village Hall,  
3rd thursday of the month,  
12.30 - 1.45

*At last, a sharp frost or two which is what nature needed. This will certainly set the crowslips off as they prefer a frost to get them started.*

*Before this recent cold snap, the balmy weather has created confusion within the natural world and, as well as early daffodils and blackbirds singing, Mayflower has been noted in local hedgerows and Millennium Wood. Unfortunately the frost will put a stop to this blossom so maybe a poor year for sloes. Primroses can also be found in village verges and again in local woods.*

*Bird wise, much as it has been throughout the winter, but the song birds are now becoming considerably more vocal in the morning, with blackbirds, greenfinches, robins, great and blue tits, yellowhammers, tawny owls, great spotted woodpeckers, goldfinches, dunnocks and song thrushes all in good voice around our garden at first light. Not long before I shall be out on my dawn chorus walks. More details next month. I have been very busy giving presentations to RSPB groups and ornithological societies so not too much time for trips away. So far in the last fortnight: Shoreham on Sea, Stevenage, Reading University and tonight (19th Feb) Leicester. Certainly clocking up the miles!*

*Local birds seen around The Ford have mainly been birds of prey, with a stunning low flying red kite over our garden on the 10th and 3 kestrels at separate sites on the 16th. 250*

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## Down at the doctor's

Dr Paul Haimes

*I am pleased to announce an addition to our staff, namely Denise Riches, who will be joining us at the beginning of March. Denise has been poached from South Street Surgery in Bishop's Stortford and will be primarily working in administration, helping to deal with the ever increasing bureaucracy. She will also, from time to time, be helping out on the reception desk.*

*Sadly our Practice Manager, Mrs Lyn Lynn, is retiring on 31st May. She has been with us for 12 years, has made a massive contribution to our practice and will be sorely missed. The search for her successor is nearly complete and I will reveal more at a later date.*

*In the last few weeks I have visited friends (you know who you are!!), who are also patients, in three local hospitals; Addenbrookes in Cambridge, the Lister in Stevenage and Princess Alexandra in Harlow. An interesting experience of 3 different hospitals with one thing in common; expensive parking! Now there's an idea. . .*

## Oil syndicate update

*Our next order for heating oil will be submitted during the first week in March - in early January we paid 26p/lit (who'd have thought it?!). It's FREE to join the syndicate (now 130 members) do feel free to get in touch, more info: [cam2403@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cam2403@hotmail.co.uk).*

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## Nature Notes, continued from page 14

fieldfare were noted in fields at Cradle End on the 7th whilst mallards seem to be getting carried away with the recent sunshine, flying overhead in pairs, probably looking for suitable nest sites along the River Ash. This sparrowhawk was also seen, flying over the polo fields on the 17th Feb.



With the colder weather, the moths stopped flying, but not before some good records. Several new for year records and an amazing count of 40 moths of 14 species on the night of the 31st Jan. This was the total from an hour in Millennium Wood with several members of Herts Moth Group and then in the garden trap. Presently, records stand at 88 moths of 16

species for the year. The best return I have ever had for January to mid – February, clearly indicative of the warm weather. A Hebrew Character moth shown on next page.

A trip to Dungeness on Friday 22nd was rather a wash out. Beginning on the beach by the power station, gannets and 2750+ razorbills passed in an easterly direction in strong gales. Once I arrived at the RSPB reserve the rain was horizontal so little flying apart

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## Nature Notes, continued from page 16

from my hat! Did manage to see several waterbirds, including several smew and a splendid Slavonian grebe. I knew I would get great views of something special as I had taken my camera with me as usual, but forgot to put the battery in, which was merrily sitting in the charger in the lounge at home!!

Now is the time for me to be out and about for spring arrival counts, with chiffchaffs being the first to arrive, often to be heard calling as from mid – March, followed by blackcaps and sand martins.

Thank you to all who have forwarded records of any mammals they have seen in the parish. Good records from several places of fallow deer, including 3 that I witnessed at Westland Green late on the 3rd Feb. Please do keep any records coming, however common, to [jforgham@hotmail.com](mailto:jforgham@hotmail.com).

All local updates and all my parish records can be viewed at: <http://littlehadhambirding.blogspot.co.uk>



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## Millennium Wood Update



*By the time this is published a final work party will have completed all the winter tasks within the wood. To finish off with, I have made a selection of nest boxes to place around the area we have worked in as well as a bee hotel. Shown here, ready for taking up to the wood. Seeds of native woodland plants have been sown in the greenhouse: knapweed, wild foxglove, cowslip and poppy. These will be planted out as from mid – May, all good nectar plants for the insects.*

*On Easter Sunday, as mentioned last month, we have planned an Easter Egg Hunt, beginning at 11.00am and meeting on the green opposite the polo fields off Millfield Lane. All families welcome to join in, with different hunts for under 5s, 5 – 9 year olds and 9 and over. Please do let me know if you intend to come along so we can guarantee enough eggs for all. Email: [jforgham@hotmail.com](mailto:jforgham@hotmail.com) or text/phone 07805571551. No charge, but feel free to make a donation to the Friends of Millennium Wood. All donations will be spent on further improvements to this lovely habitat. Many thanks to LHPC who have donated £200 to our fund, a most useful sum that will be spent over the forthcoming months, with all accounts shown in future articles. If anyone would like to join the email newsletters I send out about the wood, then please do forward your email address for future inclusion.*

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## Much Hadham Tennis Club 2016 Season



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.

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 in full time education (£15 per year). For use of courts Monday to Friday until 6pm, subject to club events which will take priority. Valid 30th May – 3rd June and 26th July – 1st September inclusive.

A reduction in membership fee can be applied for if you are experiencing financial hardship - any such applications will be treated in the strictest confidence.

There will be free sessions during the Easter school holiday for children under the age of 16 – dates and times to follow in the April magazine.

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

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## Herts Good Care

Herts Good Care returns to recruit caring individuals to the care workforce Hertfordshire County Council has teamed up with Hertfordshire Care Providers Association to deliver Good Care Hertfordshire; an innovative campaign to attract more people to the wide range of rewarding careers available in paid care.

The number of older people in the county grows each year and as a result, Hertfordshire needs to recruit 2,000 paid care workers a year just to keep pace with demand.

Being a care worker is a rewarding career and offers flexibility, career progression and the opportunity to make a real difference to people's lives. There's so much more on offer than traditional care roles, from cooking up mouth-watering meals to organising activities to keep people active and engaged.

This year we are running a series of recruitment hubs in local libraries during Herts Good Care Week (14-20 March). We will also be promoting the campaign and Herts Good Care Week in the media and on social media.

You can follow us @hertscc on Twitter and Instagram using #WeCare and on our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/hertscountycouncil](http://www.facebook.com/hertscountycouncil). If you are on social media, please share our posts with your followers. You can also ask complete the Good Care quiz [www.goodcarequiz.co.uk](http://www.goodcarequiz.co.uk) to find out if a career in care could be right for you.

To find out more about the opportunities in a career in care and events in Herts Good Care Week, visit [www.hertsgoodcare.com](http://www.hertsgoodcare.com).

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## CPRE Hertfordshire Living Awards

### **Nominations now open for CPRE Hertfordshire's Rural living awards**

Supported by Hertfordshire Life, the Hertfordshire Mercury and Hertfordshire County Council. The future of our green and pleasant land is in all our hands and how we preserve it for generations to come. This is why the CPRE Hertfordshire Living Awards are a vital chapter in the county's never ending quest to maintain its heritage as one of the finest counties in England and reflect the work by groups and individuals to keep Hertfordshire a vibrant beacon in country affairs. They aim to highlight efforts made by groups or individuals to improve life and enhance the environment in Hertfordshire's villages and its countryside.

CPRE Hertfordshire is now launching the Rural Living Awards 2016 so if you want to put your project, as an individual or a community, forward for consideration then get organised now and you could be making your own chapter in the county's rural history at the end of the year. Deadline for nominations to reach us is Friday 27 May. Don't be shy, anyone can make a nomination, you can even nominate yourself.

The Awards are judged in two categories – Community and Environment, with judges looking for innovative projects that unite rural communities, benefit the community and promote access to the countryside. There are also awards for Rural Living Champions: young people and adults who make outstanding contributions to rural life. New to 2016 is the Rural Business in the Community Award: for a rural business which has made an outstanding contribution to community life.

More information, details of previous recipients and nomination forms can be found on our website: [www.cpreherts.org.uk](http://www.cpreherts.org.uk)

Last year two Community Awards were presented, one went to Greenway Spinney Restoration Project in Harpenden for transforming a 'no go' area into a well-used green space and Local Nature Area which has become a popular rural area in the town. The second went to Northaw Community Orchard, where 80 fruit trees have been planted on previously inaccessible fields. A wildflower meadow has also been planted making it a haven for wildlife and an oasis for the community. Commended in the same category was Oaklands College, St Albans, for their project to introduce lambing weekends. Last year 6,000 people attended the college's lambing weekend bringing farming to the community and the community to the farm.

The Environment Award went to the Riverfly Monitoring Hub that was set up in 2014 to provide training for volunteers to record water quality within the River Lea catchment areas. The judges described the scheme as 'a Neighbourhood Watch for local rivers'.

Commended in the same category was Reedbeds for Bitterns for the work carried out on the Amwell Nature Reserve which has helped save the bitterns from near extinction.

## Snow White: a review



*Snow White's still body is lit by a single white lamp in the show's climactic kiss scene. More Baz Luhrmann than village players, the Little Hadham Pantomime Group raised the production value to cinematic levels in its re-telling of Disney's Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. Leanne Andrews went with a party of friends on Friday 15th January and loved it, "We were not sure what to expect being a 'village panto' but in all honesty, it was better than some professional pantomimes that I've seen. It was a traditional panto with a few twists that ticked all the boxes for colour, spectacle and laughter - family entertainment that was a treat to watch. I thought the acting was really good, and music throughout was brilliant with some very clever song choices such as Farrell William's 'Happy' and Michael Jackson's 'Bad'. We all had tears in our eyes during the Angel song. I was not sure how the seven dwarfs were going to be portrayed, but I thought they had a genius costume design, where their knees were disguised as feet. We didn't have to use our imagination to believe they were dwarfs because they looked so authentic and very funny to watch. I thought it was good how the cast got children up on stage to get them involved. Fantastic watch! I will certainly be coming again to watch next year's delight."*



**Eight nest boxes went up in Millennium Wood on 21st February with 14 of us carrying out more tidying work.**

## A reply to 'A Visitor's letter'

*In answer to the visitor's dilemma with sharing the bridleways between walkers and riders. I have tried googling what they do in Germany and Switzerland but can find no answers.*

*What would the visitor suggest; white lines dividing the paths like they do in towns for cyclists and walkers? Not very practical and visually awful. The horse has seen its cart tracks covered in Tarmac and turned into narrow country roads through to dual carriage ways. Is it too much to ask that we can use the bridleways for what they are intended? This time of year we do try and avoid the muddiest as it is not good for our horse's legs. It is bad enough that we have to share the byways with 'green laners'. If the visitor is so bothered about getting muddy feet might I suggest he/she takes a walk in town on the pavements, stays on footpaths which I find are equally muddy and buys a pair of stout wellington boots.*

From a permanent resident of 37 years

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# March diary for Little Hadham and Albury

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

## **6 Sunday**

9.15am  
11.15am

## **Lent 4 – Mothering Sunday**

Family Communion at Much Hadham  
Holy Communion at St. Mary's, Albury  
**No service at Little Hadham.**

## **13 Sunday**

9.15am  
11.15am

## **Lent 5 – Passiontide Begins**

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

## **20 Sunday**

9.15am  
11.15am

## **Lent 6 – Palm Sunday**

Holy Communion at Much Hadham.  
Family Communion Service at St. Cecilia's, Little Hadham

## **24 Thursday**

8.00pm

## **Maunday Thursday**

Team Communion, foot washing - Much Hadham.

## **25 Friday**

1.00pm – 3.00pm

## **Good Friday**

Good Friday Reflection at Much Hadham

## **27 Sunday**

9.15am  
11.15am

## **Easter Day**

Holy Communion at Much Hadham  
Holy Communion at St Mary's, Albury  
**No service at Little Hadham.**

## **30 Wednesday**

10.00am

## **Midweek Communion**

Midweek Holy Communion at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

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

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## **The Register:**

30th January: Alice Jupp and Jeffrey Findlay from Bury Green were married at St Mary's Church Welwyn.

## **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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