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## LETTER FROM

# The Rectory

### EVERYTHING WE HAVE...PART 2: THE ONE WHO ENTRUSTS

In Part 1, I suggested that we are less like owners and more like custodians. We enjoy and make use of many things, but very little is truly ours. Life itself, with all that it contains, has been entrusted to us for a time, and ultimately remains beyond our control.

That leads to the next question: Who is the One who entrusts these things to us?

People answer that question in different ways. Some speak of God. Others refer to life, fate, the universe, or the mystery behind things. Whatever language we use, most of us recognise a simple truth: we did not create the world we live in, nor did we give ourselves the breath we drew this morning.

Life has been given to us. And if life is a gift, then maybe the One who gave it is not harsh or indifferent, but generous. When we recognise that we are recipients of generosity, something changes.

Gratitude begins to grow, and generosity received invites generosity to be given.

We ask: What am I doing with what I have been given? Who can I help with what I have received? How can I care for what has been entrusted to me?

When something precious is entrusted to us, we naturally want to care for it well. That includes our relationships, our communities, our environment, and even our own wellbeing.

This perspective also loosens the grip of pride. What we hold is temporary, and our time is finite. We are part of a story much larger than ourselves.

Even for those who are unsure about faith, the message remains the same: life is shared, not possessed. Our gifts, opportunities, and relationships are not ours to clutch tightly, but to use wisely and generously for the good of all.

That perhaps is the subtle truth at the heart of it all: Life is a gift best lived with open hands.

Long after we are gone, what will be remembered is not how much we accumulated, but what we did with what we were given.

What have we shared with others?

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## LITTLE HADHAM GARDENING CLUB

ANNE WILLETT

This year's Plant Sale was very successful and we made £998 profit. The committee would like to thank all our helpers and everybody who either provided plants and/or purchased plants. Thank you.

We do not have an evening meeting in June but there are two trips coming up. The first is on the **16th June** to an NGS garden called Furzelea in Danbury in Essex, CM3 4JR. Cost is £10 to members, £13 to non-members, which includes refreshments and cake. It takes approx 45 minutes to get there, so we will meet in Little Hadham Village Hall car park at 9:30. They are expecting us at 10:30am.

The second is to Hitchin Lavender Farm, SG5 3AU on **7th July**. Cost is £15 to members, £18 to non-members and includes refreshments, ie scone and/or tea and coffee. It takes approx 45 minutes to get there, so we will meet in Little Hadham Village Hall car park at 9:30. Arrive by 10:30am.

Please book your places by contacting either Jane or Veneta via the WhatsApp group if you haven't already signed up. For both trips we will be meeting in Little Hadham Village Hall car park so we can car share.

### EARLY FLOWERING SHRUBS TO PRUNE NOW:-

As soon as the flowers have faded on certain winter and spring flowering deciduous shrubs it is time to break out the pruning tools. Don't delay because these shrubs bloom on growth that will be produced during the coming growing season, so leaving this job for longer will compromise the amount and quality of next year's flowers.



*Wisteria*

### Flowering currant (*Ribes sanguineum*)

- flowers on wood that's no more than 5 years old. Cut the bush back by about a quarter, pruning to a bud or near to the ground.

**Flowering quince (*Chaenomeles*)** - on shrubs that are trained to grow up walls and fences cut back all outward-facing shoots to within 2-3 buds of the previous year's growths, then tie in new shoots to the support.

**Forsythia**- varieties that grow large tend to need regular annual pruning. Compact varieties may only need a light prune. Cut flowered shoots back by at least half, and then thin growth that has become dense and congested.

**Winter honeysuckle (*Lonicera fragrantissima*)** - remove the oldest stems near to the base of the shrub to encourage regular production of new and productive growth.

**Winter jasmine (*Jasminum nudiflorum*)** - produces lots of thin stemmed new growth which, if not trimmed, smothers older growth and results in a large, untidy, dead centre shrub. Prune side shoots back close to the main branches, to where new growth is starting to emerge.

# FOUR ACRES ESTATE

ANNE WILLETT

## DECIMATED BY THE FROST

### THE VINEYARD

It has been a difficult year for all UK vineyards this year - let me explain. This Spring has been quite a challenge. We pruned the vines and tied them into the wires, replaced any wooden poles that had eroded, cut the grass along the lines and the vineyard was looking beautiful.



On the 14th of April we had a severe frost followed by a second frost on the 15th April. The vines had just bud burst, they were at their most vulnerable. They were totally burnt by the frost. If this was not enough we had a further three frosts. Yes the vines will eventually grow and throw a second bud but it is very unlikely we will have grapes this year.

This is the second year that we will have no harvest. Apparently it has been the worst year for frost during the last ten years. It has decimated a lot of British vineyards.

Onwards and upwards. We will maintain the vineyard and look forward to 2027!

### THE APPLE ORCHARD

Despite the fact that our young oak tree and magnolia were frosted the apple trees are fine. Because we have nine different varieties of cider apples the frost will not have affected them all. The apple trees we grafted last year are doing really well and we should have some interesting eating varieties this year.

### APPLE PRESSING VOLUNTEERS

Between September and November we mill our apples and press the pomace to make cider. We are looking for volunteers to help. Lunch and teas and coffees will be provided. If you would like to spend the day making cider in the autumn please get in touch on info@fouracresestate.co.uk or 07802 313 075.

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# DOWN AT THE DOCTORS

ANDREW WILKINSON, PRACTICE MANAGER

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The COVID vaccination clinic at the Health Centre last month was a great success, helped in no small part by a beautifully sunny Saturday morning, which seems to have encouraged Much Hadham patients to swap their cars for a leisurely stroll to their jobs.

In total, 208 patients received their COVID vaccination, of whom 46 also took the opportunity to have the RSV vaccine at the same time. There had been some concern beforehand about parking, but the car park remained reassuringly civilised throughout. No queues, no chaos, and no need for creative parking manoeuvres. Given how smoothly the clinic ran, we are planning to do the same again in the autumn for COVID vaccinations, while continuing the Flu clinic at Little Hadham.

In addition to the clinic, we have successfully completed vaccinations for housebound patients and residents at Ashview Nursing Home, ensuring our most vulnerable patients were not left out. Unfortunately, vaccine supply was limited by NHS England allocations, which are based on previous uptake. We appreciate this meant some patients had to seek vaccination elsewhere, and we apologise for any inconvenience caused. We will continue to make the case for increased allocation, particularly given our rural location and higher-than-average elderly population, both of which make a strong argument for more jabs, not fewer.

## PRACTICE UPDATES

There are a few updates regarding our GP team:

- Dr Oates is now working two days a week as she begins to wind down towards retirement early next year. While we will miss her enormously

when the time comes, this gradual transition helps ensure continuity for patients and a smooth handover for the team. She remains fully committed during her sessions and continues to see patients as usual.

- Dr Rajah will be away for approximately three months from the end of June while undergoing major surgery and recovery. We wish him all the very best and a smooth recuperation, and we look forward to welcoming him back once he's fully back on his feet.
- Dr Sharif continues with her cancer treatment, which, as expected, has its ups and downs. Despite this, she has been providing invaluable support behind the scenes, assisting with clinical workflows, blood results, and hospital correspondence. She will also continue to see patients in the skin clinic and support minor surgery sessions with Dr Tish.

As one patient recently said, we often forget that doctors can become unwell too. They are, after all, human even if they do sometimes give the impression of being powered entirely by caffeine and goodwill.

As always, during these periods of absence, we have GP locum cover in place. Patients can be reassured that access to care, quality, and service will remain consistently high, because while the faces may occasionally change, the commitment to care does not.

Best wishes

*Andrew*

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## MEETING DATES – ALL MEETINGS COMMENCE AT 7.30PM

2 Jun	7 Jul	1 Sep	6 Oct	3 Nov	1 Dec
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Agendas are posted on noticeboards and the Little Hadham Parish Council website.

## LITTLE HADHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

You will all have seen and had an opportunity to complete the Little Hadham Neighbourhood Plan Survey questionnaire either by the hard copy delivered with the May edition of the Parish News, or the online version. We urge you to complete the questionnaire and let us have your views. There will be a public consultation in the Village Hall to share with you the results from the survey.



## THE SUMMER FAYRE

The plans for the Summer Fayre are well underway, but we still need more volunteers to help make the event as successful as possible on the day. Please contact [clerk@littlehadham-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@littlehadham-pc.gov.uk)

We have a wide variety of stalls. There is a circus skills entertainer, who will demonstrate a variety of activities and give everyone an opportunity to try them out. There will be a dog show with categories for all types of dogs. Live music from 1pm to 10pm. BBQ stall, Fried Chicken concession, Ice Cream van, Barister, Bar, A variety of games all afternoon, and much, more.



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## INFORMATION FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

PCSO Leon DeBruyn presented and advised there are currently 9 officers in our area from a previous 14, which is 6 officers and 3 PCSO's. The crime priorities are due to be selected and people who have a Herts Connected account will be able to make their views known as to what the priority should be.

PCSO DeBruyn said fly tipping is led by East Herts Council but does tend to get reported to the police. At which time, the police will visit the site to look for evidence and if any, they will pursue that. The police do have patrols for fly tipping, but East Herts council still have responsibility.

Little Hadham Parish Council Website - <https://littlehadham-pc.gov.uk/> We now have a new PC website and would ask for any ideas as to content.

## ALLOTMENTS

We have 2 vacant allotments. If you wish to take on a wonderful project for the new year, please contact: [clerk@littlehadhamparishcouncil-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@littlehadhamparishcouncil-pc.gov.uk)

## LITTLE HADHAM COMMUNITY GROUP – FACEBOOK PAGE

The group is for residents to share information about the village: roads closed, trees down, events in the village, etc. This is our Facebook page and is about our village and what is going on.

## LITTLE HADHAM RAMBLERS

Our walks are scheduled for:

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Wednesday 1st July

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## BONFIRES

The Parish Council has been made aware of a number of complaints relating to bonfires in the village in recent weeks. We would urge people to be considerate and respectful when lighting bonfires and bear in mind the following guidance from EHDC:

- Let your neighbours know if you are planning a bonfire
- Only burn dry material to minimise smoke
- Never burn household rubbish
- Consider the weather conditions and wind direction
- Consider composting garden waste instead of burning it

Finally, please note it is an offence to burn any commercial waste or to cause smoke to drift across any road.

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# MILLENNIUM WOOD

RACHEL SEIFERT [rachel.seifert@gmail.com](mailto:rachel.seifert@gmail.com)

The wood is looking very green this month - after some much needed rain the understory has shot up and come alive. Noticeably, the wild flowers are out in their full glory creating little sparkles of colour amongst the matt of greenery.

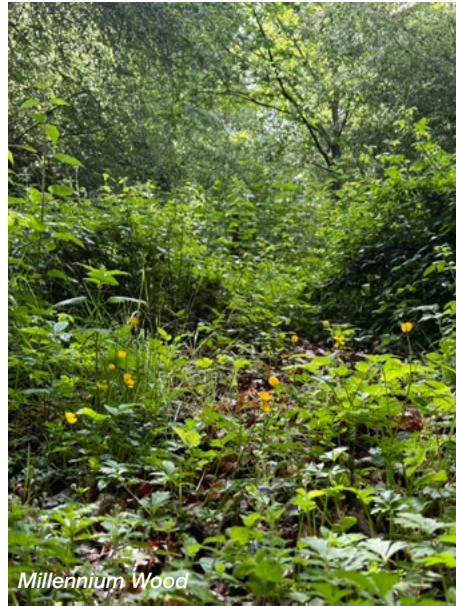
The tiny purple gems of the Speedwell glistening across the floor of the wood. The bright bubbles of golden yellow of the Buttercups. The luminous pink of the Herb Robert, and the similar-coloured flowers of the Red Campion splashing their colour in dabs and dabs throughout. The purple trumpets of the Ground Ivy announcing their arrival. The white stars of the Stitchwort shining in the early morning dappled light.

The flowers indeed bring the insects and there are lots hovering and flying about this month. Though my identification skills need brushing up on that front... The birds are also very active - and in recent weeks I have seen (or heard) robins, blue tits, great tits, wrens, blackcaps, chiffchaffs, dunnocks, jays. Also there is a family of long-tailed tits chirruping away and flitting in and out of the bushes which is a delight to see.

The wetter weather has helped fill up the pond and the Yellow Flag Irises are standing proud showing off their colours. I spotted a smooth newt laying nearby which is a good sign of a healthy ecosystem.

The tree which had fallen down in the last storm has now been cut back and the area cleared of the debris so the path is now easier to cross and the space will let in some light and give an opportunity for new things to grow in its place.

It's a lovely time to get out into the woods, and a beautiful shaded place to escape to as the temperatures are set to rise in the upcoming weeks.




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## QUASI COMPETES FOR GLORY (AND FASHION!) AGAIN

Quasi was at St. Nicholas's Church in Great Hornead, ringing in the Hayden Cup 6-bell striking competition, in April. Seven bands of ringers took part. Quasi was ringing for St. Mary's Albury, pictured below.

But, oh dear, with highly-scientific blind-judging scoring, we didn't do so well, and came a joint 5th. Maybe things will be better next time. The winners were St Michael's, Bishop's Stortford who will go on to compete against the best bands in the county.

Dressed slightly smarter for the occasion in their very colourful "Pelham Panthers" t-shirt was a joint team from Brent and Furneux Pelham – they requested a "best-dressed team" prize for next year!

It was a fun afternoon out in the sunshine, gossiping with Quasi's friends from the other bands in the district and sampling the excellent cake provided.



Next year, it could be you wearing the team t-shirt! If you'd like to have a go, scan the QR code here with your mobile phone camera. or email us on: hadham.bells@gmail.com



*Quasi*

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## FROM STICK MEN TO SCAVENGER HUNTS — MAY WAS FULL OF ADVENTURE

May has been packed with loads of fun at Woodland Rangers Forest School! We kicked off the month with a fantastic Family Fun Session on Bank Holiday Monday. It was lovely to see families spending quality time outdoors together, cooking sausages on the campfire and taking part in a woodland scavenger hunt around the forest.

Our Stay and Play sessions have also been busy and full of creativity. During Hedgehog Awareness Week, children made hedgehogs using natural materials such as clay and pinecones, while also learning about how we can help protect these amazing creatures in the wild.

Our Home Ed group became wildlife detectives as they investigated the diet of kestrels by dissecting kestrel pellets. The children were fascinated to discover tiny bones from mice and shrews hidden inside the pellets and loved learning more about birds of prey.

Woodland Squirrels enjoyed creating their own Stick Men inspired by the Julia Donaldson story. The stick men went on exciting adventures through the forest, navigating obstacles before eventually finding their way back to the family tree.

Towards the end of the month, we celebrated World Bee Day by learning



about the importance of bees and how valuable they are to our environment. Children created their own bees using pinecones and yellow wool.

Children at Little Hadham Primary School also enjoyed one of their favourite activities, making rainbow toast on the campfire! We are now looking forward to May half-term holiday camp, where lots more fun and adventures await.



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We are very pleased to let you know that our FREE Digital Inclusion workshop is now being led and managed by David Bassett owner of East Herts & Uttlesford Home Instead with support from his team of volunteers and Stuart Izzard of Community Development Action (CDA). We are very grateful to David and his team for taking on the responsibility of running the workshop. There is no change to the format of the workshop other than it will start at the earlier time of 1.30pm and close promptly at 3.30pm.

We all know using a computer can be challenging, whether it involves understanding its hardware, software or navigating programs and internet safety, so if you are struggling with your mobile phone, iPad or other digital device or know someone who is, free help is available every Wednesday afternoon at the 'Drop in' sessions. The workshop is very informal and offers help and support and refreshments upon arrival. A cash donation towards refreshments is appreciated.

## NEW ACRYLIC ART CLASS

A new art class started at the village hall in April and is looking for more people to join the group. Ashlyn holds 2 hourly art sessions between 11.30am and 1.30pm every Tuesday at a cost of £10, on a pay as you go basis. If you are interested, please call Ashlyn on M: 07971 022736

## RED CHAIR COMMUNITY CINEMA PRESENTS:

**Rental Family (2025) - Monday 8th June**

Drama (Film synopsis on website)  
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## BINGO EVENING - MONDAY 6TH JULY 7PM

Our events committee invite you to book up for another fun prize-winning Bingo evening which includes an option for food. They are offering in your ticket price of £12, a tasty sausage in a roll with accompanied items. If you do not wish to have food, tickets are £8. Weather permitting, food will be served outside.

Tickets are available now to book online via the village hall website. Visit: [www.littlehadhamvillagehall.com](http://www.littlehadhamvillagehall.com) see the main menu for 'What's On' and choice Events from the drop-down menu.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED PLEASE

We are on the look out for new volunteers who can help take the pressure off those who regularly support current activities like the Welcome Café, Community Brunch or monthly Community Cinema. Ad hoc opportunities to volunteer are also available in support of our events committee. The management committee is also keen to welcome new trustees.

If you would like to find out how you can get involved, please contact Joan McKinlay M: 07789 098 071.

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The village hall management committee is collaborating with Little Hadham Parish Council to bring you a Summer Fayre to be held on Saturday 18th July. Volunteers are needed to help on the day, so if you can help, please contact Parish Council Clerk Carole Page M: 07825 011 975.

## WELCOME CAFÉ & COMMUNITY BRUNCH

At the Welcome Café each week, our volunteers can serve more than 30 home cooked meals, so we know that the hard work and time put into preparing meals is valued. In May, Community Brunch volunteers cooked and served more than 68 meals, with bottomless tea and coffee and cakes and sweet treats too. It is always a very busy service for our volunteers, so your patience is appreciated. Please don't forget to make a generous cash donation for the homemade hot meal/ breakfast or the tea/coffee and cakes you have enjoyed at the Café or Community Brunch before you leave.



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### KEEPING YOU BUSY AND CONNECTED DURING THE WEEK

Details of events held at the hall are available to view on our website along with information on regular activities and fitness groups [www.littlehadhamvillagehall.com](http://www.littlehadhamvillagehall.com).

If you would like to know more about anything in this article please contact Joan McKinlay on: 07789 098 071 or email: [vice-chair@littlehadhamvillagehall.com](mailto:vice-chair@littlehadhamvillagehall.com)

# WHAT'S ON IN JUNE @ LH VILLAGE HALL

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

### MONDAY'S

Mum's Matter	10am -11.30am	<b>Drop in:</b> Parents group supported by NHS Midwife.
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### TUESDAY'S

Pilates	9.30am -10.30am	Claire	Email: <a href="mailto:cstacey1412@gmail.com">cstacey1412@gmail.com</a>
Art Club	11am - 1.30pm	Ashlyn	M: 07971 022736
Brownies	5.30pm to 7pm	Cassey	Email: <a href="mailto:littlehadhambrownies@gmail.com">littlehadhambrownies@gmail.com</a>

### WEDNESDAY'S

Welcome Cafe	10am - 2pm	<b>Drop in:</b> Coffee & Chat. (Lunch Menu)	<b>DONATIONS</b>
Chair Yoga	11am - 11.45am	Mark Cox	M: 07368 293062
Tai Chi & Qi Gong	1pm - 2pm	Sarah Baker	M: 07740 701102
Digital Inclusion	1.30pm - 3.30pm	<b>Drop in:</b> Help with your digital device	<b>FREE</b>
Fit Steps	6pm - 7pm	Jacqui Howard	M: 07731 454228

### THURSDAY'S

Afternoon Bowls Club	2pm - 4pm	Mike	Email: <a href="mailto:mikebennett12@aol.com">mikebennett12@aol.com</a>
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### FRIDAY'S

Forever Fit	11am - 12pm	Daisy Osborne	M: 07585 309933
Fancy Feet (Children's Dance)	4pm - 5.30pm	Hannah	Email: <a href="mailto:fancyfeetacademy@hotmail.com">fancyfeetacademy@hotmail.com</a>
LH Bowls Club	7.30pm - 10pm	Annette Luedtke	Email: <a href="mailto:annetteluedtke@gmail.com">annetteluedtke@gmail.com</a>

### FORTNIGHTLY ACTIVITIES

Darts & Games Social	2pm - 4.30pm	<b>Drop in:</b> Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> /16 <sup>th</sup> /30 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>COST: £3</b>
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### MONTHLY ACTIVITIES - Please see website for full details

Community Brunch	10am - 12pm	<b>Book via website:</b> Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>DONATIONS</b>
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### OTHER

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June – Evening Bingo: £12 included jacket potato. See 'Events' on website for details.**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June - Red Chair Community (Afternoon) Cinema: The Rental Family (2025) Cert 12A.**

Doors Open 2pm. Film Starts Promptly at 2.30pm. Entry £5. Refreshments available to purchase.

See website menu for full details of 'What's On': [www.littlehadhamvillagehall.com](http://www.littlehadhamvillagehall.com)

'Drop in' - just turn up When contact details are listed - please phone / email before attending.

It has been another wonderfully busy and successful few weeks at Little Hadham Primary School, with plenty to celebrate across sport, the arts, and outdoor learning.

Congratulations are certainly in order for our fantastic Year 3 and 4 pupils, who proudly represented the school at a recent local schools' rugby competition held at Bishop's Stortford Rugby Club. We were absolutely delighted to hear that they secured first place — an outstanding achievement and a testament to their hard work, determination, and team spirit. At this rate, we may well be seeing them in England shirts before long!

As always, our children impressed not only with their sporting ability, but also with their excellent manners and teamwork throughout the day. One pupil proudly commented afterwards, "We've kept our winning streak going!" A wonderful reflection of the pride and positivity within our team.

There are school trips... and then there are those unforgettable experiences that stay with children for years to come. Our recent trip to London to see The Lion King was certainly one of those very special occasions.

With three coaches full of excited children, the adventure began long before we reached the theatre. As we travelled into London, the children



eagerly pointed out famous landmarks, with excitement building mile by mile. For many, the journey itself was every bit as magical as the performance.

And what a performance it was. From the breathtaking costumes to the unforgettable music, the children were completely captivated from start to finish — with a few quietly joining in with the singing along the way! Watching their faces light up as the curtain rose was truly a joy.

We were incredibly proud of the impeccable behaviour shown throughout the day. The children represented the school beautifully and embraced every moment with curiosity, enthusiasm, and plenty of laughter. Most importantly of all, we made fabulous memories together — the kind children will talk about for many years to come.

Meanwhile, Lime Class began the term with an unforgettable Tudor performance that was an absolute delight to watch. The children spoke with clarity and confidence, bringing the past vividly to

life with real expression and energy. It was clear just how much effort had gone into every line and every scene.

Their performance poetry was equally impressive, full of enthusiasm, rhythm, and pride. It served as a wonderful reminder of how important speaking, listening, and performing are in helping children develop confidence, creativity, and communication skills. Lime Class truly shone in every aspect — well done to them all for such a fantastic performance.

There has also been great excitement in our Polycrumb, where our enthusiastic Green Team have been hard at work transforming the space into a flourishing garden full of possibilities. The project has already proved a huge success, with strawberries and radishes becoming particular favourites and very tasty too if I say so myself!

We are always incredibly grateful for any donations of plants, seeds, wheelbarrows, or even spare time from members of the community who would like to support us. If anyone would like to get involved, please do get in touch with the school — we would love to hear from you.

As always, thank you for your continued support of our school and children. It is a privilege to share these special moments with our community.



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Seasonal photos or photos of events from the village always welcome. Please send them to the editor at: [littlehadhampn@gmail.com](mailto:littlehadhampn@gmail.com)

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Our "OPEN DAY" on 2nd May was very well attended with over 30 people attending. The weather was kind and all seemed to enjoy the introduction to bowls and/or croquet. Some have already signed up as members and we hope and believe there are more to come.

If you missed it, you can still try your hand on any Wednesday afternoon from 3:30 pm for croquet or evening for bowls. Just pop along or call Ken on 01279 842 637 if that is not a convenient day. Equipment is provided - just wear flat soled shoes such as trainers.

Our opening bowls matches have also gone well. We won the first leg of a cup match against Standon; beat Three Horseshoes (Stevenage) in the Mens evening league 6 - 0;

and our Seniors won 6 - 2 against Thaxted and 8 - 0 against Bishops Stortford. The latter score was very pleasing as they beat us into 2nd place on the league table last year.

Could this be our year to win some 'pots'? Some of our newer players are now coming to the fore so omens are good.

Watch this space.



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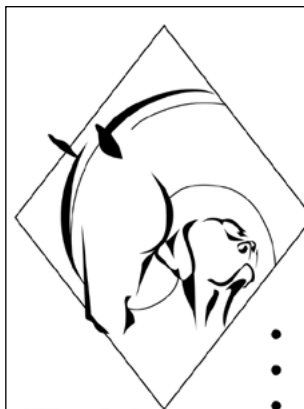
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Angels in churches are depicted in paintings, on stained-glass windows, suspended from ceilings, carved into corbels that support roof timbers or on poppyheads at the end of pews.

Clavering church displays several angels in its medieval glass windows as well as a series of wooden angels suspended from the rafters - they have feathers all over, including on their legs.

It is easy to miss Clavering's angels, but not those at Furneux Pelham. Their bright colours come from a repaint in the 1960s. Some play a lute and others hold a shield with a family crest, presumably of their sponsor. Furneux Pelham also has a series of angels on windows that were painted in the 19th century by renowned artists William Morris and Edward Byrne-Jones.

Radwinter has a series of stained-glass windows with angels featuring prominently. At Elmdon, one peeps out from under the lectern from which the vicar preaches. In Linton, one of the carved poppyheads depicts a scribe resting his book on the wings of an angel.

Some churches have carvings on the corbels that support major roof timbers. Hildersham's chancel has especially

colourful decoration, including angels on each of its corbels.

Over the last couple of years, I have given an illustrated talk to many local organisations, taking a peek inside some of our parish churches and including



*Braughing – church ceiling*



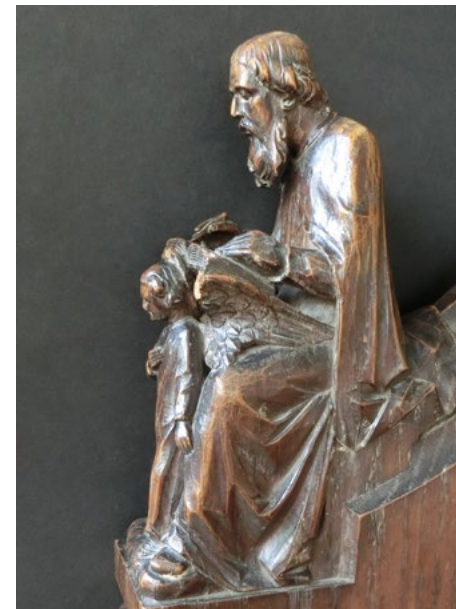
*Clavering – medieval glass window*



*Elmdon – lectern*



*Hildersham – corbel*



*Linton – poppyhead*



*Furneux Pelham – ceiling*



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*Radwinter – stained glass window*

# THE GARDENS OF EASTON LODGE

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At Easton Lodge we pay tribute to the men and women who contributed and in many cases lost their lives in the World Wars. This year our commemorative day is on **Sunday 14 June** and we will be joined by the Royal British Legion, Saffron Walden Museum, the Dunkirk Museum and the Rifles Living History Society. Did you know that Easton Lodge was requisitioned by the War Office at the start of the First World War and was used as the HQ for the Third Army until 1916? Part of the main house was being prepared for use as a V.A.D. hospital, to accommodate about 80 convalescent officers, but a big fire in February 1918 meant it couldn't be used for this purpose. Visitors will also be able to learn about the Great Dunmow Airfield, which was next to the Gardens, and wider stories from both the wars, drawing on the Trust's extensive archive of stories and photographs. There will be military vehicles on display too. On Sunday 14 June the Gardens will be open from 11 to 5pm and there will be refreshments and period music from the Lancashire Belle.



After the warm and dry start to the main season this year, it is likely that in June the Gardens will be in summer colours, with roses of many hues wafting their beguiling scent in Peto's Italian garden and the walled kitchen garden. The waterlilies will be starting to flower, with dragonflies darting around them. And, with luck and a bit of rain, the wildflower spiral in the walled kitchen garden will be coming into its own; and there will be poppies in other corners of the Gardens too.

The soft fruit have flowered really well this spring, so we are hoping a large crop

of berries will start to come on stream for sale and for jamming from June. And the Trust's volunteers have been nurturing a wide range of vegetable seeds and young plants, so that we will have a good selection of fresh vegetables too.

The Gardens are open on Thursdays, from 11am to 3pm, last entry 2pm, except for **Thursday 25 June**, when they will be closed to allow the Trust to hold its Annual General Meeting.

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Our May meeting which was a trip to de Havillands Museum Hatfield unfortunately was cancelled due to not many members wishing to go on this visit.

Unfortunately our June meeting on the 25th June has not yet been confirmed - when further information

is available Kathy Hamilton will contact all members to give them an update.

If anyone would like more information on the Society Meetings please do get in touch with me.

katieh69@btinternet.com for further information.

## HADHAM CROSS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

KATHY HAMILTON

### PREACHERS FOR SERVICES AT 11am

7th June	Tim Wells	Wormley Church
14th June	Mike Hillyer	Oakwood Chapel Harlow
21st June	Kathy Hamilton	Hadham Cross Congregational Church
28th June	John Fosker	Therfield Congregational Church

All are welcome to our Sunday Services at 11am

Our next **COFFEE MORNING** will be on **Wednesday 10th June** 10am- 12 noon. Please do come and join us for coffee/tea cake and a chat.

Our next **AFTERNOON TEA** will be on **Thursday 25th June** 2 - 4pm. Again please do come and join us for cake/tea, coffee and a chat.

**IMPORTANT** Due to retirement the Congregational Church requires the services of a Treasurer and a Secretary. If anyone would like further information please get in touch with me - Kathy Hamilton telephone 01279 843 756.

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BRENDA KAIN

## A RAVE FROM THE GRAVE

When we moved to Little Hadham 34 years ago I bought my Aga. All part of the 'country lifestyle'! It was a nightmare. I didn't understand it at all. After a year I decided to sell it, but someone suggested I tried a Mary Berry cookery day. Luckily I got a cancellation and the next thing I was off to Penn where my eyes were opened. Never mind the style and elegance of Saint Mary. The Aga and cooking were a revelation. This was the second thing she cooked that day. I've had the temerity to tweak a tiny bit, but here in all its glory is Mary's Tagine of Lamb which serves 4



## TAGINE OF LAMB

### INGREDIENTS:

500gm shoulder of lamb cut into 3cm pieces

1 tbsp sunflower oil

1 large onion, peeled and chopped roughly

1 large clove garlic

75gm dried apricots roughly chopped

Half a tsp of ground ginger, ground cinnamon

1 tbsp paprika (smoked if you have it)

1 tsp chilli powder (Aleppo works well)

1 tbsp runny honey

1 tin chopped tomatoes

Salt & pepper

### METHOD:

1. Brown the lamb in hot oil, in batches if necessary. Put aside.
2. Add onion and garlic to the pan and soften.
3. Add apricots and all the spices. Then the lamb, honey and tomatoes.
4. Season well and cover.
5. 2 door aga simmering oven, gas 4, electric 180/160 fan. Cook for at least 2 hours or until the lamb is tender. Check seasoning.

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Date	Day	Church	Service / Event	Time
07-Jun	Sunday	St Mary's, Albury	Trinity 1	9.15am
07-Jun	Sunday	St Andrew's, Much Hadham	Evening Worship	5pm
14-Jun	Sunday	St Andrew's, Much Hadham	Trinity 2	9.15am
21-Jun	Sunday	St Cecilia's, Little Hadham	Trinity 3	9.15am
25-Jun	Thursday	St Cecilia's, Little Hadham	Midweek BCP	10am
28-Jun	Sunday	St Andrew's, Much Hadham	Trinity 4	9:15am

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9:15AM - 10:15AM

EVERY THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

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10:00AM - 10:30AM

EVERY FOURTH THURSDAY OF THE MONTH



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