

LITTLE HADHAM PARISH NEWS

JUNE 2020

BUMPER ISSUE:

Lots of support and information inside to help you stay safe and maybe ease a bit of the stress of social distancing.

Keep looking after each other.

- Stay Alert
- Control the Virus
- Save Lives

Letter from the Rectory

Revd. Steve Bate

This month, I'd like to take the opportunity to let you know what is happening with our church buildings and all that normally takes place inside them.

Our churches remain closed but the church isn't closed. It's been encouraging to see people recognising that they are the church as they live out the love of God in Christ – the love of God that they have discovered for themselves and can't keep to themselves. We've found new, imaginative ways of living out God's love in these challenging circumstances. However, like many, I do miss being present physically with others inside our churches.

Our churches are still closed and, at the time of writing, we await further guidance about when and how they will begin to be reopened. Sunday services no longer take place in church. Weddings cannot take place and couples have had to postpone their special day. There were christenings (baptisms) due to take place in our regular services or on a Sunday afternoon and these also have to wait until we open up our buildings again. At the moment, I continue to conduct funerals, but only in small gatherings at the crematorium or graveside.

I am very much looking forward to the time when we can open our doors again and, in particular, to enable people to enter into the quiet of our churches in order to pray or simply to come away from the busy-ness of life. Our churches are there for everyone,

not only the congregation who worship there. In the meantime, please get in touch with me if you have any questions about life events that would normally take place in church.

For now, our worship continues online.

Our regular Sunday services are streamed via Zoom at 10 am. We also meet on all the other days of the week at 10 am. **'The Daily Service' is a short service of Morning Prayer at 10 am.**

All are welcome – you just need the meeting ID and password from me. You're welcome to pop in and take a look at what we're doing online, or you're very welcome to stay and say 'hello' when we take the opportunity to chat briefly after the service ends. You don't need to be a 'high-tech' type of person to join in – it's now possible to phone in too. If you'd like to join in by phone, please give me a call and I will let you know the phone numbers to use and other useful details.

We weren't in church for 'Thy Kingdom Come' this May but were still praying with Christians worldwide for people to come to know the love of God in Jesus Christ for themselves. We usually provide Alpha - an opportunity to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed, home setting. We may not be able to meet in a home but we will continue Alpha online instead. To find out more, please see our website www.riverashchurches.org.uk or contact me by email or phone.

Every blessing



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(BACS preferred, email the editor for details.)

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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, it will be forwarded to the people on the chain who will pray immediately for each request for a period of time. All requests will be confidential.

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The Parish Council Meetings are now being held remotely via Zoom. These are on the **first Tuesday of each month, from 8pm**. If you wish to join the meeting, contact the Clerk and you will be provided with log in details - **clerklittlehadham@gmail.com** or **01920 870809**. Agendas are posted on noticeboards and the Little Hadham Parish Council website.

Parish Annual General Meeting

Legislation introduced recently in response to the Coronavirus situation contains measures for how to deal with annual general meetings for local authorities. In essence, your Parish Council can choose to

1. Not hold an annual meeting; or
2. Hold an AGM by video conference using technology.

It has been decided to not hold an annual meeting this year, but the full annual report will be available on the Little Hadham Parish Council website: www.littlehadham-pc.gov.uk

Neighbourhood Plan

A request for volunteers and help on the Neighbourhood Plan has gone out in the Parish News, with no response. Therefore, we are speaking with East Herts Council and looking to pause all current work at this time.

The Countryside Code

With increased pedestrians using our footpaths, it is perhaps time to remind everyone of a few things we can all do, to make sure everyone enjoys the experience of walking through the Parish.

Respect - Protect - Enjoy

Respect other people:

- consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors
- leave gates and property as you find them and follow paths unless wider access is available

Protect the natural environment:

- leave no trace of your visit and take your litter home
- keep dogs under effective control and please take your dog waste home, or place in the appropriate bin

Enjoy the outdoors:

- plan ahead and be prepared
- follow advice and local signs

If you need more information on the Countryside Code, visit: www.gov.uk

Down at the Doctors

Dr Paul Haimes

www.muchhadhamhealthcentre.co.uk

Hello everyone!

I hope you are all being sensible and staying safe.

At the health centre we continue to conduct most of our appointments by telephone and in addition, thanks to recent installation of a fibre optic line (which is 40 times faster), we are now able to do video consultations. This latest innovation has already proved to be very useful but we are in the early stages so please bear with us if it doesn't always work!

In the coming weeks we will be making some small changes to health centre access. With regard to medication collection, we will be moving from a rather ad-hoc waiting in the car park to a more orderly queue, similar to that at supermarkets. There will be 2m markings put in place.

In addition, we will probably be seeing more patients face to face in the surgery. Once again the numbers will be strictly controlled and we will be insisting on face masks in this setting.

Please keep an eye on our website (www.muchhadhamhealthcentre.co.uk) for more information as this is updated frequently.

Finally, may I ask that if at all possible you allow 5 working days from ordering to collecting your repeat medication (this does not apply if you take the prescription elsewhere but wherever you go, you will be subject to their

rules & guidelines). Our dispensers are doing a wonderful job but we anticipate some significant changes to staffing levels in the near future and would ask for your understanding.

Stay well

Best wishes, Paul Haimes

Need Prescriptions Collected?

A prescription collection service is being offered by Amanda Davey for residents unable to go themselves.

Phone Amanda on **07775 896959**



Little Hadham Post Office

The Post Office is still open at the Village Hall every Tuesday and Thursday between 9am and 11am.

Eileen Booth, the Sub Post Mistress runs a banking service there which means money can be withdrawn and cheques paid in. Pensions can be drawn and parcels sent up to 2 kilos in weight.

This is a great resource for the Village and particularly at this time and much appreciated by its users. Thanks.

Millennium Wood Update

Jono Forgham

jforgham@hotmail.com



Millennium Wood is looking fantastic at the moment, (mid May.) The hawthorn blossom is now out, also called Mayflower, and attracting many bee species along with pollen feeding beetles and bugs. The birds are all finding their voice and last Monday (12th) I recorded the following singing: chiffchaff, whitethroat, great tit, blue tit, blackbird, robin, blackcap, song thrush, goldfinch, chaffinch, wren, dunnock and bullfinch. A sparrow hawk and great spotted woodpecker were seen as well.

The pond, now a year old has been a real success, apart from rabbits digging a hole in the liner. A pair of moorhens have nested successfully and 4 youngsters hatched early on Monday morning. Also on the water were a pair of mallards. The moorhen is a new species for the wood list, so brilliant to see it feeling safe enough to raise young.

I spent time widening the paths and nettle beating but the paths are still narrow so please do be aware of others

in the wood and keep to the specified 2 metre distance from others. As there will not be room to pass please do turn around and find a space where you can all pass safely and distantly. Now that we can travel for exercise, Millennium Wood can offer those with limited ability to get out and enjoy the wild flowers and insects of the wood but may I please request that cars do not park in front of the gates to the polo club. Although these gates are closed and often locked, there is work going on at the polo club and the contractors do need access through the gates on a regular basis.

Over the last few years I have endeavoured to increase the wild flowers growing in the wood. This year there are many new plants to find that are flowering now, particularly red and white campion and greater stitchwort. I have well over 2000 seedlings growing in pots at home and these shall be added later in early June ready for summer flowering. These plants, all native to British woodland, will attract and increase the insect population and thereby enhance the already considerable bio-diversity in such a small habitat.

If you do pay a visit I would be pleased to see any photos of the insects and plants as there will be new ones emerging on a daily basis so good to see what is about.

A simple phone photo will do and emailed to me at jforgham@hotmail.com
Many thanks.

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Little Hadham Coronavirus Response

Dave Willett

Lockdown – a few thoughts

We are so lucky to live in a village, and not in a tower block in London. It is easier to see and communicate with friends and neighbours, even at a 2m distance. I've seen the benefits of this recently. As a runner and regular walker, most of my routes take me from The Ash past the Nags Head to other hamlets, Bury Green, Green Street and Westland Green.

Over the past few weeks, I have seen more people out than ever before. On one occasion there was almost a pedestrian traffic jam in Hoecroft Lane. On many footpaths around Bury Green and Green Tye (even though this is Much Hadham), I have seen families, couples, individuals and dogs taking advantage of the time they have to get out of the house and get in some exercise. I have even seen people get out on their hardly used bikes as well. I have frequently stopped for a chat as well. Everybody I have spoken to is positive and tolerant of the present situation.

On Friday 8th, the Village Hall Committee had planned to have a celebration lunch but this was cancelled. This did not stop people from remembering this important anniversary. On my way back from another run, I stopped to speak to a couple sitting outside their house by The Ford in the sunshine drinking prosecco. A hundred metres along I

saw another couple sitting outside doing the same thing, raising their glasses at me as I ran past. As I got home, I could see several neighbours in The Smithy who had set up chairs outside their houses to do the same. Despite the social distancing, they were determined to enjoy themselves.

There certainly seems to be a positive attitude in the village at this difficult time. The long list of volunteers has also helped to engender a greater community spirit as well. I'm sure we all cannot wait for this situation to end, but it is important that we keep this community spirit and positive attitude going. There are plenty of us who are looking forward to the monthly coffee mornings and afternoon teas in the Village Hall.

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The Hadham Scrubbers and Knitting Club

The Hadham's Scrubbers and Knitting Club are a few ladies from Little Hadham and one from Much Hadham who are fully paid up members of this club. We have become involved in sewing and knitting supplies for the NHS, under the auspices of Becky Preen, who is based in Harlow and coordinates getting the right articles to the right destination.

These destinations are local hospitals, large and small, care homes including St Elizabeth's, doctors' surgeries and care workers. In the area our miracle machinists Gill S and Denise have been making scrubs. These are specialised clothing made in special fabric. Alyson from Much Hadham, Angela, Denise, Gill S, Gill B, Sam, Tina and Brenda have been making scrub bags, masks and headbands. These have to follow certain patterns which have been supplied by our miracle knitter. Eileen, has been turning out hearts and ear protectors at a prodigious rate. The hearts are knitted in pairs, sewn up and stuffed. The nursing staff hand one of the pair of hearts to a seriously ill patient and the other to a loved one.

We have been told how much they are appreciated. We are not alone in this. I know that Gilly B has been toiling at her machine making supplies under the auspices of her trade association. At the time of writing we have made over 100 masks, 100 scrub bags, 50 headbands and 30 sets of hearts. Ear protectors come in at over 40. Scrubs are being made in individual sizes as and when required.

We are still stitching and knitting...

How can I get copies of the information being provided to residents by the Little Hadham Coronavirus Committee?

If you don't have access to the internet and would like a paper copy of any of the information or activity sheets then please call Jan Williamson (mobile 07710 325363).

The Sunday Lunch Club Quiz

If you would like to take part in the monthly quiz run by David Smalley then please contact Jan Williamson for either a paper version or the email address. Jan will then pass on your details to the organisers.

New Website for Residents – "Carebank"

A reminder that there is a very helpful new website serving both Much and Little Hadham residents called Carebank. It can be found at www.carebank.uk – please have a look!

A Big Thank you!

The Little Hadham Coronavirus Committee, set up by the Parish Council, would like to say a public thank you to all the volunteers and residents who have been supporting others in the Parish by regular collections of prescriptions, collecting shopping, keeping regular contact with neighbours and walking the dog to name a few of the many activities that are happening.

GiggleRox

Dave Willett

Giggle Rox have been spotted about the Parish, bringing a smile to people's faces. If you see a painted rock pick it up and take a look - you might find a joke to make you chuckle.

There is an instagram page which has all the rocks that have been hidden so far, and they encourage you to comment if you have found one and re-hide it for the next person.

www.instagram.com/gigglerox

Can you find them all?



Save the Bees

Angela Fardell



Bees and weed killing

Please could I put in a plea on behalf of bee-keepers all over the country. We need our bees, they are a vital part of our ecosystem together with all the other insects and wildlife both seen and unseen. Yes, people want to sit in their gardens and look at beautiful flowers, but they don't want the dandelions and "weeds" that are the first foraging flowers of the year, which feed the bees so they can later pollinate your blooms. You want to drink wine on your patio during this lockdown? Made from fruits that bees pollinate. You want to eat fruit and vegetables? That bees have pollinated.

Do you like honey in your tea or on your toast? Do you like jam and preserves? If so, think before you spray with weed killer and pesticides.

Weed killer can kill a whole hive of bees and with them go apple and fruit blossom, rapeseed for oil, vegetables – peas and beans – the list is endless. Please, if you must kill your weeds, use eco-friendly ways, there are plenty of ideas on the internet.

PLEASE SAVE THE BEES.

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Local Food Deliveries and Collection

Jan Williamson

With social distancing measures still in place, going to the local supermarket can be quite an ordeal, and if you are self-isolating delivery slots almost impossible to find. Luckily here in Little Hadham, we have a number of local businesses offering alternatives to the supermarket for fresh food deliveries or collection. Here's a selection of those we have come across:

D = Deliveries Available **C** = Collection Only

Local General Stores

- Much Hadham Londis - 01279 843063 londis.hadham@gmail.com **C**
- Little Hadham Stores - 01279 771080 nina.hall@mac.com **D if housebound**
- Eat 17, Bishops Stortford - 01279 652141 www.eat17.co.uk

Bakeries

- Standon Bakers Shop - 01992 823022
- Dorrington's, Sawbo - 07773 364673
- The Bromley Bakery - 07788 250412 **D**

Butchers

- Picketts Butchers - 01920 463240 **D**
- Standon Butchers - 01992 822141 localbutchersbishopsstortford.co.uk
- G Lawrence Butchers - 07919 417009 **D**

Fresh Fish

- Potter street Fishmonger (inside Eat 17). www.potterstreetfishmongers.com
- S & J Shellfish Wholesale - 01992 676 543 or 07802 181302 enquire@sjshellfish.com **D**
- Kevin the Fishman - 07852 672375 **D**
- Marr Fish - 01279 501051 www.marrfish.co.uk **D**

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- BerryBest Produce - 07971 098558 berrybestproduce@yahoo.com. **D**
- Chef's Table - 01920 468 333 - Selection of fruit, veg and basics **D**
- Church Farm Shop - 01438 861447 theboxteam@churchfarmardeley.co.uk

- Mikes of Sawbridgeworth www.mikesofsawbo.co.uk **D**
- Riverford Organic - 01803 227 227 www.riverford.co.uk
- Pearces Farm shop pearcesfarmshop.com
- Green Tye Tomato Farm - 01279 842444 www.guyandwright.com
- Foxholes Farm Shop - 01992 552900 www.foxholesfarm.com
- Farm2Table - 01279 219189 www.farm2table.co.uk **D**

Restaurants and Takeaways

- Orange Tree - 01279 722485 orangetreesawbridgeworth.com/menu
- Thorley Fishnchicken - 01279 713560 fishnchickn.co.uk
- Ruby's Indian Takeaway - 01279 912 929 www.rubys.org.uk
- Cote Brasserie at home - 020 3900 1287 coteathome.co.uk
- The China Garden Standon - 01920 821236
- Tandoori Cottage - 01279 653513
- Café Masala, Stortford - 01279 505665 www.cafemasalarestaurant.co.uk
- Pizza, Dough and Co. - 01279 758127 www.doughandcopizza.co.uk

Home Cooked Delivered Food

- Copley's - 01920 449292 Home cooked meals, cakes and produce boxes available. www.copleysfood.co.uk **D**
- Just Add Parsley Home cooked meals currently available for the extremely vulnerable. www.justaddparsley.co.uk

Pubs

- The Chequers Inn, Wareside - 01920 467010 www.chequerswareside.com **C**
- The Brewery Tap, Furneux Pelham www.brewerytapfp.com
- The Golden Fleece, Braughing goldenfleecebraughing.co.uk
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- The Wellies and Walkers Café, Buntingford 01763 662909 www.thewelliesandwalkiescafe.com **C**

Wine

- Wine Story, Hadham Hall - 07921 770 691 www.winestory.co.uk **D**

What's On in June

STAYING CONNECTED - ISOLATING NOT ISOLATED

Activities for your Health & Wellbeing.

You can stay socially connected whilst you physically distance or self isolate with 'home based' activities via ZOOM, YouTube & online streaming. An updated inter-village calendar of activities during Covid-19 is at www.carebank.uk including the following regular activities:



These activities are available on ZOOM, please email the contact named to get the Zoom meeting invite:

- *Rev Steve Daily Service, 10am @ rectorhightrees@btinternet.com
- *Daily Mass 11am/6pm @ www.churchservices.tv/bishopsstortford
- *Come to Tea each Wed 3pm @ claire.uwins@mac.com
- *Chair Yoga, Fridays 11.30am @ joanaserragomes@icloud.com
- *Barre Ballet -Fridays 6pm @ hannah.hussein19@live.co.uk
- *Regular PT sessions for all ages with Emma @ emma@benefit-pt.co.uk



Great Online Resources

Mental well-being whilst at home: www.nhs.uk/oneyou

Building Emotional Resilience: www.mind.org.uk/information-support and navigate to types of mental health problems > stress > developing resilience.

Mindfulness to calm your brain and body: www.puregym.com/blog/top-free-mindfulness-apps

Activity Packs with quizzes, crosswords etc are regularly issued via PDF @ www.carebank.uk or can be delivered, please contact Claire or Jan as below

Search for these great video resources on:  **YouTube**

***PE for the family with Joe Wicks** 9am weekdays - search "PE with joe wicks"

***Free online stage shows from the National Theatre, musicals and opera from the Royal Opera House** - "Search: "what's on stage at home"

Local groups are working on new home based activities, eg a regular virtual inter-village quiz is in the pipeline & a virtual Sunday lunch. Updates on local groups & societies will be posted at www.carebank.uk or you can contact claire.uwins@mac.com, 07595 674241 & Jan.chairvillagehall@littlehadham.org.uk, 07710 325363

NOTICEBOARD

Third Thursday Lunch

Sending all the Third Thursday Lunchers our very best wishes. Hope to see you all soon. Keep well and stay safe.

Frank & Karin Green

Please use this noticeboard to communicate messages to the rest of the Village. If you would like to share your support to those who are sick or self-isolating during the Covid-19 situation, email me your words of encouragement or practical support to: littlehadhampn@gmail.com

On V.E. night we had a get together on the little green outside Hoop House. It was lovely to be out and chat to people you normally just wave to as they drive past - and of course partake of a glass of wine (or two!!)

Thanks to the lovely Jo for organising it and thanks also to the very nice people I chatted to during the evening.

Add to that a massive thank you to Jo for her help and kindness during the lockdown.

Rita Powell - Green Street

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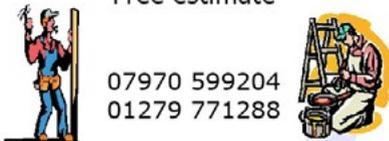
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Little Hadham & Albury Garden Club

Anne Willett



There are no club meetings in June, July or August but don't forget the Autumn Show on **Sunday 6th September**. Pickles and chutneys need to be 3 months old. Also clear cellophane tops for jams and chutneys.

Instead of useful tips, I thought you might like an anagram quiz instead. There are 5 garden implements/objects and 5 vegetables/flowers. (Answers on page 30) Have fun.

1. WANTING CARE
2. POSTERS SLUR SUB
3. GEE HOSE RUN
4. OCCURS
5. WARN ME LOW
6. A SUGAR SAP
7. HEED GROANS
8. NEW CORSET
9. BRA WHERE OWL
10. DRAINAGE

If you have any extra vegetable or flower seedlings, or you would like some seedlings, please contact Karin on 771 532 or Anne on 771 564.

Garden Club Q&A

Q: My flowerbed has been a bit neglected over the winter and now I'm not sure what are weeds and what are going to be nice plants?

Do you recognise any of these? Any advice appreciated! - Anne



A: The first looks like Forget-me-Knot - they look quite pretty but self seed everywhere.

The second is a Foxglove - it is usually biennial. It flowers in the second year and then dies. There are perennial foxgloves but you would probably have to buy them from a nursery.

The third - Not sure about the seedlings, they are a bit small. Could be either foxgloves or forget me knot seedlings or something else entirely

Looks like Acanthus. Especially if it has a purple/ pink flower on a cylindrical spike.

Please send your gardening questions to:
littlehadhampn@gmail.com

Rural Ramblings

Cherry Mardell

I don't wear clothes with pockets. There is enough of me without adding bulk! But when you tend to rely on a mobile phone – because all your friends use them - then it becomes a problem. My mobile only rings five times before it cuts off. I have consulted my supplier as to how it can be made to ring longer – and the answer is, it can't!

Those who know me realise high speed was never my thing. And now, walking in pain, with the aid of a stick, I have become ever less mobile. Our house, though not huge, is old and rambling, and the phone is never to hand! Consequently I miss 70% of the calls, and have to check back to see who was calling. I forget where I leave the phone most of the time and, like many others, I use the landline to track down the beastly thing, which is OK most of the time, less so when I eventually find it in the car!

I've owned this phone for about two years

and I still don't know what the various noises it makes means. There's one sound for a new message, another for a What's App, and a quite different one for an e-mail... which is which - I have no idea.

And the camera! What a disaster! The lens is right where the average person's finger holds the camera. Very occasionally, I can snap away happily, but mostly I find that when I press the button, I get about 20 identical photos.

I don't keep the mobile in a case, because it takes long enough to find it, let alone undo the case and free the necessary button to answer.

In fact, I'm on the verge of buying a new phone, but how do I know how much better a new one will be, unless I can try it? Currently it will have to be bought untested.

If not, it's a case of buying a new wardrobe of clothes – with pockets!



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Notes from a Small Garden

Jono Forgham

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Since late March I have continued to record all wildlife, great and small in our garden. As of 14th May I have amassed a list of 271 species made up of: birds, insects, spiders and wild flowers. A couple of more unusual creatures have been found, but so far nothing rare. Many, however, are additions to my parish list

Thank you to all who have sent me details of cuckoos calling within the parish. My reckoning is that we had 3 male birds calling as from late April up until mid May. One was heard on several occasions in the region of Ford Hill, another towards Westland Green and a third from Stocking Wood area. This constitutes the best count of them within the parish for a fair few years.

Another bird that should be with us now is the swift. A fast flying bird with scythe shaped wings and considerably larger than the swallows and house martins. The adolescents fly around in groups, calling their screaming, raucous call. These are birds that will have been constantly on the wing for 2, possibly 3 years. They will never have stopped flying since jettisoning themselves from the nest. They will have made the round trip to sub Saharan Africa twice and will finally stop flying when they are on eggs. The swifts feed, breed and sleep on the wing. A quite remarkable bird. I would be pleased to receive all records of this bird within the parish as their numbers are crashing, again, like the cuckoo for numerous reasons not yet fully understood. jforgham@hotmail.com for any sightings. Thank you.

Here a selection of macro shots from insects found in our garden over the last few weeks.



Lime hawkmoth



Large white butterfly



Greenbottle



Cinnabar moth



Pisaura mirabilis, the nursery web spider



Tipula lunata crane fly



Goldfinch



Common zebra spider



Yellowhammer



Esperia sulphurella micro moth

The Hundred Parishes Society

Ken McDonald

www.hundredparishes.org.uk

One of the features of The Hundred Parishes website is a section on famous people from our area. There is a short account of each of 21 past and present celebrities, from Dick Turpin to Jamie Oliver. Gustav Holst is one of these and I make no apology for repeating text from our website here:

GUSTAV HOLST (1874-1934)

While teaching and composing in London, Gustav Holst began a love affair with Thaxted after a walking holiday in the area led to his taking a weekend cottage nearby. A great attraction must have been its cathedral-sized church with spacious, white-painted interior, where he became involved with local music-making, encouraged by the town's socialist vicar, Conrad Noel. Holst himself was an active socialist.



Gustav Holst

In 1916, Holst invited some of his London pupils to spend four days of music-making in Thaxted in the town's first Whitsuntide festival. Sadly, this was repeated for only two more years before being moved to London to avoid Holst's pupils, especially those from St Paul's School, becoming associated with Noel's controversial extremist left-wing sermons. It was 1980 before the highly successful Thaxted Festival was re-established.

Holst stayed in Thaxted for several years working, amongst other things, on his acknowledged masterpiece, *The Planets*. He adapted the big melody from "Jupiter" to accompany the poem "I vow to thee, my country". This became a popular hymn and Holst named the tune "Thaxted". It has since been used for no fewer than fourteen other hymns worldwide as well as the anthem of the Rugby World Cup. Holst also composed the music for a popular Christmas carol, "In the Bleak Midwinter".

During these days of social distancing we are not able to travel and enjoy our beautiful area as much as before, but we can remind ourselves of what is out there and read about our rich local history on the Society's website.



Thaxted church

Little Hadham Afternoon Teas

Wendy Forgham

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Good June day all.

I for one am missing our Afternoon Tea gatherings so it was lovely to see some of you when we were delivering some of our tea boxes at the beginning of May.

It was also a wonderful opportunity to meet some of our lovely newcomers who we hope will continue to join us when the Village Hall opens once again.

Meanwhile, with the help of our super local volunteers, Lara, Mick, David and Ennis (plus Jono who also expanded on his ribbon tying skills whilst helping me assemble the boxes) we managed to deliver all 45 Afternoon Teas to Little Hadham, Bury Green, Albury and Patmore Heath.

Also amongst the sandwiches (tomatoes and cucumbers donated by John and Caroline Jones from the Green Tye tomato farm), sausage rolls, cream scones and cakes, we included a superb homemade Lemon Drizzle cake baked by the young Carys Rees.

We also added a selection of beautiful artwork and letters from some very creative children (and their parents) plus a short poem about lockdown life which was written for us by the Bishops Stortford Independent Parkinality Poet, Julie Walker. We hope you enjoyed these little snippets and I thank those who have taken the time to respond, either via email or post, to some of the young artists whose work you received. I know of at least 2 young ladies that were thrilled to receive a reply in return.

If you know of a child that would like to email me a drawing, painting, story, poem or letter that we could use in our next boxes, then



please use the email address below or feel free to drop it through my letter box at 6 Chapel Lane.

To end I must also thank everyone for their kind donations which included a very generous gift of £50 from an elderly gentleman from Cambridge who shares a passion for cake but sadly cannot join us.

This now enables me to purchase everything I need for our tea boxes to be delivered in June.

If you are over 60, possibly isolated, and would like to receive a small box of teatime treats, or know of a local resident who may benefit from one, then please contact me with your name, address, phone or email details, plus how many boxes you require (no charge, donation only if wished) and I will get back to you regarding our next box drop.

Take care everyone, keep well and stay safe.

Very best wishes to you all.

Wendy

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Talking Bowls...or Something

Jack Howlett

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WE'RE BACK - sort of! With all our plans, hopes and dreams for this season going out of the window with the dreaded CV and lockdown, there is now a glimmer of light .

By now the Club should be in full swing with open days, league matches, friendlies, internal competitions, social happenings and the odd tippie or two but as it is, the Clubhouse and Green have been closed and empty. Very disappointing considering all the hard work and money that has gone into repairing the Green over the winter period. That however is an irrelevance in comparison to the suffering of many and job losses for many more.

As I write, the restrictions placed on sporting activities have been eased and bowls is one of the beneficiaries. From now, limited use of the Green is permissible although the Clubhouse must stay closed. It is a start to recovery and will allow members to practice and play single's games whilst 'social distancing' although team games will remain banned.

A report earlier this year from the Onward Think Tank claimed that modern life styles - long commutes, long working hours and technology - are killing communities. To quote "the share of people volunteering, joining local organisations or exchanging news or favours with those living around them is in precipitous decline". It goes on to say that 70% of people think community

spirit has fallen away in their lifetime. It looks as if CV may have changed all that as across the land community spirit - caring, thinking and helping others has never been better and Much Hadham has excelled with a whole body of volunteers helping in all sorts of ways. Wouldn't it be great if the legacy of CV was a stronger community spirit with flourishing local services including shop, pubs and sport facilities and I include the Bowls club in that for we could always do with a few more members!

I cannot sign off without recording our thanks for the generous grants received from East Herts Health Project, MH Parish Council and Stansted Airport which together covered around half the cost of major Green repairs carried out by contractors over the winter months. The Green is looking superb - shame we can't use it fully.

With hopes of being the purveyor of more good news next month.

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ZOOM QUIZ FOR CHRISTIAN AID

A big Thank You to everyone who has supported our collection for Christian Aid in the village so far. On Monday 11th May, our Rector Steve hosted a brilliant and mind boggling quiz via Zoom to around 50 participants! We puzzled and giggled and thoroughly enjoyed it; grateful thanks to our fantastic quiz master!

Donations, from quizzers and non quizzers alike were made through our just giving page: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/muchhadhamquiz which will remain open for donations for the next month.

We are thrilled to say that with Gift Aid added, and some additional contributions we have raised almost £1000. This is around half the amount we usually raise with our house-to-house collections from the generous people of Much Hadham.

If you would like to donate via just giving to support the work of Christian Aid, responding to the needs of the world's poorest people, you can follow the link above, or go to JustGiving.com and search Much Hadham Quiz.

With thanks, Suzanne Kennard

This is YOUR Parish News

Please tell us what you like or don't like about the magazine and what you would like to see more or less of?

We've put together a short 5 minute Survey Monkey questionnaire here: www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HK5QL2Z to find out what you would like to see in here. Please take the time to let us know, every response will be entered into a **PRIZE DRAW** for a nice surprise to be delivered with your July Parish News!

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Hot off the press! - Jono Forgham

Yesterday afternoon (14th May) I was sweep netting up Chapel Lane and ran the net over a stand of Smooth hawk's beard. In the net, along with several bugs and beetles was a micro moth. I knew it was of the Plume family, but not one I was familiar with. Potted and I returned to do some research to identify it. I came up with 4 possibilities, 3 likely whilst the 4th would be a huge surprise as it is a species found only in Montana, USA!!

It required dissection to discover the true identity. With a wing span of only 1.7cm this is no simple job. I am able to carry these dissections out to determine species but this was clearly

a rare one so I passed it on to Graeme J Smith in Stortford, an expert. He came back with an amazing record. Breckland plume moth (*Oxyptilus distans*.) This constituted the first ever record for Hertfordshire, so a very special insect.



The Gardens of Easton Lodge

Jill Goldsmith

www.eastonlodge.co.uk



Although we have had to close the Gardens during the lockdown, we remain hopeful that we will be able soon to welcome visitors, with appropriate social distancing and biosecurity. Please keep an eye on our website or Facebook page for the latest news. www.eastonlodge.co.uk

In the meantime, a few local volunteers have been managing to do some basic maintenance and planting at the Gardens, so there will be lots of interest when we can open the gates. Last June the lovely pink rose with red leaves, *rosa rubrifolia*, and stray foxgloves framed the bizarre black dragon/voodoo lily in the Italian garden border. We have planted more roses each of the last few years and they will carry on giving colour and lovely scents right through the summer months. In the walled kitchen garden, new *salvia*, *anisodonta*,

penstemon, dahlias and the stunning *titonia* (Mexican sunflower), raised again from seed, have been added to the flower border. Vegetable plants, soft fruit and herbs are thriving and bulking up. You can find a whole host of lovely pictures of the Gardens if you look at Facebook: www.facebook.com/thegardensofeastonlodge/ or our Instagram account: www.instagram.com/eastonlorgardens/

In early May we were able to supply our rhubarb and herbs to locals through the Isolated Shop at Little Easton Manor and we will continue to make our new season vegetables and fruit available as they come on stream. Every little flow of income will help, as we aim to place an order for the restoration of the lilypond balustrade in the Italian garden this year.

Best wishes from us all & stay safe.

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**The Hadhams'
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Recently a former colleague Terry Hardy, contacted me out of the blue. He, like me, had moved to Much Hadham in the 1970s as a result of work re-location. He had been amazed to later discover that his ancestor William Hardy had also lived in the village in the early 19th C, but his children had all left by the end of the century. William was a shoemaker and cordwainer and lived in what is now Cobblers. In the 1850s three of his sons were baptised into the Mormon Faith and subsequently made the perilous journey with their families including young children, by sea and then Hand Cart and Covered Wagons via Nebraska to Salt Lake City, Utah. All made the journey safely and settled there. Since he discovered his American "cousins", Terry has established good contact and visited them in the US. Very recently, Terry found by chance that I was also interested in Hadham history and was still living here. He sent me two bound books of his extensive family history including details of their journeys and has decided to deposit copies of these books at "The Forge Museum". Having very happy memories of living in Much Hadham he has also decided to make a generous donation to The Museum.

Terry's story reminded me of one related by Angela Pickett to the Society in 2018. Her relative, John Pickett jnr, was born at Kettle Hall Farm in 1826. His mother Susanna was buried in St. Andrew's church yard in 1833 where the gravestone can still be clearly seen. Hertford based missionaries of the Church of the Latter Day Saints (Mormons) visited villages seeking converts to migrate to America. Agricultural communities were used to

hardship and also had the farming skills required. Missionaries often visited and were made welcome at Kettle Hall Farm. Elder Edwin Stratford convinced John Pickett jnr to become baptised in the 'Saints' in 1853. Rosetta Stringer of Standon and her family, were all members of that village's branch of the Saints. John met Rosetta at its meetings and eventually became an Elder and its President. John and Rosetta made plans to join the Saints in Utah and were married on board ship the night before it sailed from Liverpool in 1855. They arrived, along with over 400 other recruits, in Philadelphia on 21st May. There are many records of the trials and tribulations along the way to Utah. John was buried in Gunnison, Utah in 1898 where Rosetta was also buried in 1920.

It occurred to me that both families might well have known each other. There may well be other families from this area with similar stories and I would be very pleased to hear of any.

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Puzzles Page

Stuck at home? We thought you might appreciate some puzzles!

Please let me know if you would like to see a regular puzzle page in the Parish News and what sort of puzzles you would like to see? I tried out some different ones last month but didn't hear back either way if they were enjoyed or not?

This month I have tried a standard Sudoku and a new type of Crossword, let me know what you enjoy or if you want to keep a puzzle page at all?

Email me at: littlehadhampm@gmail.com

Answers from Last Month:



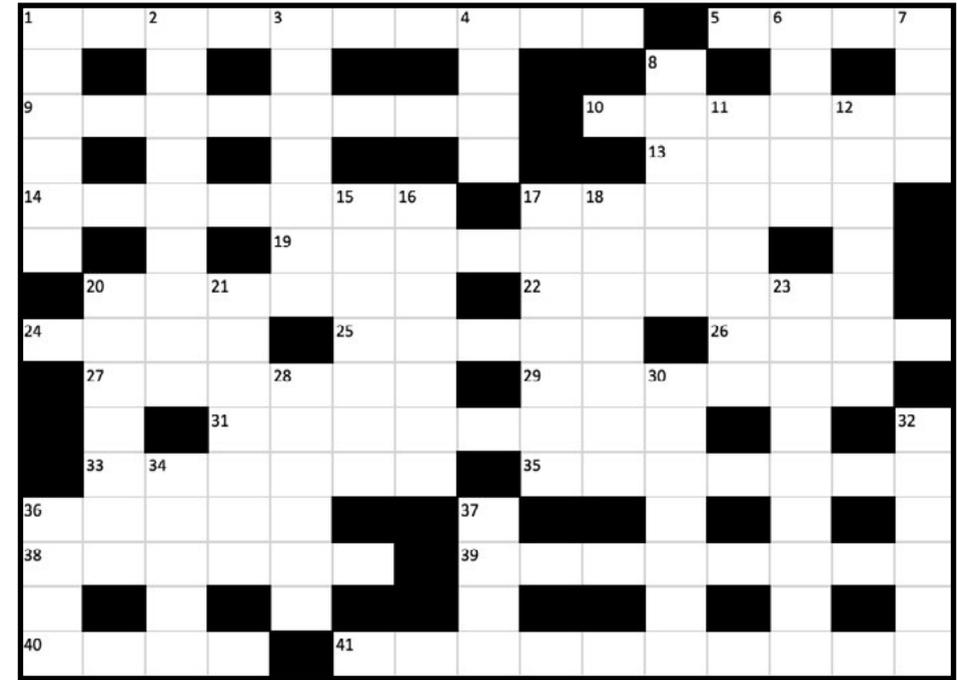
Sudoku #2

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			5	2	4		1
	1	5			6		
		8	7	6	3		
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		1	4	5	2		
		3				9	5
5	4	2		9			
1			4	5			2

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Answers to Garden Club Quiz from page 17

- 1 Watering Can
- 2 Brussels Sprout
- 3 Greenhouse
- 4 Crocus
- 5 Lawn Mower
- 6 Asparagus
- 7 Garden Hose
- 8 Sweetcorn
- 9 Wheelbarrow
- 10 Gardenia



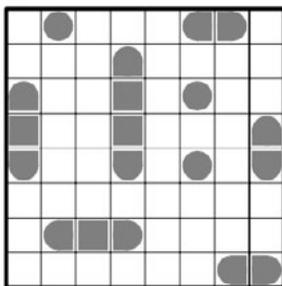
Across

- 1 Regal currency (10)
- 5 Reorganise vehicles for hire to cover wound (4)
- 9 Getting there by Virgin Airline without one row (8)
- 10 Recognisable burn marks (6)
- 13 Hobo escape hides reed instruments (5)
- 14 Loose queen, not a hard worker (7)
- 17 Found in buns encircled in the lab (6)
- 19 Refined glance in middle of Greece (8)
- 20 Mould a sweet tempered sheep (6)
- 22 They carry water but sound like a ruddy horse (6)
- 24 Is this the end of a story? (4)
- 25 Mario misdirected, he's from much further south (5)
- 26 Reportedly he was not able (4)
- 27 Chief reporters main article (6)
- 29 Trainee staying home (6)
- 31 These come out of an official enquiry (8)
- 33 Fills vacancy and about to serve again (6)
- 35 Sounds like chaps who like to let off steam (7)
- 36 Maths functions - you will find in towns in Essex (5)
- 38 Beat learner to get shade (6)
- 39 IT saviour comes around without you (1,7)
- 40 Seethe about encounter (4)
- 41 One that should auger well (10)

Down

- 1 Thinly scattered spears (5)
- 2 Relatives who may be able to do almost anything (9)
- 3 Taken back over but not as asked (7)
- 4 Dancer told to leave repeatedly (4)
- 6 You can paddle one alone
- 7 Rather deep fish (4)
- 8 A horse that is still intact (6)
- 11 May be noticed if not there (7)
- 12 Refuse to accept wrongdoing (4,3)
- 15 It makes iron hot (7)
- 16 Upset prison guards get prizes (7)
- 17 Stopping you going round the pub (7)
- 18 Take the door off or you may lose your marbles (7)
- 20 First class alarm causes sickness (7)
- 21 A flyer off the tree (7)
- 23 Very seriously, you must get home in time for breakfast (9)
- 28 The French are back after throwing just one dice (6)
- 30 They may send you to sleep in the tropics (7)
- 32 Does he take too much interest? (6)
- 34 Return from Northumberland perhaps, with a girl following after (5)
- 36 If you turn taps anticlockwise you will get a row (4)
- 37 Light circling overhead (4)

#1



Sudoku #1

5	1	7	8	4	6	9	3	2
6	3	2	5	7	9	8	4	1
8	4	9	1	3	2	6	7	5
1	6	8	7	5	3	2	9	4
4	7	5	2	9	8	1	6	3
2	9	3	6	1	4	5	8	7
7	8	1	4	6	5	3	2	9
3	2	4	9	8	1	7	5	6
9	5	6	3	2	7	4	1	8

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