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Letter from the Rectory

Revd. Steve Bate

Now that I've been here over a year, people have been asking me "Are you going to be changing the services?" The answer is yes – some of our orders of service will be updated starting in Advent, i.e. from December. A few orders of service have already been updated throughout the last year and we've begun to try some new ideas.



An emerging priority for our churches is our ministry among children and their families. We've already begun to address this priority area with our monthly Messy Church led by a team from across our Benefice and shared with Holy Cross Catholic Church and Hadham Cross Congregational Church. The Teddy Bears' Picnic and Parachute Jump returned to St Cecilia's Church in September, closely followed by the new Family Service that now takes place every fourth Sunday. There's much more yet to come in the new year across our whole Benefice, including a new-look Family Service at St Andrew's every first Sunday. The informal welcome with coffee and croissants at 9 am will continue and there'll be more opportunities for children to participate in the service. If you'd like to find out more about any of our services or the wider life of our churches, do take a look at our website: www.riverashchurches.org.uk where you can find a full calendar of events and more.

The most recent update that has been 'road-tested' in services during September and October is our new format Christening Service. We offer baptisms in our regular morning services and also in afternoon christening services. Baptism is about beginning the journey of Christian faith so we always give a welcome to those joining us on that journey in church. Those baptized during the morning service are welcomed during the service as they receive their certificate of baptism and baptism candle. Those baptized in an afternoon christening service join the congregation to receive their certificate and candle, usually on the Sunday immediately following their baptism.

The welcome by the congregation has an important role in helping those baptised grow in their Christian faith. We welcome them into the Lord's family, we pray for them during the service and we commit ourselves to ensuring a welcoming place for them and to playing our part in helping them along the journey of faith. That includes providing appropriate opportunities for worship such as Messy Church and our Family Services. It also includes continuing to pray for them. Praying for those baptised and their families is a very practical way for us to answer the question put to us at every baptism of children: "Will you support these children as they begin their journey of faith?"

It's not only these services that have been updated. We've also started to make use of attractive new leaflets that help people think about baptism and help those they choose as godparents. We give a leaflet to parents enquiring about baptisms entitled "Start an amazing journey" – the amazing journey of faith in Jesus Christ. In addition to the parents, the key people who accompany a child who is baptised on this amazing journey are the godparents. We now give a card to godparents which comes complete with a fridge magnet featuring a short prayer for their godchild. This helps them to support their godchild through regular prayer. If you'd like to know more about baptism at St Andrew's, St Cecilia's, St Mary's or St Thomas' for your child or as an adult, or exploring the Christian faith you're very welcome to contact me. Every blessing, Steve.

Millennium Wood News

At present, the wood is looking in fine fettle and the autumnal colours make it a super place for a wander. On Friday 20th October, I will have spent the morning with a professional tree chap in chain sawing several trees to open a new area for lower growth vegetation. Several of the ash trees are showing the ravages of ash dieback and need to be removed. I have bought many spring native bulbs to plant in this and other open and shaded areas. These bluebells etc. will enhance the habitat and help increase the insect bio-diversity.

A work party is planned for Sunday 29th October (10 – 12 noon) and then again on Sunday 26th November, same time. There is plenty to do in the wood this autumn and winter, so please do come along to lend a hand. Children most welcome as we need to plant over 150 bluebell bulbs, so bring a trowel. We will also need to cut back encroaching blackthorn, so loppers, bow saws and secateurs will be most useful. From our account, Friends of Millennium Wood, I have spent £60 on tools to carry out coppicing of hazel and another £54 on the bulbs. The final job will be to create new log piles for hibernating insects, spiders and small rodents as well as offering a safe habitat for the resident Great Crested Newts.

Many thanks to Sean and Natasha for their generous donation to wood funds following the birthday party held in the wood for son, Harvey. Also, to Tom and Chloe for their donation after the party for 5 year old Benji. By all accounts, two most successful parties messing around in muddy woods. Hope to see you on both or one of the work party dates. Many thanks. Finally, a stunning Merveille du Jour moth trapped in the wood on the 11th October. Always a super moth to see.



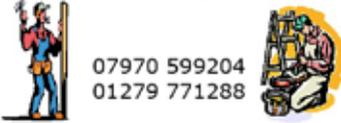
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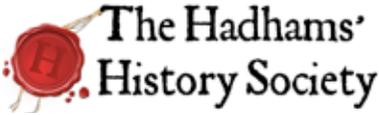
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The Hadhams' History Society

Mark Landon, Chairman of the Braughing Archaeology Group was very pleased to report that the group had received funding from "Historical England" for ongoing work, and received much of this year's regional allocation. In September he discussed recent findings near Braughing Station. Aerial photographs had indicated Roman roads, but the geophysicist Chris Lockyer had found no evidence of a Roman Town. Settlements had been found, but the only way to determine dates was by digging, and Society members, Caroline Baigent and Peter Heath had done much of the work. Many archaeological artefacts were found together in a "stratified rubbish layer" laid down in an Iron Age ditch, undisturbed since the original inhabitants threw it out. Thus, rarely for Iron Age finds, broken pots could easily be fitted back together. Amongst them were 22 sheep jaws, as well as some suckling pig and cow remains, probably from ritual burials. Braughing had the largest Iron Age mint in Europe and coinage was used many times over. A pavement made from coin moulds was found, which had traces of copper, bronze, silver and gold, but it is not known which coins were made in them. The coins were widely distributed and still in circulation during the early Roman period. Peter also found a beautiful ¼ stater gold coin dated 45-50BC. The "happy horse" design is called a Harlow Wheel, and is similar to a pre-Alexandrian Greek one. Also found in the dig was a unique half Roman oven. Mark showed a number of exhibits and the lively discussion showed the level of interest generated; his presentation was greatly appreciated.

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Little Hadham & Albury Social Club

Wendy Emberson from Stort Physio came along to our October meeting . . . what a woman! Energetic, engaging and so informative. Wendy, or indeed her staff, can get to the bottom of everyday aches, pains & injuries, on average, in just three visits. Many clients have benefited over the years . . . there's job satisfaction for you! On Tuesday November 14th the Blue Cross will come along and give a talk about this great animal charity...do come along, everyone is welcome.

Thank you, Carmela, Bennie & Sue



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Little Hadham & Albury Garden Club

Our next meeting is on the 21st November, and we have a talk by Bury Green Poultry. Doors open 7.45 for 8pm. Everyone welcome. Members free, non-members £3. Refreshments included.

Tips for the month:-

1. Continue to mow the lawn in mild spells if the grass is still growing but raise the height of the blades.
2. Look after the garden wildlife as winter approaches by providing additional food and shelter.

Muddy Lane, Pig's Green

As a regular walker of the footpaths around the Hadhams, I find myself dumbfounded by the selfishness of one or more dog owners on this wonderful footpath. Clearly, someone thinks this is an area to not tidy up after their dog on a DAILY basis! The beginning of the path and the parking area next to the fields with the bee hives are an absolute disgrace and I implore the culprit(s) to please tidy up after their dog.

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We are holding two Open Mornings for our Early Years on Tuesday 14th and Saturday 18th November from 10-12noon, so any prospective new parents out there are most welcome to come along and see us in action.

Date for the diary – Our Christmas Bazaar is on **Sunday 3rd December** this year, so do come and join in the festive spirit!

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Last night (17th Oct) Wendy, David, Samantha and myself attended an award ceremony at County Hall. This was organised by CPRE (Campaign for the Protection of Rural England.) Sam and David had very kindly nominated me for The Peterkin Award. This goes to a Herts resident who has “made an outstanding contribution to the rural environment.” I am hugely touched to have been nominated and, whilst I did not receive the award, I think we can put forward a good nomination next year for a Community Award based on the work done in Millennium Wood. The recipient of the Peterkin Award was fully deserving of the accolade, so congratulations to Les.

As some of you may have noticed, Nature Notes has broadened its reach as I now write a fortnightly column for the Bishop’s Stortford Independent, our new local newspaper. This means I visit a new site every other week to report upon my findings. I have been lucky



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An old friend of mine, who has Alzheimers , recently fell backwards down the stairs, somersaulted twice and landed in a heap at the bottom. Mindful of the fact you must be extra careful when trying to move a person following such an accident, and also that you must not give pain killers before a trained medic has arrived, the family tried to calm him as best they could. Repeated calls to 999 were made, but no ambulance arrived. Three hours later, one finally made it to the home. As the paramedic said, it was Friday night and they had all been busy coping with those who had imbibed too well.

That makes my blood boil. Why should the overstretched NHS have to cope with people who, by their own admission, drink too much? And if ambulances and hospitals are used, then I think those same folk should pay for the services they have used.

We have recently returned from a long weekend in Budapest. Unfortunately I couldn't cope with their money, which I am putting down to old age. Everything ended in loads of zeros and I spent the whole time offering either too small or too large a note for the purchase. On reflection it doesn't seem too difficult - £3 is roughly 1,000 Hungarian forints, called HUFs, but the sheer volume of 000s on the end of even a tiny purchase totally confused me! So much so that I eventually handed over my dosh to hubby, who seemed much better at the whole thing! And yes, they do take euros, but all the change is given in HUF, so at the end of the weekend I left what appeared to be a great mound of 'hufs' for the chambermaid (what an ancient title that is!)... but it was probably very little!

If ever you go there and you are offered a glass of locally brewed herb liqueur called Unicum, I suggest you give it a miss. Being real tourists, we bought a bottle. Phew, it must surely do you good - because it tastes vile!

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The moving programme will include a full performance of "THE ARMED MAN" by Karl Jenkins. Amici Cantate will be joined for this concert by fabulous professional soloist, Olivia Barry, young singers from the local area including Summercroft Primary School and Dunmow St. Mary's Primary School as well as a dazzling line-up of amazing professional musicians in the form of the Amici Cantate Chamber Orchestra! This is the fifth time Amici has performed with local young singers for charity, over the last five years, and the choir has raised over £10,000 in that time for the various worthy causes it supports.

The choir is delighted to be performing in support of The Royal British Legion. This is going to be a very special evening indeed so please come along and help us to raise the roof of All Saints' Church and raise as much as possible for The Poppy Appeal!

For more information please see poster on p13, or Amici Cantate's website:

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Down at the doctor's

Dr Paul Haimes

On 14th October we ran a flu clinic at Much Hadham Health Centre and collectively gave just under 400 vaccinations during the morning. Congratulations to all involved, which didn't include Yours Truly as I had only just escaped from the Isle of Wight!! We still have plenty of Flu vaccines left so, if you are eligible, please ring to book an appointment (or to request a home visit if you are housebound) We are also offering the Pneumonia and Shingles vaccines so please enquire at reception if you are interested.

On 5th October there was a meeting of the Patient Participation Group (PPG) at the Health Centre which was very well attended. Once again, however, I was conspicuous by my absence because I had my usual afternoon clinic at St Elizabeths but Dr Oates was there. A number of issues were discussed and the minutes will be available on our website by the time you read this but I would like to mention a couple of things. The PPG have devised a Healthy Eating Initiative which involves information, plus example recipes, on our website and a planned cookery demonstration in the New Year. I would also like to mention the monthly friendship lunch held on the last Sunday of every month at the sports ground Pavilion. This is organised by Claire Uwins, along with her team of volunteers, and is aimed at those who are on their own, bereaved and looking for friendship: it is an extremely worthwhile cause and very well attended so why not give it a try? I'm assured that it's NOT speed dating!!

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Sunday 29th October: Millennium Wood Work Party 10 - 12.00.

5 Sun, Leaf Mining Hunt for families in the Millennium Wood 11.00 - 1pm.

7 Tue, Parish Council, 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 being carried out. Parish Clerk is contactable on 01279 842803 or email clerklittlehadham@gmail.com Parish Council Website can be accessed via <http://www.littlehadham-pc.gov.uk>

11 Sat, Amici Cantate presents:

A Concert of Remembrance, featuring **The Armed Man** by Karl Jenkins. 7pm at All Saints' Church, Hockerill, Bishop's Stortford, CM23 2DY. Adult: £12, Child (under 16): £6 Family ticket (available in advance of the concert day): £25 (2 Adults & 2 Children under 16) Tickets from Amici Ticket Secretary on 01279 506773 email tickets@amicicantate.org.uk, online at <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/amicicantate>. Proceeds will go to the Poppy Appeal.

12 Sun, LH Antiques Fair, 9.30 - 4pm Admission £1, free with advert on page 15. Refreshments available.

12 Sun, 'Littlebury': the screening of a compilation by Lizzie Sanders who was a major player in the publication of the excellent Littlebury parish history. There is more information at <http://saffronscreen.com/littlebury/>.

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14 Tue, LH & A Social Club, 8pm. The Blue Cross will come along and give a talk about this great animal charity...do come along, everyone is welcome

16 Thur, 3rd Thursday Lunch, 12.30 - 1.45pm, rear of Village Hall. Please come and join us for soup and a roll, tea and coffee and much more. No booking required and no set fee just a donation. We would love to see you.

21 Tue, LH & A Garden Club, 8pm. A talk by Bury Green Poultry. Doors open 7.45 for 8pm. Members free, non-members £3. Refreshments included. Everyone welcome.

22 Wed, Village Hall Management Committee AGM, 8pm in the Committee Room. See poster on page 13.

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

25 Sat, Garden Club Supper, 7.00 for 7.30pm. Contact Karin on 771532 for details.

26 Sun, Millennium Wood Work Party 10am - 12noon.

Coming soon

3 Dec, LH School Christmas Bazaar

11 Dec, Hadham's History Soc, Social Evening, 8:00pm .Green Room, Much Hadham Village Hall. where we bring food and drinks to share.

NOTICEBOARD

Little Hadham Village Hall Management Committee
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

I am looking for someone to go door-to-door in the Bury Green area selling poppies in support of the annual Poppy Appeal. A resident of Bury Green would be preferable, but certainly not essential. If you can help in this very worthwhile cause, please get in touch with Frank Green - tel. 771532 - as soon as possible.

Gardener wanted weekly for Little Hadham, for keeping the garden tidy, occasional mowing (mowers provided). Hours flexible. Please call 07711 058691.

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enough to discover a rarity at the two sites I have visited so far: a green emerald damselfly at Thorley Wash Reserve and last week a pair of clouded yellow butterflies around Wickham Hall. Later on in November the column will be based on Little Hadham, so look out for this.

Locally, I have spent time searching around Hadham Hall, Westland Green and Alder Wood as well as Millennium Wood. Local birds are now in winter mode, with coal tits and goldcrests flocking together so as to keep warm on the colder nights. Goldcrest shown on page 8. Local tawny owls, especially around Hadham Ford are being particularly vociferous at present as they begin establishing territories and start their courtship. A Barn owl was noted in Chapel Lane on 15th and the first fieldfares of the autumn were noted on the 18th, heading south in a small flock whilst also overhead, skylarks are on the move. A wheatear was observed near Hadham Hall, heading towards sub-Saharan Africa from upland moorland in Britain, Iceland or even Greenland. As I set off to set up a moth trap near Bury Green on the evening of 8th, I counted in excess of 200 golden plover heading towards Stocking Wood. These

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may well be roosting on ploughed fields locally. Also noted on the night of 26th September, a badger wandering along the lane in Pig's Green. All wonderful to observe.

Several nights with the moth trap have produced several new for my parish records, including a Large wainscot (12th Oct) and Orange sallow (15th) These 2 additions take the total of moths identified within Little Hadham to an amazing 705 species. Now is the time to check leaves for evidence of micro moth caterpillars and so I am planning a search of Millennium Wood on Sunday 5th Nov. All welcome, advice will be given before you and the children head off to find leaves that have been eaten by caterpillars. I shall be handing out a brief guide to help all to perhaps identify the mines in the leaf to specific species. Just turn up at 11 a.m. with wellies, a few carrier bags, a pencil and a few post-it notes. Over the last few years we have found many species this way and the children have had loads of fun searching for the evidence. Photo here of a very common leaf mine, found on just about every bramble

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Away from the parish, I led a walk for a group of birders from South Leicester Bird Club around Amwell Reserve near

Stansted Abbots. A glorious day with over 50 birds species noted along with dragonflies, crayfish and plenty of flowering plants.

As always, I am eager to receive records of any wildlife seen in the parish and always happy to identify creatures readers may see. A photo will usually be enough to identify the suspect. Don Gibson very kindly emails jforgham@hotmail.com with moths for identification, always happy to see these. Many thanks. Also, all local and not so local nature news can be found at <https://littlehadhambirding.blogspot.co.uk>

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Neighbourhood Plan



The Neighbourhood Plan is progressing slowly but we have almost finished the Character Assessments for the village and the photographs for these now need to be chosen from the ones taken by the Steering Group throughout the summer. These will be inserted into the text to enhance and identify special properties, views and village assets.

After the call for sites, our Chairman, Cllr. Will Wright has now sent these to an independent company for analysis and he will be receiving their report shortly. Whilst Little Hadham is a category 2 village in the East Herts District Plan and does not need to find any housing sites, preferences for a very small number of housing plots may be written into the Neighbourhood Plan to safeguard important areas of the village. East Herts Council's proposed District Plan is currently being inspected by an independent Examiner appointed by the Secretary of State under the National Planning Policy Framework and your Neighbourhood Plan will come under scrutiny when it is completed. There will be a referendum and you, the village, will be able to have your say before it goes before the Examiner.

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Little Hadham Cricket Club

Neil Oxborrow

With a wet September causing the cancellation of a number of matches, Little Hadham's penultimate game of the season was a home fixture against Perivale Phoenixians who travelled up from Harrow in North West London.

Batting first Hadham scored 147 all out with Ward making 81 ably supported by David Wheatley 21 and Paul Mason-Smith 19. In reply Perivale were reduced to 29 for 6 thanks to superb bowling from Arif Rubel 4 wickets for 37 runs and Sean Pack 3 for 24. Thereafter, partnerships of 54 for the seventh wicket and an unbeaten stand of 44 for the ninth edged Perivale to victory by two wickets.

The last game of the season (played on the second Sunday in October- delayed by one week due to the weather) was the annual Ron Oxborrow Memorial cup match against local rivals Albury. Little Hadham batted first and were reduced to 29 for three mainly due to a fine spell of bowling by Josh Wheatley taking 2 wickets for 22 runs from his seven overs. Hadham then rallied thanks to a partnership of 130 between David Wheatley (69) and Paul Mason-Smith (56) before Dean O'Toole took 3 quick wickets for 23 runs to end the home side's innings on 179 for 7, off their 35 overs. In their reply Albury lost wickets at regular intervals and with only Keith Wheatley (27) and Mark Jolley (14) reaching double figures were all out for 59. The result meant Little Hadham won the trophy for only the third time out of the 11 occasions it has been played.

If you are interested in playing cricket for your village team next season then please contact either Ron Bunce on 01279 771641 or Alan South 01279 651603 after 7pm please.

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Beavers, Cubs and Scouts

Beavers

This term we have been concentrating on their skills challenge badge. We have been doing obstacle courses, both with and without being blind folded. Food that is good and bad for you and how to keep your teeth healthy which they have all enjoyed. I have also given out 4 Bronze awards which is the highest badge a Beaver can get.

Cubs

The cubs started the year with a visit from Ranger Stu. He brought along his menagerie of animals including an owl, skunk, meerkat and a very large snake! All the cubs got their very own close encounter. They went on to achieve their naturalist badge by developing their knowledge of native birds and studying our local habitats. We are visiting the fire station in Bishop's Stortford and beginning work on our air activities badge by redesigning paper planes.

Scouts

This term we have been concentrating on our Expedition Challenge Badge which includes risk assessing the route, planning the route, what kit we need for the expedition and food for the evening and the next morning. We have also started our panto for Christmas with the scouts, which will be great fun.



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St Cecilia's Church

Last month we heard how St. Cecilia's evolved until the 1880s when the Reverend James Marshall Bury came along and decided the Chancel (the altar end of the Church) needed what would be described in today's terms as a "make-over". A Petition for a Faculty (permission from the Bishop of St. Albans) was made when it was claimed that the chancel was "most unsightly" but granted despite the objections from the Vestry (the Parochial Church Council) and congregation who voted 5 to 1 against it. Proposed by Samuel Betts, seconded by John Chapman "and agreed to, nem con" that the "Nave and Chancel being in a good and substantial state of repair, no alterations are desirable" and the Rector be "earnestly and respectfully requested to preserve the Church intact". The £5,000 necessary for the work was raised privately and the work went ahead to "reroof, reseal and repave the Chancel"; replace the east window and repair the others and put in a reredos. A reredos is an ornamental screen behind the altar which until the 1970s had a rather nasty beige curtain covering it which eventually fell to pieces and was not replaced. The screen was to be restored and the memorial stones to Lord Arthur Capel and his son, also Arthur, to be moved from the centre to each side of a newly built dais on which the altar stands today. History does not record the grumblings and discontent this produced, and the medieval tiles were ripped up together with two flat nameless stones that once held brasses and the work commenced.

Next month we shall hear the story of the Capels' tomb ...

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The Society held its annual general meeting in September, kindly hosted by Duxford Parish Council which is one of eighteen parish councils who are members of the Society. Before the meeting, we were guided by local historian Jim Longstaff on a short walk around the centre of Duxford, with visits to its two interesting Grade I churches. (pics on page 23). If you would like to explore this attractive village, please consider following Hundred Parishes Walk number 14 which can be downloaded from the Walks section of our website, www.hundredparishes.org.uk. The 5-mile route starts at Great Chesterford Station and passes through Ickleton, Hinxton and Duxford before finishing at Whittlesford Station. Until last month, I was under the impression that Whittlesford Station was in the parish of Duxford, but our guide informed us that the parish boundary was changed in 2010. Whittlesford parish, which lies outside the Hundred Parishes, also acquired the ancient Duxford Chapel. Duxford parish has retained most of its treasures including Imperial War Museum Duxford.

We have started to update the walk descriptions on the website by adding a map to each. So far, two have been completed. We hope the additional feature will encourage more folk to try either the 3 miles of Walk number 3 around Stansted Mountfitchet or even the 10 miles of Walk number 11 which starts at Newport Station and finishes at Audley End Station after passing through Wicken Bonhunt, Clavering, Arkesden and Wendens Ambo. I guarantee that you will find either route full of interest.

On Sunday 12 November, there will be a screening of "Littlebury" at Saffron Screen in Saffron Walden. This is a compilation by Lizzie Sanders who was a major player in the publication of the excellent Littlebury parish history. There is more information at <http://saffronscreen.com/littlebury/>.



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News from the Gardens of Easton Lodge

The season has now ended, as it began, with the sun shining and the bees busily out and about. And what a year it has been! The colour still in the gardens is testimony to there having been rain as well as sunshine. In the autumn, the michaelmas daisies have been particularly good, alongside vivid dahlias and the soft pink sedum; while the brilliant blue monkshood has been as tall and vibrant as we can remember.

The weather has been good enough for us to welcome a record number of visitors on Open Days and required us to bake a bigger than ever range of cakes! Visitors have loved our new treehouse and seeing the second half of the walled kitchen garden become established. In wet weather the restored rill has flowed over its new flint lining.

Badgers, bats and bees have been on display at Open Days, with experts on hand to answer questions. We have found there are seven bat species in the Gardens. Large numbers of butterflies and dragonflies have feasted in the Gardens, and we have had regular sightings of hummingbird hawk moths. New information boards are now in place to tell visitors about the bats, birds and butterflies in the Gardens.

So, a great year and the challenge is on for next season ... contact us to get a copy of our calendar for 2018, full of lovely pictures of the Gardens (call 01371 876979 or email enquiries@eastonlodge.co.uk). And watch this space and log into our new website over the closed season to get hints of what's coming up for 2018!

Harvest Supper

Thank you to everyone who came and supported the Harvest Supper on Saturday 14th October. A thoroughly enjoyable evening which raised £430, which will be divided equally between St. Cecilia's Church and the Bishop of St. Albans Harvest Appeal which, this year, is supporting rural communities in the Philippines.

Thank you everybody!

Dear Neighbours,

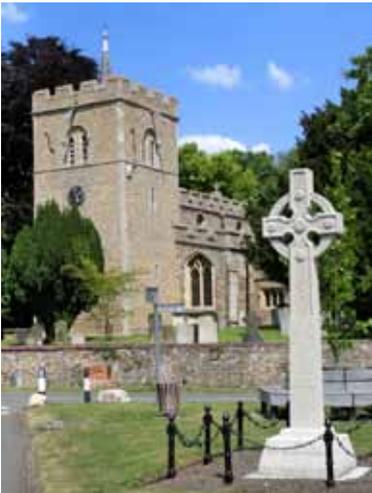
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I am writing to let you know in the past week we have had 2 incidences of vandalism on our cars: 1. Thursday 21st September on our silver car whilst parked on the road outside of our house overnight. and 2. Tuesday 26th September on our black car, again whilst parked on the road outside of our house overnight

The incidences have been reported to the police and we will also be contacting the Parish Council. We hope that these are isolated events but please keep an eye out to make sure this does not become a problem.

If you see anything suspicious or have had something similar happen to you please could you let us know and I can pass on our crime number. Our email address is dibrace@hotmail.com

Many thanks, Diana and Lyndon, 13 Lloyd-Taylor Close



St Peter's, Duxford + memorial



St John's, Duxford

See The Hundred Parishes
article on page 21

November diary for Little Hadham and Albury

St. Cecilia's is open every day, a quiet place for reflection and prayer.
At our Services, we ask for God's blessing on everyone in our village,
young and old who are sick, lonely or just having a difficult time.

5 Sunday,

9.15am
11.15am

4th Sunday before Advent

Family Communion at St. Andrews, Much Hadham.
Holy Communion at St. Mary's, Albury

12 Sunday,

9.15am
10.50am
10.50am
10.50am

3rd Sunday before Advent

Holy Communion at St. Andrews, Much Hadham.
Much Hadham War Memorial Service.
Service at Little Hadham War Memorial
Remembrance Service in St. Mary's, Albury.

19 Sunday,

9.15am
11.15am

2nd Sunday before Advent

Holy Communion at St. Andrew's, Much Hadham.
Holy Communion at St. Mary's, Albury

26 Sunday,

9.15am
11.15am

Christ the King

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

29 Wednesday,

10.00am

Midweek Communion

Midweek Communion at St. Cecilia's, Little Hadham.

Harvest Festival

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There have been no entries in the Register this month

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