

# Little Hadham Parish News August 2006



## *Giants are coming!*

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## Letter from Chris Boulton, The Vicarage, Much Hadham

Dear Friends,

Recently I have received several notes thanking me for the ministry I have given; one, very touchingly, from some school children at Little Hadham, and others from adults in differing situations. I say this, not to "blow my own trumpet", for I feel that my efforts are very feeble, but because it makes me realise how appreciative many people are for relatively small acts of kindness; and how good it makes you feel when someone is appreciative.

We live in such a critical and negative society. Performance targets in hospitals, schools and industry seem so often to denigrate the efforts of others, rather than lift the morale of very hard-working people. In a competitive environment we are set one against another. Newspapers frequently seek out what is wrong in folk; criticising every small failing and usually ignoring the "beam that is in their own eye" (to quote St. Luke 6: 41). The result is a very low view of the motives and achievements of others. I do not suggest that we become a complacent society, believing as Dr. Pangloss in Voltaire's satirical "Candide", that all is for the best in this the best of all possible worlds – to do so would fly in the face of the aggression and corruption that darkens so many corners of our world today – but I do say that a little more appreciation and a more positive view of the abilities and motives of others might encourage the efforts towards good and thus strengthen the fight against those who do intend evil and destruction.

So, as August beckons, and as many take a short break from their daily duties and services, I should like to thank all who have taken the time to appreciate my ministry recently, and I hope that I in turn will take time to thank others better for the services and ministries I receive, both in church and in society.

Chris Boulton, August 2006

## Sunday 1 October, 12 noon, Little Hadham Village Hall and Surround Field

FOLLOWING THE LAUNCH of the Parish Plan at the Village Hall meeting of 22 June, the suggested fête is now under way. A number of volunteers met on Thursday 13 July to 'get the ball rolling'.

The volunteer group is as follows:

Mike and Maggie Smith	771568	Sabine Aptiz	771890
Jan & Geoff Williamson	771272	Jenny & John Duke	771450
Ross Barron	771694	Becky Pipe	776096
Ted Oliver	771124	Cherry Mardell	771283

Preparation time is short for this kind of event, so this first parish plan event needs all the support and commitment you can give if it is to be a success. Each member of the volunteer group offered to run their own stall, but others were suggested: Children's corner; Adult Tombola; White Elephant; Second-hand Toy Stall; 'Scruffs' Dog Show. . .

This is not a definitive list; if you (or your local organisation) can offer to run one of the above, or suggest another event/stall of your own, we will be delighted. Please contact one of the above volunteers with your offers and suggestions.

We are urgently looking for donations of the following: Raffle Prizes (Jenny Duke); Screw top jars & Stocking fillers (Becky Pipe); Books (Sabine Aptiz); Cakes (Maggie Smith)

This first event towards making a Village Centre **must** be a success – **please help us . . .**

. . . Maggie & Mike Smith

## Marie Curie Cancer Care 'Devoted to Life' Sponsored Walk

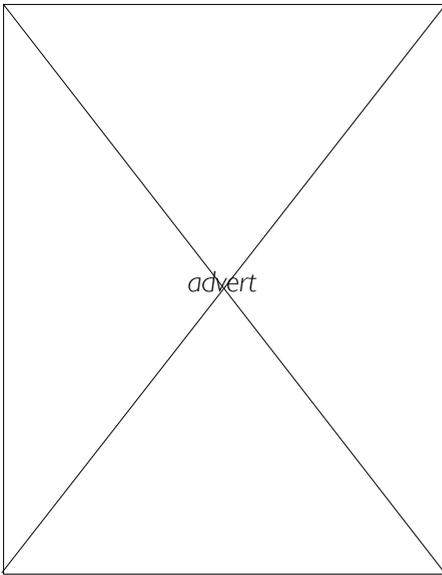
I am organising a sponsored walk to raise money for the Marie Curie Nurses working in Hertfordshire, and am looking for people to join us.

The Walk will be taking place on Sunday September 10th at Hunton Park, near Watford: 2, 7 or 9 mile routes are available.

The walk itself will take us around the beautiful landscaped grounds of Hunton Park and along the meandering Grand Union Canal to Cassiobury Park in Watford. Entry is only £5 and we encourage adults to raise £60 in sponsorship. The Walk is open to everyone; the more people that walk, the more money we can raise for our nurses.

Marie Curie Cancer Care provides high quality nursing, totally free, to give terminally ill people the choice of dying at home supported by their families.

**For more information and an entry form please contact Maria in the fundraising office, on 01920 468956**



### Stansted Airport Community Trust

In April the trustees of Stansted Airport Community Trust were pleased to award grants of around £44,000 to local organisations. The Trustees will next be considering applications in the summer and would welcome applications from Community and Voluntary Groups in parishes within a ten mile radius of Stansted Airport. Applications for grants of up to £2,000 from sports clubs, churches, village halls, scouts, guides etc., for items of a capital nature such as repairs, disabled access, heating systems, hearing loops, lawnmowers, cricket nets will be welcomed.

For further details contact Cllr. Susan Flack, Chairman Stansted Airport Community Trust, 01245 231250 or e-mail: [cldr.susan.flack@essexcc.gov.uk](mailto:cldr.susan.flack@essexcc.gov.uk)

### Brownies Urgently Need Help

I am again without a second adult helper.

Blue, my young leader, and I want to keep

the Brownies open but Tawny Owl is recovering from major surgery and my Unit

helper has another commitment on Tuesdays, so we need **your** help. The Local Girl

Guiding District is paying for an advert in the local paper to ask for help. If we fail to

find someone then sadly we will see the end of Brownies in Little Hadham. We have

20 fabulous girls between 7 and 10 years from our village who are all a credit to this

community and we also have a healthy waiting list. **Please help us to continue.** If you can help in any way (even if not at the meetings) then please ring Judi on 01279 654624.

## Spend, spend spend!

FIRST PRIZE OF £50 in Marks & Spencer gift vouchers goes to Nick Bickel of 'Roedene', Albury Road, in the local knowledge quiz published in the Parish Plan. Nick's entry was the first correct one drawn out of the hat (well, actually a cardboard box).

Runner-up prizes went to Jan Finn, editor of the Parish News, [yess! – Ed] and Fraser Peart of Stable Cottages, Hadham Hall.

The judges believe that the disappointingly low number of correct entries can be put down to the fact that residents (i) were stumped for the answers; (ii) diverted into the Nag's Head while searching for Muggin's Wood; or (iii) have already filled their autumn wardrobe. Prizes not awarded will be up for grabs at the October Fest on Sunday, October 1st.

### The correct answers were:

The photograph: was of The Grove Millennium Wood, Bury Green

Where is Muggin's Wood? Hadham Ford, between Hoecroft Lane and Fiddler's Croft

The main aim of the Parish Plan? To build community spirit

Which two facilities will be linked by the Village

Centre? The Village Hall and adjoining playing field

Which Little Hadham resident was beheaded after Charles I? Arthur Capel

Which house was the general store? Houghtons

What was Fiddler's Croft famous for? Home of a family of violin makers

Where was footpath sign located? Green Street

What local product was grey and orange and made in Roman times? Pottery

Population of Little Hadham? Approximately 1,100.

How many did **you** get right?

## Parish Plan up-date

### Hitting the headlines

THE LAUNCH OF OUR PARISH PLAN aroused a lot of interest outside the village as well as within our own community. Excellent coverage was achieved in both local newspapers and the summary version of the plan is now published in full on The Hadhams website. Have you visited [www.thehadhams.com](http://www.thehadhams.com) yet?

Enquiries have come in from neighbouring parishes keen to see 'how to do it' and more than 30 copies of the full report have been ordered.

Mike and Maggie Smith and a team of volunteers have started to plan the Village

Fête to be staged in the playing field adjoining the Village Hall. The original date has been changed, and the fête will now take place on Sunday October 1st. This will be one of the first events in the Parish Plan calendar to be staged in what will become our new Village Centre. **Make a note of the date!**

The first stage of re-equipping the two playing fields is due to begin shortly with new swings in the Ridgeway playground and a new basketball and soccer shooting 'wall' in the field adjoining the Village Hall.

A project that will affect everyone in Little Hadham, the campaign for a by-pass, is already in the early stages of planning. More on this and other Parish Plan activities in next month's Parish News.

## Harvest Supper Sat

Priced at £5 a head, tickets for this year's Harvest Supper go on sale in August. Available  
We would be delighted to receive bottle donations (glass or plastic, contents of your choosing)

# LITTLE HADHAM FARMERS' MARKET, LITTLE HADHAM VILLAGE HALL

last Saturday of every month, 9.00 – 12.00 noon



[www.lhfm.org.uk](http://www.lhfm.org.uk)



AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, we have been holding our market monthly since March 2003. Some of our stallholders have been with us since the beginning and others have joined us along the way. We thought it would be helpful and informative for our customers to know a little more about them and their products. Each month we will highlight some of them, and we hope you will find this interesting.

## **Pantry Preserves of Sible Hedingham** ([www.pantrypreserves.co.uk](http://www.pantrypreserves.co.uk))

Pantry Preserves (Helena Shiffner) takes great pride in sourcing the very best locally grown produce (whenever possible from our own garden) and has been creating delicious preserves for the last six years.

Try our Ginger & Sesame Dressing on a warm chicken and baby spinach salad or stir fry some chicken livers in a little oil, add some crispy bacon, pour over our Sweet Pepper & Red Wine Dressing and serve on a bed of wild rice, or make a fresh seafood salad and drench it with our Lemon & Garlic Dressing, add a few of your favourite olives, a little chopped chilli and toss in the pasta of your choice.

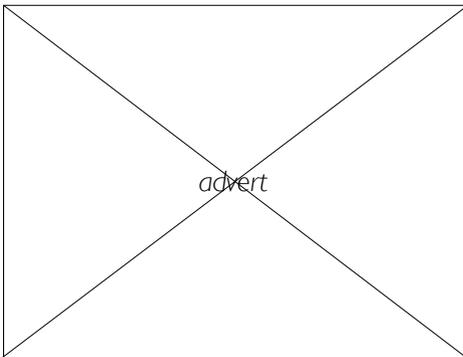
Try our delicious range of Marmalades... BREAKFAST WILL NEVER BE THE SAME AGAIN! Not just for toast... gently warm your favourite Pantry Preserves Marmalade and drizzle over ice cream, or add to stuffing and spread over grilled pork chops and crisp up!

Orange and Apricot Marmalade is a superb glaze for Baked Gammon.

## **Hall Cottage Natural Products** ([www.hallcottage.com](http://www.hallcottage.com))

is a small cottage industry run by Nicky Hawksley from her home in Much Hadham. The soaps and moisturisers are made in her kitchen from only the finest natural ingredients, often containing petals and herbs from her allotment. The soap is made in the traditional way ensuring it retains its natural glycerine, and after maturing for 4 weeks results in a soap that is beneficial to the skin and not at all drying.

Nicky has also in recent months been hand mixing and selling organic muesli. The products consist of 100% organic wheat flakes, oats, rye flakes, a mixture of seeds and dried cranberries and coconut. The range covers toasted, unsweetened and toasted with maple syrup muesli. If you're not sure which you would prefer, tasters are available!



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### Keep the Parish News

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and reach nearly 500 homes each  
month with your product or service.

Cheques to the editor, made payable to  
Little Hadham PCC

aturday 7th October

available from Frank Green on 771532, book your seat early, as tickets will be limited!

(ing) for the tombola. Please deliver them to Gouldburn, The Ford, Little Hadham. Thank you!

## What to do in August

### Sunday 6th August

Open Garden

Hopleys, Much Hadham, 2.00 - 5.00pm  
3 acres of beautiful gardens with trees, shrubs  
and a new water feature.

Proceeds from teas to Isabel Hospice

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Rock Concert at the Castle, Castle Grounds,  
Hertford, 12noon - 5.00pm  
Admission free, proceeds of collections to Isabel  
Hospice

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### Saturday 12th August

Garden Club Open Afternoon 2.00 - 4.30pm  
All Garden Club members are invited to an  
"Open Garden Afternoon" at the homes of  
Sue Isaac (Tomways) and Gill Booty (Regions)  
at Bury Green.

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### Sat. 12th and Sun. 13th August

St. Nicholas' Church, Great Munden 7.30pm  
A performance of Mozart's Abduction from the  
Seraglio by the enormously popular  
Opera Loki. Enchanting music, fun and lots of  
colour, but foremost Opera Loki's high artistic  
standard. If the weather is good bring a picnic for  
beforehand in the church grounds.  
Tickets £18 (includes wine & nibbles) from  
Hertford Tourist Office (01992 584322),  
10 Market Place Hertford, SG14 1DF.  
Cheques to Hertford Town Council, + SAE

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### Tuesday 15th August

Little Hadham and Albury Social Club  
Little Hadham Village Hall, 7.45pm  
We had a very pleasant social evening this  
month, with cheese and wine. This meeting  
Barry Kaufmann-Wright will talk on the  
Landscapes of Britain.  
Everyone welcome, only £1.50 for the evening,  
including refreshments.  
Enquiries, please contact 658585 or 771580

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### Thursday 17th August

'The Way Inn' coffee morning, 10.00 - 12noon  
Come and meet friends and neighbours over a  
cup of tea or coffee in the Village Hall.

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### Sunday 20th August

The Silver Leys Cup, polo matches, 11.30,  
Millfield Lane, Little Hadham

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### Saturday 26th August

Farmers' Market,  
Little Hadham Village Hall. 9.00 - 12noon

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## Coming in Sept., Oct. ...

### Saturday 9th September

Isabel Hospice Jumble Sale,  
Thundridge Village Hall, 2.30pm

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St. Nicholas' Church, Great Munden  
'Hearts of Fire', 7.30pm

A passionate recital by Rowena Calvert (cello)  
and Eleanor Turner (harp).

Tickets £12.50 (includes wine & nibbles) from  
Hertford Tourist Office, 10 Market Place Hertford,  
SG14 1DF. (01992 584322) Cheques to  
Hertford Town Council + SAE

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Garden Club Autumn Show

For further information, contact Frank Green,  
(771532) or Dennis Taylor. (771987)

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### Sunday 10th September

Fundraising Chain Walk for Isabel Hospice,  
17 walks to choose from, each approx. ten miles  
long, with a stop for lunch at a country pub.  
Registration form and further details from  
Pam Shepherd, 01707 376782

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### Sunday 1st October

October Fest, 12 noon  
Little Hadham Parish Hall and Field

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### Saturday 7th October

Harvest Supper, see centre pages

# A Giant Step for Olivia

TWO BENEVOLENT GIANTS, the traditional guardians of the City of London, are on the move!

They are the dream of Little Hadham basketmaker Olivia Elton Barratt, who in October is to be installed as the very first lady Prime Warden of the Worshipful Company of Basketmakers.

The two 15-foot figures depicting Gog and Magog are being constructed using traditional basketmaking techniques in preparation for the Lord Mayor's Show in November. They will replace the giant inflatable figures which have been used in the procession for many years and, at the same time, will follow in the footsteps of earlier figures before the 16th century, which were also made of willow. Olivia is being helped in this giant project by another local, Vivienne Jones, who is part of a team of enthusiastic volunteers from the Basketmakers' Association.



## Regular events

**Little Hadham Playgroup** is held in the Nursery building at Little Hadham School on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 1.00 - 3.30pm; contact Lisa Wilkins, 776275.

**Badminton** is played in the Village Hall on Monday evenings at 8.00 pm.

**Little Hadham Parent, Baby and Toddler Group** meets in the Village Hall each Tuesday morning from 9.30 - 11.30am.

**The Brownie Pack** meets each Tuesday in term-time in the Village Hall, 4.30 - 6.00pm; contact Brown Owl (Judi Wheeler) 654624.

**Little Hadham Carpet Bowls Club:** Social and League. Fridays 8 - 10pm; contact Eileen Booth, 771426, for details.

**Little Hadham Post Office:** Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9.00 - 11am., in the Doctor's Reception Room behind the Village Hall.

**Farmers' Market:** Last Saturday of the month; 9am - 12 noon, in the Village Hall; contact Brenda Kain, 771028

**Whist Drive:** Last Thursday of the month; contact Ross Barron, 771694

**Village Hall Bookings:** contact Mrs Fardell, 771697

**Mobile Police Station** in Village Hall Car Park 1st and 3rd Tuesday, 9.00 - 11am

## Everyone for polo?

RESIDENTS OF LITTLE HADHAM have been invited by our local Silver Leys Polo Club to attend the Silver Leys Cup at the polo ground in Bury Green on Sunday August 20.

A series of exciting matches will feature local teams that will include players from Argentina who come to this country every year for the polo season. As well as inviting us to watch this fast and exhilarating sport, Fransisco Pizzaro, who runs the club and polo training school, will provide an 'Assado', a traditional Argentine barbecue featuring sizzling, tender lamb.

Guests will be invited to join in the tradition of 'treading in' to replace divots thrown up by the horses' hooves as they gallop, twist and turn in seven-minute chukkas. This will be a great day out for families and horse lovers. Come for the day or a couple of matches; bring a picnic or enjoy Fransisco's assado.

Entry is free. A series of four matches starts at 11.30am with the final match at 3pm. Entrance to the polo ground is off Millfield Lane, near the gate to The Grove Millenium Wood. There is free parking (follow the signs), but why not walk or cycle and enjoy the countryside? Have a great day!

## August diary for Little Hadham and Albury

(part of the Ash and Quin Valleys' team incorporating Much Hadham, Braughing, Furneux and Stocking Pelham.)

5 Saturday

3.00pm Wedding of Daniel Marsh and Victoria Johnson, St. Cecilia's, LH

**6 Sunday Trinity 8**

9.30am Matins (Prayer Book), St. Cecilia's, Little Hadham

11.15am Parish Communion, St. Mary's, Albury

10 Thursday Holy Communion, St. Cecilia's, Little Hadham

**13 Sunday Trinity 9**

9.30am Shared Communion, St. Cecilia's, Little Hadham

**20 Sunday Trinity 10**

8.00am Holy Communion, St. Cecilia's, Little Hadham

24 Thursday

1.00pm Wedding of Scott Yates and Zoë Neate, St. Mary's, Albury

**27 Sunday Trinity 11**

11.15am Shared Communion, St. Mary's, Albury

6.00pm Evensong, St. Cecilia's, Little Hadham

NO VILLAGE HALL SERVICE IN AUGUST AND NO EVENSONG AT ST. MARY'S, ALBURY

• There is a service of Holy Communion every Wednesday at 10.30am at St Andrew's •

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The Children, Learners & Residents of St. Elizabeth's Centre,  
Much Hadham wish to say a big

# Thank You!

Your attendance and support for our **Annual Summer Fayre** held on Saturday 24th June has raised us a total of £7,100! We hope you'll agree it was a great day for all the family, and we hope to see you again next year! For information on forthcoming events, please contact Chloe Atkinson, St. Elizabeth's Centre, Much Hadham, Herts, SG10 6EW. (RCN: 1068661) Telephone 01279 844227

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