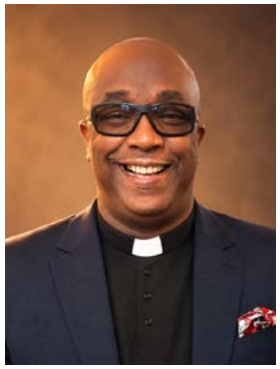
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LETTER FROM The Rectory

REMEMBER

The Cambridge Dictionary defines "remember" as bringing information back to mind or keeping it in memory.

At this time of year, remembrance is especially significant. The Church celebrates All Saints' Day and commemorates All Souls' Day, while Remembrance Sunday honours those who died in war and conflict, especially those who gave their lives in the service of others.

Playing with the word REMEMBER, I wondered what happens if we split it into RE and MEMBER.

RE - can mean again, back or anew; a MEMBER - belongs to a family, body, society or community. Together, RE-MEMBER might mean bringing someone back into the community to which they belonged. Language experts may object, and I admit this may not be the word's true historical origin. Still, it is a beautiful way to think about it.

Remembering those no longer with us brings them back into our thoughts, conversations and lives. Their kindness, sacrifices, mistakes, wisdom and quirks can still inspire and teach us.

But there is something rather weighty about this. One day, we too will be gone, and perhaps someone will remember us. What will be said when it is our turn to be remembered? In our lives, we write the script others will one day read. We can leave memories of joy and gratitude or regret and sadness. That script is being written now through our daily choices.

Created in God's image, we have the capacity to love, choose, act and take responsibility. Our words, attitudes, relationships, kindness, forgiveness and private conduct all shape our story. None of us is perfect, and the script sometimes needs rewriting. The Christian faith reminds us that God is gracious, forgiving and always willing to help us begin again.

So, what is your plan?

As we remember those who have gone before us, let us consider how we live today. Live so that when the drama of your life is reviewed, both here and on the other side, it will make pleasant reading for those who remember you.

Maybe someone will smile at your name and say, "I am glad that person was part of my life."

So, I leave you with one question:

What will you be remembered for?

Revd Tayo Wale-Falope

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FROM THE REGISTERS OF ST. CECILIA'S CHURCH

Nothing from the registers this month.

Cover Photo: Hadham Hall entrance in the Autumn by Laura Brooks

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR CHURCH - ST CECILIA

HELEN WALKER







St Cecilia's Day is 22 November and so I thought it would be appropriate this month to provide a little insight into who St Cecilia was and the dedication of our village church to her.

St Cecilia is reportedly one of the most beloved saints of the early Christian Church. She is traditionally remembered as a Roman Christian martyr who lived during the second or third century AD.

According to tradition, Cecilia had dedicated her life to Christ and vowed to remain a virgin. Despite this, she was given in marriage to a Roman nobleman named Valerian. On their wedding day, she revealed her Christian faith to him and persuaded him to respect her vow. Tradition says that Valerian subsequently converted to Christianity, as did his brother Tiburtius. All three became known for helping the poor and for burying Christian martyrs.

Their Christian activities eventually brought them into conflict with the Roman authorities. Valerian and Tiburtius were executed for their faith, and Cecilia herself was condemned to death. The traditional account says that an attempt was first made to suffocate her in a heated bathhouse, but when this failed, she was struck by an executioner's sword. She survived for three days, continuing to pray and encourage fellow Christians before dying from her wounds.

Although much of her story comes from Christian tradition rather than historical record, she became renowned for her steadfast faith, courage, and devotion to God and is especially known as the patron saint of music and musicians as well as singers choirs and composers. This is thought to be because she is described as singing in her heart to God during her wedding celebrations and even during times of persecution.

There is no evidence that Cecilia herself was a musician, but she is often depicted by artists with an organ, harp, or other musical instrument.

The exact date of the first church at Little Hadham is not known, but evidence suggests that a church existed on the site at Church End by the 12th century. The original church was dedicated to St Cecilia, but it appears that when the current mediaeval building was constructed during the 14th century it was re-dedicated to St Edmund the Martyr and, according to Ordinance Survey evidence, remained so until 1913.

I have no information about why the church was re-dedicated around 1913 to St Cecilia, but it was – making it one of only two Church of England churches in the country to be dedicated to this saint. Her patronage reflects the importance of worship, praise, and sacred music within the life of the Church. Over the centuries, Christians have looked to St Cecilia as an example of faithfulness and joyful devotion.

For many generations, St Cecilia's church has been at the heart of the community of Little Hadham. Its dedication to the patron saint of music serves as a reminder that worship has always been expressed not only through prayer but also through song. Today, the church continues its long tradition of Christian worship, fellowship, and service, standing as a spiritual and historic landmark for the village and a testament to nearly a thousand years of Christian faith in Little Hadham.

BROWNIES VISIT TO ST CECILIAS

HELEN WALKER



We were pleased to welcome the Little Hadham Brownies to St Cecilias in advance of our Harvest Festival service on 18 October to decorate their designated window at the back of the church.

The Brownies were very interested to learn that Captain William Harvey is buried in the churchyard and we talked about his voyages of discovery with Captain James Cook to Australia and beyond.

The Brownies had made cloth pumpkins for their display and added tinned goods and pumpkins to create a fine work of art, finished off with conkers gathered in the churchyard.

When the decorating was finished, they all enjoyed a cup of hot chocolate with whipped cream and marshmallows and tasty homemade chocolate brownies.

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MUCH HADHAM PIPPED AT THE POST BY THORLEY AT LITTLE HADHAM

Quasi reports that the St James' Thorley ringers made it four wins in a row at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham, on Saturday 19 September, taking first place in the Bishop's Stortford District Richard Atkins Competition with just 49 faults. Six bands competed, with the St Andrew's Much Hadham ringers finishing a close second.

The judges were Chris and Julia Forster. Julia noted that St Cecilia's was the setting for a remarkable wartime wedding in July 1945, when Prince Friedrich of Prussia, grandson of Kaiser Wilhelm II, married Lady Brigid Guinness of the brewing family. The ceremony was kept secret due to post-war sensitivities. Prince Friedrich had been living incognito in England as "George Mansfield" before being interned as an enemy alien in 1940. The couple met while Lady Brigid was serving as an auxiliary nurse. Their wedding was entirely private, witnessed only by two people, and the rector refused to let the press view the register.

Chris, formerly of the St Paul's Cathedral and Westminster Abbey ringing bands, said Thorley's winning piece was impressive, with a confident start, steady pace throughout, and a strong finish. He knows the Little Hadham bells well and remarked that several are "odd-struck", making accurate ringing challenging for beginners.



The Thorley band's 18-year old conductor proudly holds the Richard Atkins Trophy

He praised all the bands for taking part in what he described as a nerve-racking competition, and liked that the draw was held immediately before ringing so all teams were present from the outset.

In their summing-up, Chris and Julia said they had been made very comfortable, were pleased to judge the event, felt the overall standard was good, and gave particular encouragement to the first-timers. They reminded ringers not to rush but to maintain a steady rhythm.

We are looking to recruit more ringers for Albury, Little Hadham and Much Hadham. If you would like to have a go, or if you have rung before and would like to join us, please contact us at hadham.bells@gmail.com

Quasi

To find out more about bellringing, watch our short YouTube video: scan the QR code here:

LITTLE HADHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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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

3 Nov	1 Dec

Agendas are posted on noticeboards and the Little Hadham Parish Council website.

THE PLAYING FIELD NEEDS VOLUNTEERS AND EQUIPMENT – CAN YOU HELP

We need to give all the play equipment a deep clean. Does anyone have a generator and / or a jet wash they would be willing to lend Cllr Mardell to carry out the deep clean. If anyone has an hour or so they could give to help with this, would be enormously helpful.

Please contact either: **cllrrichardmardell@littlehadham-pc.gov.uk** or the clerk.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR UPDATE – CLLR MARK POPE

Attended a Teams call with the Chair, Vice-Chair, and the Clerk of Little Hadham Parish Council where we were briefed by an HCC officer regarding the proposed traffic calming measures to be introduced along the old A120 Stortford Road. HCC's proposals include the introduction of 20mph zones in all of the roads leading into the traffics lights, new controlled pedestrian crossings, physical traffic calming measures in one location in the Stortford Road (before the school coming down the hill from BS) and improving the traffic light layout to change where traffic queues along The Ford. The proposals were well received by all on the call.

I am trying to find out if officers might be able to attend a Parish Council meeting to give a presentation to residents. I am also trying to find out when the consultation process might start. If the proposals are agreed, the necessary work is expected to be undertaken in 2028.

Resurfacing of foot path and replacement of bollards around the verge outside the garage on Stortford Road is now complete.

Flooding issue near to the Village Hall, I have established that the recent works in the Village Hall were undertaken by Ringway on behalf of HCC Highways to establish a better understanding of the drainage network in this area, which was prompted by the site visit by HCC officers earlier this year. Ringway were checking the pipework to understand the direction of flow from the various pipework under the road and village hall car park, and where it outfalls. Discussions regarding this issue are ongoing.

Currently in discussions with HCC officers to resolve a longstanding drainage and resulting flooding issue near to Ford Hill House on Ford Hill.

I continue to speak to Highways regarding the cutting back of foliage that is obscuring signs along the old A120 Stortford Road.

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.

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 Wednesdays:

4th November

2nd December

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Neighbourhood Plan

STEERING GROUP UPDATE

SHAPING THE FUTURE OF LITTLE HADHAM

A huge thank you to everyone who took the time to attend our recent Neighbourhood Plan public consultation events at the Village Hall.

We were so pleased with the number of residents who attended, a highly encouraging and deeply invested cross-section of our community. Unlike standard surveys, everybody spent lots of time engaging with the complex materials, debating the issues and leaving detailed, passionate feedback across our seven draft policy boards.



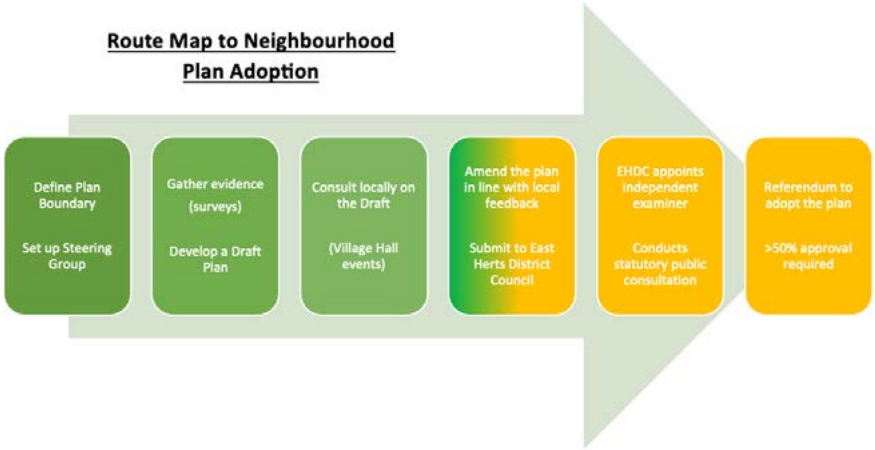


The feedback showed an extraordinary unity of purpose across the hamlets. While certain proposals naturally impact specific areas more directly, such as the deep concerns in Bury Green regarding the proposed Data Centre, the overriding sentiment across the entire parish was exactly the same: “we must protect what makes Little Hadham special.”

A common theme running through almost every comment card was a desire to protect the hard-won improvements to our daily lives over the last few years. The opening of the bypass and its accompanying flood alleviation scheme have been transformative, rescuing the village from the "bad old days" of gridlocked traffic and the devastating annual flooding of homes.

However, residents expressed acute anxiety that all of that work and expense could be completely undone. The mandate from the consultation is clear: we cannot allow our parish to be flooded with unsustainable new developments that would simply send traffic and water levels back to where they were.

What happens next?



The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group is now hard at work processing every single piece of your feedback. The Parish Council is very grateful to this small team of local resident volunteers who have given up countless unpaid hours to drive this project forward on behalf of us all. We would also like to thank the Village Hall for hosting us and providing the perfect space for these vital community discussions.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

We are currently awaiting formal external guidance on the exact statutory requirements and time lines for the next stage of the plan. Because we want to ensure everything is legally watertight, we won't be rushing to set a definitive target date just yet. Once the policy wording is refined to reflect your mandates, we will move toward the formal, six-week statutory Regulation 14 public consultation, by submitting our draft plan and policies to East Herts District Council.

Your voices have given us a powerful shield to protect our hamlets. We will keep you updated every step of the way as we move closer to making this plan a legal reality.

If you’d like to know more, contact the Steering Group at: **lh-np@outlook.com**



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I'm doing everything I can to save money on my energy bills, and I've recently heard about new plug-in solar panels. I can't get traditional panels installed because I rent a flat, plus they're very expensive. Are plug-in solar panels a suitable alternative for people like me?

Plug-in solar panels are designed to sit outside on a balcony or in a garden, and plug directly into your mains electricity to generate power. Like traditional panels, they can help cut your energy bills by generating electricity you can use in your home. Though they produce less power, plug-in kits are cheaper upfront and more accessible to renters or flat-dwellers with outdoor space, as they don't require roof access or professional installation.

There are a few things to consider before you buy. Firstly, you'll need to make sure it's right for you and your home. You'll need an unshaded outdoor space that ideally faces south, though east or west will still catch some sun for part of the day. The government estimates you could save up to £110 a year on your energy bills with a plug-in solar kit, but your actual savings will depend on things like where your panels are located and if you have the flexibility to use appliances during the day.

One big difference to be aware of is that unlike traditional panels, you must use or lose the power you generate. Current rules mean most people won't be able to store electricity in a battery, and you can't get paid for any unused power generated by your kit.

It's important to check if you need permission before you make a purchase. Read the government's official online guidance to see if you need approval first https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/plug-in-solar-panel-checklist. The key thing to know is that if you rent or live in a leasehold property, you should speak to your landlord or freeholder. And if your home is a listed building or in an area with planning restrictions, you should speak to your local council.

Follow the government's safety rules, included in the online guidance, before plugging in a new kit. Key rules include plugging your kit into a safe wall socket (never an extension lead) and sticking to the strict limit of one kit per household.

To ensure your kit is compliant with UK regulations, only purchase an all-in-one kit that features a 3-pin UK plug and a UKCA (UK Conformity Assessed) mark. If you've already bought one that doesn't meet these criteria, see if you can return it, or contact Citizens Advice consumer helpline: 0808 223 1133 for advice.

Finally, you'll need to register your kit with your electricity network company. Your electricity network company provides the wires to your home and is different from the company you pay your bills to. You can find your network company via your electricity bill or by visiting the Energy Networks Association (ENA) website: https://www.energynetworks.org/.

Whatever your situation, you don't have to face this alone - get in touch with us and we can help. Our advice is free and we won't judge you – most people are two to three pay packets away from crisis.

DOWN AT THE DOCTORS

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A massive thank you to everyone who attended our recent flu and COVID vaccination clinics. Our flu clinic was particularly busy, with over 900 patients vaccinated in just three hours! This is an incredible achievement and a real testament to the teamwork and dedication of everyone involved.

Every flu clinic we award a crown to our top vaccinator. This year, Sophie took the honours, with Dr Tish a very close runner-up. Being an Arsenal fan, he was keen to call for a VAR review, but I'm afraid my decision was final!

However, the unsung heroes of the day, who deserve enormous credit, were Bob and Kay Kerr and Paul Barnes, who expertly managed the traffic and parking. It's a minor miracle how they manage to fit everyone in, but somehow they always do! My sincere thanks go to all three of them for keeping everything running smoothly.

This month, I thought it would be useful to remind everyone about some of the additional NHS services that support GP practices and explain how you can access them.

The NHS has developed several services to make it easier and quicker for patients to receive the right care, while helping to reduce the pressure on general practice. Knowing which service to use can save you time and ensure you receive the most appropriate treatment.

MINOR INJURIES UNIT – HERTS AND ESSEX COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

For certain minor injuries, you may be able to access treatment directly through the nurse-led Minor Injuries Unit (MIU) at Herts and Essex Community Hospital in Bishop's Stortford.

Opening hours: Monday to Friday, 9am–4.30pm. The unit is closed at weekends and on bank holidays. There is also a MIU in Cheshunt who are open 8am-8pm seven days a week including bank holidays.

WHAT INJURIES CAN THEY TREAT?

The MIU can assess and treat a range of minor injuries, including:

- Minor cuts and grazes, including cuts requiring stitches
- Bites and stings
- Sprains and strains
- Suspected limb fractures requiring an X-ray
- Minor burns and scalds
- Minor head injuries
- Whiplash following a low-speed car accident (less than 30mph)
- Removal of foreign bodies, such as splinters, fishhooks and objects lodged in the ear
- Anti-tetanus injections, where appropriate

The unit is staffed by trained nurses rather than doctors. If your injury is outside the service's remit, you will be directed to the most appropriate alternative service.

X-rays can be arranged for suspected traumatic limb injuries only, not your torso, neck, spine etc.

The MIU is a useful alternative for suitable injuries, helping patients access timely treatment without necessarily needing to attend A&E or wait for a GP appointment.

PHARMACY FIRST – YOUR LOCAL PHARMACY CAN DO MORE THAN YOU THINK!

Many people still think of their local pharmacy as somewhere to collect prescriptions or buy over-the-counter medicines. However, pharmacists can now assess and treat patients for seven common conditions and, where clinically appropriate, supply prescription only medicines, including antibiotics, without the need to see a GP first.

THE SEVEN CONDITIONS COVERED BY PHARMACY FIRST ARE:

- Sinusitis – in eligible patients aged 12 and over
- Sore throat – in eligible patients aged 5 and over
- Earache – in children aged 1–17
- Infected insect bites – in eligible patients aged 1 and over
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- Shingles – in eligible patients aged 18 and over
- Uncomplicated urinary tract infections (UTIs) – in women aged 16–64

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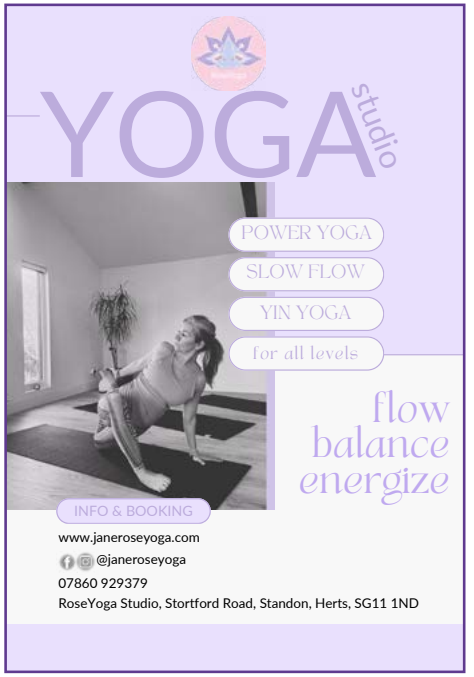
Services such as the Minor Injuries Unit and Pharmacy First are designed to make healthcare more accessible and to help ensure that patients receive care from the most appropriate professional.

They are not intended to make it harder to see your GP. Rather, they provide additional options for conditions that can often be managed safely and effectively elsewhere.

By making good use of the services available, we can work together to make the best use of NHS resources and ensure that everyone receives the care they need.

Best wishes,

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ANNE WILLETT

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We are offering a two course meal for £20 for members, and £25 for non members. Wine, beer and soft drinks are included in the price. The options for the main meal are:-

Cottage Pie, Chicken tagine and savoury rice or Vegetable tagine and couscous. (All are gluten free).

Chocolate fudge cake, Apple Pie or Fruit platter (gluten free option).

There will be a raffle and a quiz during the evening.

The following **Tuesday, 24th November,** we will be holding our popular **Christmas Wreath workshop**. Doors open at 7.45pm and we hope to start promptly. The cost to members is £12 and £17 for non-members. All materials are provided, but please bring your own secateurs and gloves (the foliage can be prickly). Refreshments and nibbles will be provided. There are a limited amount of places, so if you haven't already reserved your place, please contact Veneta or any committee member.

Autumn is the season for dramatic displays of vivid fiery colour across trees and garden borders, spectacular seed heads and plump



Geranium 'Rozanne

fruits and berries. The days are shorter and the air is fresher, but the Autumn sunshine, and refreshing temperatures make revamping your outdoor space an absolute joy. Fingers crossed for a lot more rainfall to give our gardens a fresh feel.

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A CONKER-CRAZY OCTOBER AT WOODLAND RANGERS!

October has been full of autumnal adventures at Woodland Rangers Forest School! We have been exploring the signs of autumn, admiring the beautiful changing leaves and, most importantly, having endless fun with conkers!

Conkers have provided hours of entertainment and creativity. The children have built conker runs, used palm drills to carefully make holes in conkers before threading them into jewellery, and created wonderful conker spiders and animals. They have even added conkers to their mud kitchen recipes! Who knew one little conker could inspire so many activities?

Our home-educated children have also been busy foraging for chestnuts. After carefully peeling and scoring them, we roasted them over the campfire. A sprinkle of sugar made them extra delicious!

The beautiful autumn leaves have inspired plenty of creativity too. The children have made autumn leaf crowns and magical wands, as well as creating their own leafy pictures inspired by the wonderful book Leaf Man.

At Little Hadham Primary School, the children have been keeping warm on chilly autumn evenings by cooking toast over the campfire. They have also been practising their fire-lighting skills, using flint and steel to create sparks.

We ended the half term with an amazing Halloween trail around the woods, complete with flying witches, floating ghosts and giant spider webs!

October finishes with even more adventures as we welcome families for our half-term Holiday Club and family sessions around the campfire. We can't wait to see what November brings!























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LITTLE HADHAM VILLAGE HALL NEWS

MARK HALL
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With summer now past and Christmas on the horizon, the Village Hall continues to go from strength to strength. Our very popular Bingo nights for September and October raised a total of £1200 – well done everyone who helped and supported these events. Such is the popularity of our Bingo evenings, we will be doing more of them soon! The money raised will be put towards helping to rebuild our Village Hall roof which is in need of repair.

We have not been idle in our search for funding to make the rebuilding of the roof happen sooner rather than later. As you already know Sport England has stepped forward and offered to match £15,000 if we are able to raise a similar amount through crowd funding by us within a six month time limit which started from 1st October. We are mindful that raising £15,000 is a tall order but we believe it is doable and are going to give it a try. Through the generosity of our wonderful Bingo crew who wish to see the money they raised, put towards our total, this leaves us now with £13,800 to go!

So now I am asking all of you readers out there if you can think of ways whereby we can raise this money, please get in touch or consider making a contribution yourself!

BINGO EVENING – MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 7PM TO 9PM

Last Bingo event of the year! Don't miss out on our fun prize-winning Bingo evening and ploughman's platter, all included in your ticket price. Drinks available from our licenced bar. Tickets £14 per person and available to book online now via the village hall website.

Visit: **www.littlehadhamvillagehall.com** See main menu – choose What's On / Events - then scroll down to find link to book and pay.

MONTHLY COMMUNITY BRUNCH – MONDAY 12TH NOVEMBER. STARTS AT 10AM

This regular event is only possible due to our dedicated team of volunteers giving up their time to serve up tasty freshly cooked food to order every month. Our ever-popular monthly Community Brunch is solely funded by your generous donations which support the costs of everything provided. Book now via our website and join with family and friends for this monthly get together.



RED CHAIR COMMUNITY CINEMA PRESENTS:

Tuner (2025)

Monday 16th November

Dark Comedy / Drama Cert 15. (Film synopsis on website)

- Runtime: 1hrs 47mins.
- Doors Open 2pm - Film Starts Promptly at 2.30pm
- Entry tickets £5 per person
- Licenced Bar / Ice Creams / Tea & Cake

Next film **Monday 14th December.** For full Autumn film programme, visit our website. New film schedule from February 2027

CHRISTMAS CRAFT & GIFT FAIR – SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

CAROLS AND FESTIVE FOOD – MONDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2PM TO 4.30PM

Tickets on sale now for a fun afternoon of Christmas carols and songs to get you in the mood for the Christmas season. Enjoy a selection of festive food and the company of others as we get Christmas underway!

Book via our website www.littlehadhamvillagehall.com Select 'What's On' from the website menu bar, then events to find where to book.

CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY BRUNCH – THURSDAY 10TH DECEMBER

Our Christmas Community Brunch will be very busy. When booking online you will receive an acknowledgement and be asked to confirm your booking. Please respond when it asks for confirmation as this will help us with catering. We look forward to seeing you!





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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 events, regular activities and fitness groups **www.littlehadhamvillagehall.com**.

Interested in volunteering? We have lots of opportunities available. Contact Joan McKinlay M: 07789 098 071 or email: **vice-chair@littlehadhamvillagehall.com**

If you would like to know more about anything in this article please contact Joan McKinlay on: 07789 098 071
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WHAT'S ON IN NOVEMBER @ LH VILLAGE HALL

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.

Not all fitness activities start back the first week of September, please check with the group organiser.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

MONDAY'S

Mum's Matter	10am -11.30am	**Drop in:** Parents group supported by NHS Midwife.	

TUESDAY'S

Pilates	9.30am -10.30am	Claire	Email: cstacey1412@gmail.com
Brownies	5.30pm - 7pm	Cassey	Email: littlehadhambrownies@gmail.com

WEDNESDAY'S

Welcome Cafe	10am - 2pm	**Drop in:** Coffee & Chat. (Lunch Menu)	**DONATIONS**
Digital Inclusion	1.30pm - 3.00pm	**Drop in:** Help with your digital device	**DONATIONS**
Chair Yoga	11am - 11.45am	Mark Cox	M: 07368 293062
Tai Chi	1pm - 2pm	Sarah Baker	M: 07740 701102
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THURSDAY'S

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

FRIDAY'S

Forever Fit	11am - 12pm	Daisy Osborne	M: 07585 309933
LH Bowls Club	7.30pm - 10pm	Annette Luedtke	Email: annetteluedtke@gmail.com

FORTNIGHTLY ACTVITIES

Darts & Games Social	2pm - 4.30pm	**Drop in:** 27th Oct .10th / 24th November	**COST: £3**

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES - *Please see website for full details*

Community Brunch	10am - 12pm	**Book via website:** Thursday 12th Nov.	**DONATIONS**

EVENTS

Monday 2nd November – **Bingo & Ploughman's Platter.** Booking & details online via our website - **www.littlehadhamvillagehall.com** (Fundraising event)

Monday 16th November – **Red Chair Community (Afternoon) Cinema: Tuner (2025)** (Cert 15) Thriller / Drama – Synopsis on website. Doors Open 2pm. Film Starts Promptly at 2.30pm. Entry £5. Licenced Bar / Tea & Cake. (No booking required)

Saturday 21st November – **LH Gardening Club. Talk, supper & plant sale.** For details contact: phone: 07800 764 414 or email: gailee34@yahoo.com

LITTLE HADHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

SINEAD CONNOLLY, HEADTEACHER

What a busy and exciting start to the school year we have had at Little Hadham! It is hard to believe we are already at the end of our first half term. From school elections and art trips to cracking codes, and learning new skills, our children have certainly kept us on our toes! There has been so much going on, and it has been a real joy to see the children throwing themselves into every opportunity with such enthusiasm.

OFF ON A NEW ADVENTURE!

Our 2026 Year 6 leavers have now headed off to secondary school, and if you take a look on the next page (p.32) you'll see a few of them looking very smart in their new uniforms! I have heard that they have settled in well, which is lovely news. We miss having them around, but we are so proud of them and wish them every success and happiness as they begin this exciting new chapter. We hope they will come back and tell us all about their adventures!

TAKING RISKS AND HAVING A GO!

This week, we welcomed a BMX workshop into school, and the children in Years 4, 5 and 6 had an absolutely brilliant time. They learnt new tricks, tackled ramps and even had a go at cycling with one hand – yikes! There were plenty of smiles, a few nerves and lots of encouragement along the way. We do love a bit of healthy risk-taking at Little Hadham, and it was wonderful to see the children challenging themselves, building confidence and discovering what they can do when they give something a go.

CRACKING CODES AT BLETCHLEY PARK

Our Year 6 children also had a fabulous trip to Bletchley Park, where they put their detective skills to the test, breaking codes and deciphering secret messages. They were brilliant at getting to grips with the challenges, and their enthusiasm for a bit of role-play was a joy to watch! It was lovely to see history come alive for them and to watch them working together, thinking creatively and having so much fun along the way.

MAKING US PROUD

We have had lots of visitors in school recently, and it is always lovely to hear their feedback. They have been full of praise for how engaged our children are in their learning and how well behaved they are. As a headteacher, hearing comments like these makes me incredibly proud. Our children are a credit to the school, and it is wonderful to see their hard work and positive attitudes noticed by others.



OUR LIBRARY BUS HAS ARRIVED!

Now for some REALLY exciting news! On Friday 16 October, we will be opening our brand-new school library bus. It has been a long time coming, but it is finally here, and we couldn't be more excited!

Someone once wrote about the importance of having “a room of one's own”, but Little Hadham Primary has gone one better – we have a library bus of our own!

We are delighted that Chris Hinchliff and other special guests will be joining us for the grand opening. The children are already so excited about having this wonderful new space, and we can't wait to see them curled up with a good book, discovering new authors and letting their imaginations run wild. We hope our library bus will spark a love of reading that stays with them for life. Watch this space for more news!

FARMERS' MARKET – COME AND JOIN US!

Our next Farmers' Market takes place at the end of the month, and we would love to see you there. There are always some wonderful stalls to browse, delicious treats to enjoy and plenty of opportunities to pick up something special. Do pop in, have a wander and support our lovely stallholders.

I also want to say a HUGE thank you to our wonderful Farmers' Market team. They give up their time month after month to organise and run this event and raise valuable funds for our school. It takes a great deal of time and effort, and we really cannot thank them enough. Their generosity and commitment make such a difference to our school community, and we are incredibly lucky to have them.

CELEBRATING OUR WIDER COMMUNITY

Every other Sunday, our school is also home to a group of children who come together to learn Lithuanian. It is lovely that our building can be used to support language learning and celebrate different cultures within our wider community. Here is some news from them…

Little Hadham Primary School was recently filled with autumn colours and smiling faces as pupils and families came together for a festive celebration hosted by Lithuanian school Lutut. The event brought the community together to enjoy seasonal crafts, performances and a joyful celebration of autumn.

The event is just the latest activity of the school, which has been running Sunday classes in Little Hadham since 2023. Through engaging lessons in small, supportive groups, as well as regular community events and local partnerships, children have regular opportunities to develop their Lithuanian language skills and embrace their cultural heritage. At the same time, the school is proud to contribute to the vibrant and diverse life of local community.

As we head into half term, I want to say a huge thank you to our children, staff, families, volunteers and everyone who supports Little Hadham Primary School. It has been a wonderfully busy few weeks, full of learning, laughter and new experiences, and I am so proud of all that we have achieved together.






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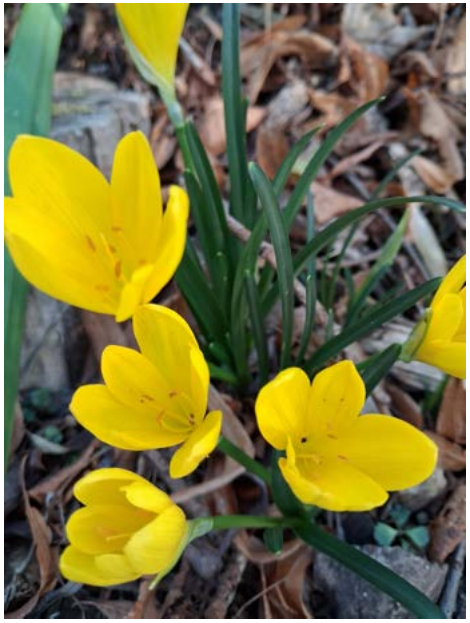


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Sternbergia Lutea

The Gardens have now closed for the winter after a lovely end to the season. We had beautiful weather for the Apple and Bees Day in September and visitors thoroughly enjoyed the day and the efforts our volunteers had put into the activities and refreshments available. And after a warm start to October, we gradually got used to colder weather. We had prepared new information for visitors about the trees; the dahlia border, michaelmas daisies and sternbergia lutea (confusingly known as the winter daffodil and looking like a yellow autumn crocus!) were looking stunning; and large numbers of huge spiders and other spooky characters invaded the Gardens for our Autumn and Halloween Day.

This closed season, we have lots of projects on the board, which will feature in our news as we complete them! We are going to be working to improve our main wildflower meadow area. Already in October we could see the result of our efforts for next year in the kitchen garden, with lots of new seedlings coming up, some sown by us, but others from the seed bank in the soil. It is a fun challenge to take out the weeds we don't want, while leaving the seedlings of the herbs and flowers we do want! And we have been planting additional spring bulbs - the snowdrops spread themselves, but each year we plant a variety of others to follow on. It is particularly important this year as, unusually, we will be opening in March 2027, for the National Garden Scheme, giving visitors the opportunity to see our earlier daffodils, in particular the historic varieties in the Lime Wood, which were planted as part of the Harold Peto transformation of the Gardens for the Countess of Warwick in 1902.

And of course over winter we will also be refreshing our website. But please do look it up in the meantime. It has some of our historical information and gives contact details if you wish to arrange a talk about the Gardens or a Group Visit for next year. www.eastonlodge.co.uk. Or call us on 01371 876 979.

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The next meeting of The Hadhams' History Society will be on **Thursday 26th November** in The Green Room Much Hadham Village Hall. Details of this meeting have yet to be arranged.

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



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22nd November	Kathy Hamilton	Hadham Cross
29th November	John Fosker	Therfield Congegational Church

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Our next **COFFEE MORNING** will be on **Wednesday 11th November** 10am- 12 noon. Please do come and join us for coffee/tea cake and a chat.

Our next **AFTERNOON TEA** will be on **Thursday 26th November** 2 - 4pm. Again please do come and join us for cake/tea, coffee and a chat.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

BRENDA KAIN

Hello all. Sorry for no recipe last month. We were enjoying the splendours of Switzerland. If you haven't been put it on your list. The cleanest country, no litter, graffiti. The most polite people with some of the best wine, which they don't export! Just never, never use Great Rail Journeys. Their 'experienced guide' did her level best to ruin it but despite her we had the best time.

Now that autumn is upon us, it's time for more rustic fare:



LENTIL SOUP (SERVES 4)

1 tbsp olive oil

1 chopped onion

1 carrot chopped

3 slices streaky bacon

1 stick celery chopped

2 leeks, cleaned and sliced

2 tsp Marigold vegetable stock

80gm green lentils

Salt & Pepper

1. Heat oil in pan and sweat the onion
2. Add the bacon and brown
3. Add carrot, celery and leek
4. Cook together until the veg begin to soften. Season
5. Add the lentils and stir well
6. Mix the Marigold stock with 1pt boiling water
7. Add to the saucepan and bring to the boil
8. Cover and simmer for 30 mins

At this point it's up to you. The soup is ready to serve but you can blitz it for a smoother soup. It will be quite thick and you can stir in some water to make it thinner. The above amount doesn't usually serve 4 as we eat the whole lot in one sitting. Make a batch and freeze. You know it makes sense……

I've added a swirl of cream and some parsley, mainly for the picture!

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Date	Day	Church	Service / Event	Time
01-Nov	Sunday	St Mary's Church, Albury	All Saints Day	9:15 am
02-Nov	Monday	St Andrew's Church, Much Hadham	All Souls Day: Service of Remembrance	7:00 pm
08-Nov	Sunday	St Andrew's Church, Much Hadham	3 Before Advent - Remembrance Sunday	9:15 am
08-Nov	Sunday	St Mary's Church, Albury	War Memorial Service	10:50 am
08-Nov	**Sunday**	**War Memorial, Little Hadham**	**War Memorial Service**	**10:50 am**
08-Nov	Sunday	War Memorial, Much Hadham	War Memorial Service	10:50 am
15-Nov	**Sunday**	**St Cecilia's Church, Little Hadham**	**2 Before Advent**	**9:15 am**
22-Nov	Sunday	St Andrew's Church, Much Hadham	Christ the King	9:15 am
26-Nov	**Thursday**	**St Cecilia's Church, Little Hadham**	**Midweek Eucharist (BCP)**	**11:00 am**
29-Nov	Sunday	St Thomas' Church, Perry Green	Advent Sunday	9:15 am
29-Nov	Sunday	St Andrew's Church, Much Hadham	Dedication of St Andrew & The Cross Sculpture by Bishop Jane Mainwaring	12:30pm

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