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LETTER FROM

The Rectory

WINNERS AND WINNING

Recent weeks have offered plenty for sports lovers, with major tournaments and championships capturing the attention of millions. Across different sports, athletes and teams have competed with dreams of lifting trophies and celebrating success. Yet for every winner, there are many others who did not win. Does that make them failures?

Life often divides people into winners and losers. In competitions there may be only one champion, but life itself is not always so simple. What does victory really mean? What is the prize? And must someone else lose in order for another to win?

This is a message worth remembering in community life. A community is at its best when people seek not to outdo one another, but to encourage, include and serve one another.

In the Christian faith, victory in God's Kingdom is not reserved for a select few but is open to all. Jesus once asked, "What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?" (Mark 8:36). A person may "win" in the eyes of the world and still "lose" what matters most. Equally, someone may experience disappointment and yet still be winning in the things that matter to God: love, kindness, forgiveness, generosity, compassion, justice, faithfulness, helping those who struggle and lifting those who fall.

These victories do not require another person to lose. In fact, the more we practise them, the more people can become winners.

Every seed of goodness we sow can grow beyond us, touching lives we may never know and encouraging others to sow goodness too.

One day, trophies will gather dust. They may be sold or auctioned and eventually belong to someone who never played the match or ran the race. The trophy was only ever a symbol of a moment.

But the good we do can live beyond us. The kindness we show, the forgiveness we offer, the love we give and the lives we touch can continue bearing fruit long after we have gone.

Perhaps it is time to seek a different kind of victory: not victory over one another, but victory with one another. The race is run here, in this life, in the way we live, love and serve. Let us sow good seeds, help others along the way, and seek a victory in which no one needs to lose.

When we help one another to win, we all become winners.

Revd Tayo Wale-Falope

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FROM THE REGISTERS OF ST. CECILIA'S CHURCH

We commend to god's care Robert George SMITH (80) The Bourne, Albury formerly of Little Hadham, whose funeral service and burial took place on Tuesday 9th June at St. Cecilia's Church.

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LITTLE HADHAM GARDENING CLUB

ANNE WILLETT

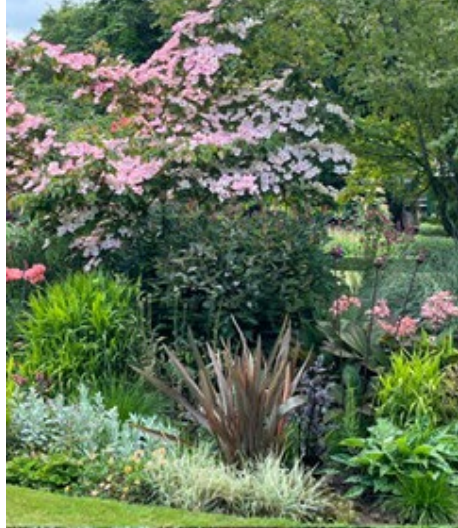
The next event is our Autumn Show on **Sunday 30th August**. All exhibits must be staged between 9am and 10:15am and the show will be open at 2:30pm until 3:30pm. Entry forms to be submitted to Gail Ellis (Hawkstone, Standon Road, Little Hadham, SG11 2DD) or by email to gailee34@yahoo.com and to be paid in cash or by bank transfer to Little Hadham Gardening Club: sort code 09-01-54: account number 12122901. If you would like to enter but don't have a schedule, please email Gail.

The show is open to all Garden Club members and all residents of Little Hadham and its hamlets.

The Club uses 2 independent judges and members of the committee are only present to calculate the points awarded for each entry.

We visited 2 gardens this year. In July 16 of us visited Furzelea in Danbury. We had a wonderful time and Avril and Roger were lovely hosts. The planting in the garden was so beautiful with a wide range of plants and trees. Also there was a lovely pond with camomile steps leading down to it with beautiful lilies floating on the water. Roger made delicious homemade cakes and shared his recipes with us.

Then in July we visited Hitchin Lavender Farm which started with a cream tea and then a short walk to the display fields where we were given advice about cuttings, pruning and the difference between the varieties. Then off to the fields where we could cut some lavender and then back to the still where they extract the lavender oil, then on to the museum, the contents of which were an original apothecary.



There were lavender plants for sale and an enjoyable time was had by all.



DOWN AT THE DOCTORS

ANDREW WILKINSON, PRACTICE MANAGER

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Recently, I had a thought-provoking conversation with a patient about the NHS. A key point that emerged was the limited public awareness of the true cost of NHS services. It was suggested that, if patients had a better understanding of the financial impact of their decisions, they might be more mindful about missing appointments or using emergency services for non-urgent issues.

We are incredibly fortunate to have a healthcare system that is free at the point of use and continues to deliver high-quality care. However, this care is not without cost, it is funded collectively, and demand continues to rise.

With this in mind, I explored the average cost of common NHS services. These are approximate national averages per contact or episode, and actual costs vary depending on complexity, location, and patient need.

AVERAGE NHS COSTS (APPROXIMATE):

GP appointment (15 minutes): £48–£56

District/community nurse visit: £57

Hospital outpatient clinic: £180–£200

Ambulance call-out (no transport): £327

Ambulance to hospital: £459

A&E attendance: £114–£563

Typical “999 to hospital” pathway: £500–£1,000+

Hospital bed (per day): £400–£600

Day case procedure: £700–£1,000

Emergency admission: £5,000+

Planned inpatient surgery: £6,000+

DIAGNOSTICS:

- Blood tests: £5–£200
- X-ray: £25–£100
- Ultrasound: £50–£300

- CT scan: £100–£600
- MRI scan: £200–£800

EXAMPLE CARE PATHWAYS:

Chest Pain:

GP (£50), ambulance (£450), A&E (£300), tests (£70–£100), possible admission (£1,000+)

Total: £500–£3,000

Knee Pain:

GP (£50), X-ray (£50), MRI (£350), orthopaedics (£200)

Total: £650+

COPD Exacerbation:

GP/community care (£150), ambulance (£450), admission (£1,500–£3,000)

Total: £2,000–£4,000

These figures give a snapshot of the cost of care and do not include prescribing. For a practice like ours, medication alone costs around £1.5 million per year.

Scaled across a population of over 67 million, the financial challenge is huge.

WHY THIS MATTERS

This is not about discouraging people from seeking care, far from it. The NHS is there for everyone.

However, it highlights the importance of:

- Attending or cancelling appointments
- Using the right service
- Considering self-care or pharmacy advice where appropriate

The NHS remains one of the UK’s most valued institutions. Protecting it will require not only investment and reform, but also a shared understanding of how we all contribute to its sustainability.

Sometimes, awareness is a good place to start.

Andrew

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Little Hadham Parish Council meets the first Tuesday of each month in the Village Hall. There is no meeting in August or January. All residents and press are welcome to attend the meetings.

MEETING DATES – ALL MEETINGS COMMENCE AT 7.30PM

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

LARGE SCALE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS AND PUBLIC CONSULTATION – LAND NORTH OF STORTFORD ROAD AND LAND OFF OF A120 BYPASS

As you may recall last year an application was lodged for an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) screening decision relating to proposals for up to 270 residential dwellings on the land to the north of the old A120. This application was to determine whether a planning application could be lodged in respect of this development without the need for an EIA – this was a narrow point and consideration was not given to the development proposal any more generally. East Herts determined that an EIA was not necessary, in part because they considered that there were sufficient other safeguards to the environment at the application stage.

In the last few weeks, we have been made aware of a consultation exercise being undertaken by the proposed developers and this is taking place on Tuesday 21 July 2026. This is an early consultation and it should be noted that no application for planning permission has been lodged yet.

However, knowing the strength of feeling against large scale development on this greenfield site, the parish council is taking a number of steps to ensure we

are best placed to lodge our opposition when the application does inevitably arrive. We have also invited our MP, County Councillor and District Councillor to attend the consultation event so that we can ensure that we are working with the right people to represent the views of the village on the biggest stages.

We have separately been approached in respect of a separate proposal for a residential led development on a site referred to as Land Off of A120 Bypass. We do not yet have any further information in respect of this site but we are making enquiries and will share this information as soon as we have it.

We would strongly encourage residents to engage and work with the parish council in respect of these developments as the strongest opposition is a joined-up opposition.



LITTLE HADHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN: YOUR VOICE, OUR FUTURE

The Little Hadham Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has reached a major milestone, and we want to thank everyone who participated in our recent survey. We received a fantastic response from across the parish, with residents

sharing their views through both digital forms and hard-copy questionnaires.

Our team has spent the last few weeks thoroughly analysing this data. Your feedback has provided us with invaluable insights into what matters most to our community, directly shaping the core objectives of our upcoming plan. Using your survey answers as a foundation, we have drafted a set of local planning policies, designed to protect the character of Little Hadham. We are now ready to share these with you. We have officially agreed on dates for our first public consultation events, where you can view these draft policies, ask questions, and give us your immediate feedback.

Please join us at Little Hadham Village Hall on either

Sunday 20th September from 2pm–5pm
or

Tuesday 22nd September
from 3pm–7pm.

Your engagement at this stage is more critical than ever. As mentioned above, our parish faces mounting pressure from large-scale housing proposals and a robust, legally recognized Neighbourhood Plan is our best tool to influence how and where building happens across the hamlets. We urge all local residents to attend these consultation sessions. Your active participation will ensure our final plan carries the legal weight needed to protect Little Hadham for generations to come.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION PROPOSALS

The Government has now set out its decision regarding the future structure of local government in Hertfordshire. The Government's preferred model is for 4 unitary councils to be established across the county. This means that the

services currently delivered by East Herts Council along with those of Hertfordshire County Council, will transfer to Eastern Hertfordshire Council on 1 April 2028.

This marks a significant step forward in the reorganisation process and provides a clear framework on which the next phase of planning can proceed. A change of this scale may raise questions, particularly around continuity and service delivery. The Chief Executive of East Herts Council wants to reassure us that maintaining high-quality services for residents, businesses, and communities remains the council's priority. Robust transition plans are already in development across the county to ensure that services continue without disruption throughout this period.

Over the coming months, there will be further updates and opportunities to engage as more detailed proposals are developed.

VILLAGE HIERARCHY STUDY

The settlements included in the study are scored based on accessibility to services, facilities, and transport provision within a short walking distance of the village boundary. This information will be used to ensure East Herts Council have the correct and up to date data about our villages to provide a measure of sustainability at a snapshot in time. The Village Hierarchy Study is expected to be published later this year.

LITTLE HADHAM PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

www.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

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:

Wednesday's

1st September

6th October

3rd November

1st December

We start from the Village Hall at 10, with a return between 11.30-12. There is a lunch available at the village hall. Always a delicious choice of soup, filled jacket potato or a main meal. A suggested donation of £5 for a beautiful lunch in a very social environment. Dogs welcome.



THE SUMMER FAYRE – 18 JULY 2026

On 18 July 2026 the Parish Council in collaboration with the Trustees and Volunteers of the Village Hall held the first Little Hadham Summer Fayre at the Village Hall and Parish Field to raise money for the Village Hall.

Gates opened at 1pm and the craft stall holders were raring to go!

By 2pm attention had quite rightly shifted to the dog show with some absolutely stunning pooches on display in 5 categories followed by the judging of Best in Show, where Arthur, the 4 month old Bernese Mountain Dog puppy, triumphed despite some tough competition.

There were a number of food vans and the Ice Cream Cab was very popular with flavours for both young and old! The BBQ was going throughout the day, only surpassed in popularity by the bar, which was drunk dry of Pimms and Prosecco!

Throughout the event, we were treated to music from a selection of very talented singers and musicians, in particular Lydia Grace really got the crowd up and dancing. There was also a circus skills workshop for the children and the display of tractors and classic cars was a hit with both children and their parents.

The Parish Council and Village Hall trustees would like to thank all of the volunteers, stall holders, sponsors, raffle prize donors and musicians, without whom the event would not have been possible. We would also like to thank everyone who came, supported or bought raffle tickets – we hope you had a fantastic day and we hope to be able to make this a regular event!



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ISABEL HOSPICE CHARITY GOLF DAY RETURNS TO ESSENDON COUNTRY CLUB

Isabel Hospice will hold its annual Charity Golf Day at Essendon Country Club on Tuesday 8th September, bringing together supporters for a day of golf in support of the charity's specialist care services.

Teams of four will play the club's 18-hole 'New Course', with competitions including 'Nearest the Pin' and 'Longest Drive' taking place throughout the day. The event will conclude with lunch, a raffle, an auction and a prizegiving ceremony.

The golf day is one of a number of events that help fund Isabel Hospice's work with people living with life-limiting illnesses. For more than 40 years, the charity has provided care and support to patients and families, helping them navigate some of life's most difficult moments.

Previous golf events organised by Isabel Hospice have raised thousands of pounds for the charity, highlighting



the ongoing contribution that community-led fundraising makes to sustaining the hospice's services both now and for the future.

Find out more about Isabel Hospice's Charity Golf Day: www.isabelhospice.org.uk/events/essendongolfday/



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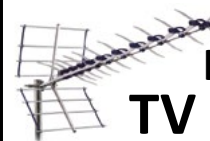
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QUASI COMPETES AT COUNTY LEVEL!

For those in the Much Hadham wondering what all that ringing was the day before Open Gardens, it was St Andrew's hosting the Hertfordshire County 8-bell striking competition. Over 50 ringers were there!

Judge Tony Bloomfield, who is Master of the prestigious Ancient Society of College Youths, and from Hornchurch, his wife Julie, sweltered in the June heat. The results were: sixth place, the Bishop's Stortford Bobs, who finished with 140 faults. They rang at a speed just over 3 hours and appeared "tentative or tense, suffering two serious method mistakes that were successfully recovered by the conductor". Fifth place went to the Western District, who recorded 82 faults ringing Grandsire Triples at a very steady 3-hour and 30-minute speed, but "the performance was marred by two significant method mistakes". Fourth place was taken by the Bishop's Stortford Singles, with a total of 39 faults ringing Grandsire Triples at a 3-hour and 3-minute speed, "showing confident and consistent ringing despite a few noticeable method mistakes". Third place went to Team One, the Northern Bees, who finished with 38 faults ringing Plain Bob Triples at a steady 3-hour and 10-minute peal speed, "showing an excellent start but losing some rhythm in the middle before recovering at the end". Second place was awarded to Team Two from the Eastern District, recording 34 faults. They performed at a quicker 2-hour and 57-minute peal speed, "with most faults occurring due to gaps at handstroke leads that caused 'crunchy' backstrokes". First

place was won by the St. Albans band, they achieved the best score of the day with 27 faults. They were also fastest of the day at a 2-hour and 55-minute speed, "delivering a purposeful performance with many clean rows and a rhythm that recovered quickly from minor variations."

Quasi



Tony and Julie presenting the trophy

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MUD, MAGIC AND MARSHMALLOWS!

July brought glorious sunshine, and our woodland has been the perfect place to escape the heat! Beneath the cool shade of the trees, children have enjoyed splashing in water play, exploring ice activities and staying refreshed with plenty of cold drinks under our canopy. During the recent heatwave, there really was no better place to be than the forest.

We celebrated International Mud Day in true Woodland Rangers style with muddy masterpieces, mud painting and endless imaginative fun in our mud kitchen. Our Home Education group rounded off the term by creating giant bubbles using homemade bubble mixture and handmade bubble wands – a brilliant way to end another fantastic term together.

At Little Hadham Primary School, the children took the initiative to make their own refreshing lemonade to cool down on a hot afternoon. Everyone agreed it tasted delicious – a huge well done to them!

One of the highlights of July was our much loved International Fairy Day. The children excitedly followed a magical woodland trail in search of hidden fairies before creating beautiful fairy wands and nature crowns to take home.

We finished the term with a special Teddy Bears' Picnic, where the children prepared their own picnic treats. It was also time to say goodbye to some of our preschool children as they move on to nursery and school. It has been

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a privilege watching their confidence and independence blossom throughout the year, and we wish them every success in their next adventure.

Now our attention turns to our Summer Holiday Club, where we have so much fun planned for our primary-aged children. We can't wait to welcome everyone for another unforgettable summer in the woods!





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You can check if the trader is a member of a trade association or quality scheme. If they are, they might have to follow certain rules, and if they've broken them you could get help to take your complaint further. They might be part of an alternative dispute resolution (ADR) scheme - a way of solving disagreements with a trader without going to court - or they might agree to use one. See www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/get-more-help/Solve-an-ongoing-consumer-problem/ for help on this.

If the trader isn't part of an ADR scheme, and you've already complained to your card provider and the complaint isn't resolved, you may be able to complain to the Financial Ombudsman Service – see www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk/consumers/log-ombudsman-connect/how-to-complain for details.

Anyone who is experiencing a problem with building work, decorating or home improvements can contact the Citizens Advice Consumer Service for advice and support from a trained adviser. The helpline number is 0808 223 1133 or chat online via www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/get-more-help/if-you-need-more-help-about-a-consumer-issue/.

For local advice in any area, call our Message Line on 01920 459 944, or visit citizensadviceeastherts.org.uk for other advice options. Or you can come and see us on Mondays between 10 and 12.30 at The Manor House, High Street, Buntingford - we will find out more about your problem and help you find a way forward.

LITTLE HADHAM VILLAGE HALL NEWS

JOAN MCKINLAY

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In collaboration with members of the Parish Council, village hall trustees and volunteers were delighted to be able to host the Little Hadham Summer Fayre on Saturday 18th July. The Summer Fayre was very well received and deemed a resounding success. This was a very special occasion, not just because it was our first major event of this kind but because it is our mission to be at the heart of our local and wider community. We hope that the Summer Fayre will be an addition to the many activities and events already held throughout the year. It was an important fund-raising event for us as we try to raise significant funds for a flat roof replacement, so thanks once again to everyone who came along to support us, we hope you had a great time!

This event would not have been possible without a large team of enthusiastic and dedicated volunteers, so a big thank you to those who helped on the day. Our thanks also go to our main sponsors Pestells, Herts County Council, Home Instead East Herts and Connect Scaffolding without whom the Summer Fayre would have been almost impossible for us to manage. We are also grateful to Herts Shires Rotary and all the local organisations, companies and individuals who gave their support or donated prizes for our Grand Draw, all too many to mention, but thank you!

To give our volunteers a well-earned break, Welcome Café, Community Brunch and Afternoon Cinema will break during August. We'll be back the first week of September, we look forward to seeing you then!

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.



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WHAT'S ON IN AUGUST @ LH VILLAGE HALL

Our volunteers are having a well-earned break in August, and we look forward to seeing you again in September. We are back from Tuesday 1st September, with Darts and Games Social, followed by Welcome Cafe and Digital Inclusion on 2nd September.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

MONDAY'S

Mum's Matter	10am -11.30am	Drop in: Parents group supported by NHS Midwife. Please check with Midwife Hayley Dean M: 07918 468660	
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TUESDAY'S

Pilates	9.30am -10.30am	Claire	Email: cstacey1412@gmail.com
Art Club	11am - 1.30pm	Ashlyn	M: 07971 022736

WEDNESDAY'S

Chair Yoga	11am - 11.45am	Mark Cox	M: 07368 293062
Tai Chi & Qi Gong	1pm - 2pm	Sarah Baker	M: 07740 701102
Fit Steps	6pm - 7pm	Jacqui Howard	M: 07731 454228

THURSDAY'S

Afternoon Bowls Club	2pm - 4pm	Mike	Email: mikebennett12@aol.com
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FRIDAY'S

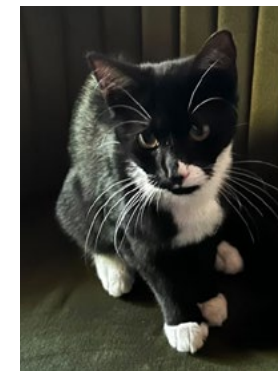
Forever Fit	11am - 12pm	Daisy Osborne	M: 07585 309933
Fancy Feet (Children's Dance)	4pm - 5.30pm	Hannah	Email: fancyfeetacademy@hotmail.com
LH Bowls Club	7.30pm - 10pm	Annette Luedtke	Email: annetteluedtke@gmail.com

See website menu for full details of 'What's On': www.littlehadhamvillagehall.com

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

LOST KITTEN

Has anyone lost a kitten recently? This lovely little girl was found on the edge of Green Street / Cradle End on Wednesday 15th July. She was meowing in distress hiding in a bush and when we stopped to see if she was ok, she came out and followed us home and has decided to lodge with us ever since (although she is free to come and go as she pleases). She's ever so friendly and affectionate and looks to be well looked after, but she's not microchipped. Vet reckons she's about 5/6 months old. If this is your kitten please email the editor on: littlehadhamprn@gmail.com



CRISTINA HARRISON, CURATOR

hadhammuseum@gmail.com

WORK EXPERIENCE PLACEMENTS

As part of our community outreach we offer work experience placements for students. This Spring we have provided week-long placements for Y10 pupils Lily and Chloe and Y12 student Charlotte. We support the studies of Uni students too, and look forward to welcoming Shannon back to work on our Roman Hadham Ware collection. Over the summer and into the autumn term we are running a new Uni outreach project as part of #HadhamMurals450. We look forward to sharing the results with you soon.

THE MUSEUM GARDENS

We would like to thank Tina H, Hamish, Christine C, Lynne B and Charlie for their donations of plants and loan of hedge trimmers. This helped to make sure our gardens were looking their best for the St. Andrew's Village Open Gardens in June.

Finances have been very tough for our own charity over recent years and the garden is one of the difficult budget cuts made. This means we need volunteers and donations to help maintain the beautiful gardens developed over the last 35 years.

Email: hadhammuseum@gmail.com

Mobile: 07483 113 345

SUPPORT

If you value the work that we do, please show your support. It takes a community to run a museum. This could be by visiting the museum or attending an event and encouraging others to do so; volunteering to help out as a regular or at a single event; donating plants, time or equipment use for our gardens, or making a donation to our fundraising so that we can continue to keep our local heritage accessible within the community.



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"BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU WISH FOR" IS THE CAUTIONARY PROVERB DATING BACK TO AESOP.

Following our last months whinge on the non-flaming first half of June "our carelessness" has come to bite. Excessive temperatures brought about shortened matches, the postponement of another and a reluctance to practise. The latter may be the reason our performance in competitive matches has suffered resulting in us losing games we would normally expect to win.

From that you will gather we are not doing very well in the two leagues and need to snap out of whatever it is before the season gets any older.

The high cost of maintenance of our ageing Green and the Club House seems to be ever growing. No sooner do we settle one 4 figure bill when 2 more take their place. The latest is the sprinkler system which is now only part working. Worse, due to its age, it may not be repairable and the 'guesstimate' for replacement is in the £20 to £30K bracket. Maybe the

limited funds we still have should go into Premium Bonds and wish for a "big win". Would that please or anger Aesop?

Meanwhile the Clubhouse appears to have stopped subsidising so remedial work may not be far off. Fortunately the Insurance Company will be footing that one although we will need to find the excess of around £1K and all the unknown expenses that will go with it.

Thank goodness I am not the Treasurer!

Hope to see you on the Green. Just pop along for bowls any Wednesday evening or phone Shirley (07764 192133) if you would like to try croquet - we look forward to seeing you there.

Jack



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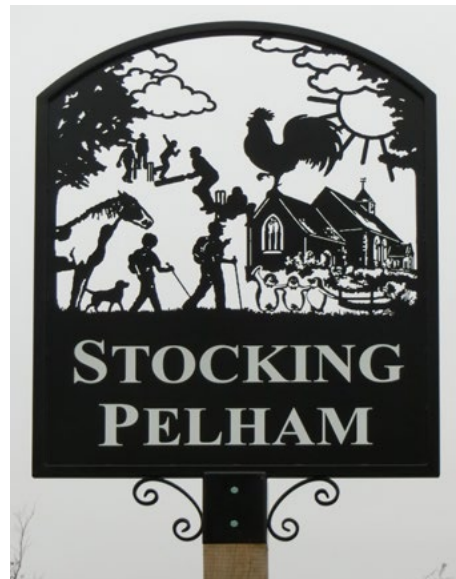
Over the last four years, the Society has been able to make financial contributions towards a number of worthwhile local initiatives. This has been possible because of the gradual increase in the number of Society members and their generosity. The Society is a registered charity and is able to recover Gift Aid in respect of subscriptions and donations received from people who are taxpayers. The Society incurs only modest costs so is left with funds that can be usefully employed, making a difference to local communities.

It has become our practice once a year to invite applications for grants. The invitation has been sent to all organisations who have been members of the Society for at least three years; most of these are parish councils. The latest round of applications was recently assessed by the Society's trustees and they awarded four grants with a total value of £7,000. In assessing each application, we seek to ensure that it satisfies our charitable objectives, gives public benefit, has been thoroughly considered, is realistic and represents value for money.

Often, our grant enables a worthwhile project that would otherwise simply not happen. On other occasions, our grant triggers some matching funding. Sometimes, the project is not straightforward and we don't see the outcome for some time; the Society retains sufficient funds to ensure the grants can be paid when appropriate. Where possible, we ask the beneficiary to acknowledge the Society's financial assistance.

Projects that have already been completed with our financial help include new and refurbished village signs and information

panels, churchyard improvements, community gardens with seating, refurbishment of a war memorial, an instructive video on pargetting, and digitization of a photo archive. We look forward to adding to this list as other approved projects are completed.



Stocking Pelham village sign



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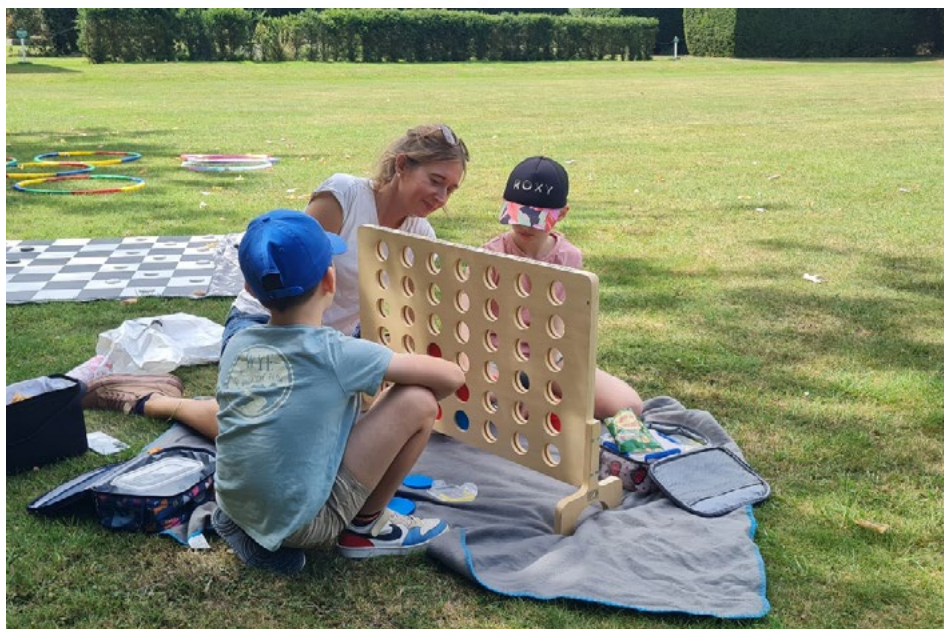
Great Saling community garden



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Who knows what weather will be thrown at us for the rest the summer? After droughts and heat-waves, we are still hopeful for some light overnight rains to benefit the plants and an occasional soaking for the trees (but not on our open days!). The dahlia border is coming into flower, but would really appreciate some rain. The courgettes, beans and cucumbers are loving the heat, so should be available throughout the month for visitors to buy!

The Gardens are open on Thursdays through the summer holidays and on

into the autumn, from 11am to 3pm, last entry 2pm. On Thursdays visitors enjoy a quiet stroll and chatting with the Trust's volunteers as they work to keep the Gardens looking lovely - weeding and dead-heading mostly at this time of year. Families love the relaxed space, exercising the brain a little with garden sized Connect 4 and draughts or being a bit more energetic with hoola hoops! On Thursdays, the Trust's volunteers serve hot and cold drinks and homemade cakes, and welcome picnicking and dogs on leads.

And on **Sunday 9th August** we will have a **family fun day**, with lots of additional games for all the family, like a traditional fête! We will also be joined by the local Alpacas, who are very friendly. The Gate will open from 11am, last entry 4pm. There will be a trail and craft activity for children. Refreshments will be available from the Trust's kiosk and from the Giggly Pig. For further details and timing, please look at our website **www.eastonlodge.co.uk**. Advance tickets (at a discount) can be bought through Trybooking.com.



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Our next meeting of The Hadhams' History Society will be on **27th August**, in The Green Room Much Hadham Village Hall. Dave Willett will be coming along to give a talk on "Livery Companies of London" and I am sure this will be very interesting.

Details of our September Meeting will be available when these have been finalised.

If anyone would like more information on the Society Meetings please do get in touch with me katieh69@btinternet.com

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23rd August	John Fosker	Therfield Congregational Church
30th August	Kathy Hamilton	Hadham Cross Congregational Church

All are welcome to our Services at 11am every Sunday

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SERVES 4

INGREDIENTS:

100g plain flour

50g cold butter, cubed

50g grated strong Cheddar cheese

1 tsp mustard powder

Pinch cayenne pepper

1-2 tbsp cold water

Topping

3 red peppers from a jar. Just as good as charring peppers and a lot easier!

1 tbsp olive oil

1 large red onions, thinly sliced

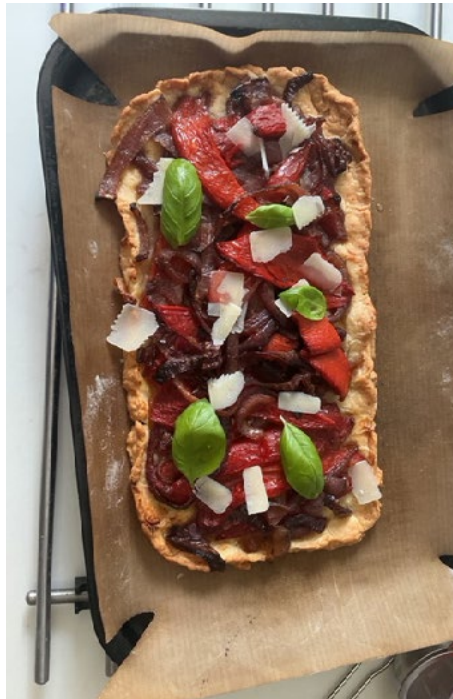
1tsp garlic paste

1 tsp balsamic vinegar

Salt & pepper

METHOD:

1. Mix flour and butter in processor, add mustard powder, cayenne, cheese and blend to make a ball. Be careful with adding the water as it binds very quickly. Wrap and put in fridge
2. Fry the onion slowly in olive oil. You want them to be soft but not browned
3. Slice the red peppers and add to the onions, together with the garlic paste
4. Add the vinegar and season to taste
5. Leave to cool
6. Roll out the pastry quite thinly and pinch the edges to form a crust. I made an oblong but any shape will do
7. Add the onion and pepper mix and spread evenly
8. Bake for 20 mins at 200C, (gas 6), floor of roasting oven
9. Let the tart cool and then add Parmesan shavings, basil leaves and a drizzle of oil





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02-Aug	Sunday	St Andrew's Church, Much Hadham	Taizé Service	5-5:30pm
09-Aug	Sunday	St Andrew's Church, Much Hadham	Trinity 10	9:15am
16-Aug	Sunday	St Cecilia's Church, Little Hadham	Trinity 11 - Service of the Word	9:15am
23-Aug	Sunday	St Andrew's Church, Much Hadham	Trinity 12	9:15am
27-Aug	Thursday	St Cecilia's Church, Little Hadham	Midweek Eucharist (BCP)	10am
30-Aug	Sunday	St Thomas' Church, Perry Green	Trinity 13 - Sermon in Conversation	9:15am

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