

Little Hadham  
Parish News  
September  
2006

# Parish Picnic

*sponsored by St. Cecilia's Church*

*for ALL in Little Hadham*

*at Ash Farm, Standon Road  
(near the traffic lights)*

**Sunday 3rd September**

*from 12 noon  
(in the barn if wet)*

*BBQ, ice cream, fresh fruit and soft drinks will be provided  
Children's games, tennis and swimming*

*by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Stuart Lennox*

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

I am packing for my holiday. Fortunately this year I can be a little more generous with myself and take a few luxuries in the luggage; because I am not flying to my destination, but travelling by car and boat. Last year I had to be very careful what I carried on the plane. After the recent bomb scare, I confess that I am a little relieved to know that I cannot be blown out of the air by a suicide bomber. I pray that the travellers who do go by air this summer will be safe. I realise that life itself is a risk, and that road travel is statistically more dangerous than flight! The terrorists are a minority, but they can inspire fear disproportionate to their power.

It is a cause of great anguish to me that religion often seems at the heart of conflict. When I see Hezbollah, (the party of God), rocketing Israeli families; and Israel, (the rule of God), shelling Lebanese families, it causes me to cry to God in anguish, the God who is in origin the God of Islam, Judaism and Christianity.

Anne Atkins, recently on "Thought for the Day", argued that "religion" was often bad: faith in Christ was good. Jesus, she said, criticised religious people, but called us to faith in Him. This is a totally spurious argument. Jesus did criticise hypocritical religion, but he also criticised sanctimonious faith. Religion without a faith is empty, but faith without a properly taught religion can be dangerous. Jesus sought to bring a new covenant, which meant a new religion. Religion has the root meaning "fear of God". It seems to me that those who kill others indiscriminately have little fear of God: what they often have in abundance is blind faith.

We religious people, people of faith, need to re-examine ourselves and throw out of the suitcase the things that bring suffering and conflict to countless innocent human beings. We need to disentangle religion from the exercise of power and from human ambition, and travel light. Surely we need to eat the bread of penitence and together ask God to forgive us the things we do in His name.

Chris Boulton, September 2006

## Houdini Cat?

One of my kittens, Marmite, appears to have enrolled at 'Houdini Cat Collar' classes over the last three months. In spite of not showing any tendency to try to remove collars whilst at home, he has now 'lost' nine collars and engraved discs at a cost in excess of £100! Although he is 'chipped' he wears a collar so that we can be contacted easily if he is ever injured or lost. Whilst I am now getting a discount at the engravers (!) could I ask that if anyone finds a collar in their garden engraved 'Marmite 01279 771001' they let me know so I can collect and save buying yet more. I am sure that Marmite is losing these by trawling through the undergrowth but if there is anyone who is removing them for him can you please stop as he likes his collar; it is there to keep him safe and it is eating into my holiday fund! Many thanks.

Helen of depleted means,  
The Hollies, Ford Hill, 01279 771001

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## Loads to do in September

### Saturday 2nd

**Prize Bingo**, 8pm in the village hall.

Tickets £5 (includes five bingo sessions and tea or coffee). Proceeds towards the Village Fun Day and the Village Hall Roof fund. Details from: Jenny Duke, 771450, Cherry Mardell, 771283 or Stephanie Young, 771128

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### Sunday 3rd

**Parish Picnic** – see front cover for details

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### Wednesday 6th

**Beach Party Club Night for Isabel Hospice**

'Flaunt' Nightclub, Bishop's Stortford. Entry £10  
Details, Cheryl Cusack, 01707 330686

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### Thursday 7th

**Isabel Hospice Annual meeting**, at Van Hage's. 7.30pm. Drinks and light refreshments followed by highlights of the Hospice's year and some entertaining speakers. All welcome, but please ring Jenny Malec 01707 330686 to confirm numbers, or e-mail [jenny.malec@isabelhospice.org.uk](mailto:jenny.malec@isabelhospice.org.uk)

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### Saturday 9th

**Isabel Hospice Jumble Sale**,

Thundridge Village Hall, 2.30pm 01920 462992.

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### 'Hearts of Fire'

St. Nicholas's Church, Great Munden 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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### Gardening Club Autumn Show

Little Hadham Village Hall

All Gardening Club Members are invited to take part. The show will be open to the public from 2.30pm until 3.30pm when the prizes and cups will be presented.

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

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### Sunday 10th

**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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### Antiques Fair

9.00 - 4.00, Little Hadham Village Hall

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### Monday 11th

**An evening with Janey Lee Grace**

7.30 for 8pm dinner, Tewin Bury Farm, Welwyn  
A thoroughly enjoyable evening with the radio and TV presenter, singer, and author of 'Imperfectly Natural Woman.' "She gives the old-fashioned simple tips a make-over – it's like having a modern day Mrs Beeton on your shoulder." Contact [Barbara.doherty@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:Barbara.doherty@tiscali.co.uk) or ring 01279 842140,

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### Tuesday 12th

**Little Hadham & Albury Social Club**,

8pm, Little Hadham Village Hall.

Robin Gurnett will talk on 'The working conditions in the old potteries'. You are welcome to bring articles for discussion. Do come along, everyone welcome, only £1.50, including refreshments. Tel 658585 or 771580 for information.

We have a group of 22 attending the Pam Ayres Show at the Rhodes Centre on 28th November. If you would like to see the show phone Rhodes on 651746 as there may still be tickets available.

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### Wednesday 13th

**Open Evening Karate Club**, 5pm Village Hall

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### Tuesday 19th

**Little Hadham & Albury Gardening Club**

7.45pm, Little Hadham Village Hall

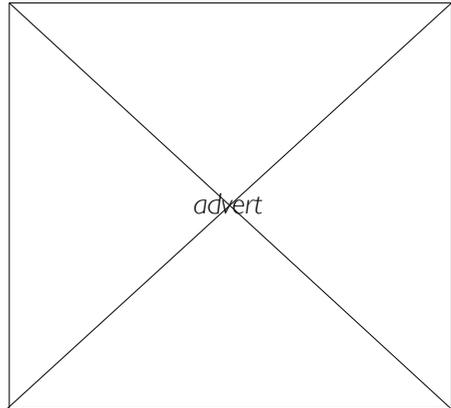
Our guest speaker will be Mr. D. Gardiner whose talk is entitled "Chasing the Cherry Blossom". For further information, contact Frank Green, (771532) or Dennis Taylor. (771987)

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## October preview ...

... full details next issue

- 1 Sun** Village Fun Day
- 8 Sun** Open Garden, Moor Place MH
- 20 Fri** Barn Dance, Presdales School
- 21 Sat** Jumble Sale, Thundridge Village Hall
- 21 Sat** 'London's Burning', St. Nicholas's Church, Gt. Munden 01992 584322
- 22 Sun** Thanksgiving Service, Ware
- 25 Wed** 'Reflections of the Past', Albury 60+
- 27 Fri** Brocket Hall Golf Day, £125 pp (more details: 01707 376782)



### HARVEST SUPPER

Don't forget to reserve your tickets for the Harvest Supper on **Saturday 7th October**.

Tickets are £5 a head and can be purchased from Frank Green on 771532.

Tombola donations (all types of bottles) will be very welcome.

## KYOKUJITSU KYOKUSHIN KARATE CLUB

### TRAINING INFORMATION

Kyokujitsu Kyokushin Karate Club meets every Wednesday in Little Hadham Village Hall. Training is at 5.00pm until 6.00pm. The classes are open to children and adults of any age and we have many 'family groups' who attend. The cost per session is £3.00 although there are reductions for siblings and families. Training sessions are varied, incorporating general fitness work, stretching, technical work, self-defence, bag-work, sparring and fight training. The benefits of Kyokushin karate training are far reaching and not just physical – aside from providing an all over body workout and valuable self defence skills, the training has been recognised for improving self-confidence and self-discipline.

### OPEN AFTERNOON

The Club will shortly be celebrating its first anniversary. In view of this we shall be holding an **Open Afternoon** at the dojo (Village Hall) at 5.00pm on Wednesday 13 September. Various people in the village have mentioned to me that they would like to come and see a training session – now is your opportunity – and, of course, you are welcome to join in if you wish.

### SUNDAY MORNING 'FIGHT CLUB' & SELF-DEFENCE SESSIONS

As from Sunday 3 September, the Wednesday evening Fight Night is being transferred to 11.00 – 12.00 on Sunday mornings in Little Hadham Village Hall. With these sessions, the emphasis is away from the more traditional technical aspects of karate training and the focus is on fitness, bagwork and focus pads, and sparring with particular attention to self-defence. Students do not need to wear gis (karate suits) – just trackie bottoms and t-shirts are fine – and there is a less formal atmosphere although traditional karate discipline prevails. Please don't let the title put you off – these sessions are excellent all-round fitness training for EVERYONE – you will not be forced to spar if you don't wish to. It is an excellent opportunity for the whole family to train and learn together. For those of you who have seen the film, I can't promise Brad Pitt – however we do have the far superior (in my eyes) Dan Dass, Muay Thai boxer, who will be assisting me with the lessons.

Please give me a ring on 01279 771636 or 07946484498 if you want further information on any of these – or just turn up for training! **OSU!**

*Senpai Catherine Petch, Kyokushin Karate Black Belt Instructor*

# The Village School

(An extract from his memories of Little Hadham,  
1900 -1914, written in 1966 by  
Mr Fredk. George Harris, then aged 70)

"About 100 children (mixed) in all starting at 3 years old untill 14 years. The children walking some 3 miles in all weather seating in their wet cloths all day only one coal fire in each room. The children staying to dinner just had their bread and butter or jam to eat no drink of any sort as no water taps were in the school. No wash basins nor heat in the cloakrooms. But later about 1908 Mr W Minet from Hadham Hall got the water on also boiler fire for Radiators in all room and then with hot pipes and Radiators things were better dry cloths to go home in, but still no way of letting the children have their dinner in peace, having thir food, only when it was wet weather outside could they go in. The reason to much mess. But the children were very hard, those days.

Nearby on the road the Chalk Pit Cottage [lived] Miss F Richmond Head Teacher also a under teacher both from Cornwall. Very good with children being there from 1904 untill after the war. A small house with not much labour saving things in it first the toilets were just a pit out side in the shed the water caught from the roof and had to be boiled before using. Very lonely for the two women."

There will be more from this fascinating journal in future issues.

## LITTLE HADHAM PANTOMIME GROUP

proudly announces  
that our next pantomime will be

### "Sing a Song of Sixpence"

directed by  
Doreen Musgrove.

Rehearsals start Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> September at 8pm in the Village Hall for a read-through of the script. The scene is set in the Kingdom of Cornucopia and there will be plenty of corny jokes to match. There will be Kings and Queens; Princes and Princesses; gypsies and fairies.

The collection of baddies **must** be booed, if the wicked old Witch doesn't get you first!

Fancy treading the boards with us? Youngsters must be 14 years old or over and singers, dancers, tea-makers and scene-shifters will all be very welcome. Whatever your talent, we will find a use for it!

# Polo at Silver Leys



*Sometimes a bit too close for comfort ...*



*"Smine!"  
"No, smine!"*



*Pics from 20th August, when many of us turned up at Silver Leys and had a great day eating the delicious 'assado', watching the polo and being entertained by the commentator. Many thanks to Silver Leys Polo Club for inviting us to a really exciting afternoon!*



## **FIT 'N' FUN**

for pre-schoolers (2½ to 5 years old)

'Fitness' sessions for pre-schoolers take place in Little Hadham Village Hall on FRIDAYS throughout term time, and during the school holidays if demand is sufficient. We open at 1.00pm for a 1.10pm start and the sessions usually last about 40 minutes. Children should be accompanied by a parent/carer.

The emphasis of the sessions is on fun – teaching the children from an early age that exercise can be both enjoyable and beneficial at the same time. The sessions incorporate general 'fitness' work together with yoga/karate-based exercises and stretching, group games using a parachute and an often ambitious(!) relaxing meditation exercise to end the session.

The new term starts on Friday 8 September and will run for seven weeks until Friday 20 October. The price for an initial taster session is £4.00. Subsequent sessions are charged on a half-termly basis – the cost for the seven weeks is £24.00. Places are limited, so please phone to book your child's place or to discuss these classes further. I look forward to hearing from you.

Catherine Petch

Qualified Fitness Instructor / Kyokushin Karate

Black Belt Instructor

01279 771636 or 07946484498.

## *“The Way Inn”*

coffee morning  
Come along and meet friends  
and neighbours over  
a cup of tea or coffee.

Third Thursday of the month  
10.00am until 12 noon in the  
Village Hall  
(Rear entrance of village hall, by  
Post Office)

## Now that's what we call a Fun Day!

Scarecrows, a fire engine, a double-decker bus and a 'human fruit machine' are just some of the attractions at our village fête, taking place in the playing field adjoining the Village Hall on **Sunday 1st October from 12 noon.**

**Little Hadham's Village Fun Day**  
(as it is now called) will be exactly that:

### **FUN!**

Just about every local organisation is taking part and there has been fantastic and enthusiastic support from the organising committee, especially from the younger members.

A coconut shy, tombola, roll a penny, treasure hunt, and cakes and book stalls are among the more traditional attractions, but you can also learn to juggle, have your face painted or even become a ceramic artist (well, 'plate-painter' at least!). A karate demonstration, the school choir and pony rides are just some of the other entertainments.

Youngsters and families are invited to take part in a **scarecrow competition** to be judged by local basketmaker Olivia Elton Barratt (whose giants were featured in last month's Parish News). For details of how to take part, contact Stephanie Young (771128) or Kate Pay (776041).

Refreshments include a beer tent provided by the Nag's Head and a barbecue. Lunch for two, a garden ornament and £40-worth of Farmer's Market vouchers are just some of the raffle prizes, but we still need more prizes, cakes, books, CDs, screwtop jars and stocking fillers – please contact Maggie Smith (771568) or Jenny Duke (771450)

**and don't forget ...Sunday October 1.**



# September diary for Little Hadham and Albury

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

## **3rd Sunday Trinity 12, Proper 17**

- 9.30am Matins, St. Cecilia's, Little Hadham (officiant, Clive Slaughter)  
12.30pm Baptism of Frederick Laurence Leak and Albert John Leak,  
(Parents Douglas and Danielle of Bridge House Cottage.)  
12.30pm Parish Picnic at Ash Farm

## **7th Thursday**

9.00am Holy Communion, St. Cecilia's, Little Hadham

## **9th Saturday**

10 - 5 Sponsored cycle ride for the Hertfordshire Churches' Fund

## **10th Sunday Trinity 13, Proper 18**

9.30am Shared Communion, St. Cecilia's, Little Hadham (celebrant, Clive Slaughter)

## **17th Sunday Trinity 14, Proper 19**

- 8.00am Holy Communion, (Prayer Book)  
9.30am Family Service, Little Hadham Village Hall  
6.00pm Evensong, St. Mary's, Albury (officiant, Chris Boulton)

## **24th Sunday Trinity 15, Proper 20**

- 11.15am Informal Family Communion (Harvest), St. Mary's, Albury  
6.00pm Evensong, St. Cecilia's, Little Hadham (officiant, Chris Boulton)

## **26th Tuesday**

8.00pm Parochial Church Council meets

## **1st Oct Sunday Trinity 16**

9.30am Matins, St. Cecilia's, Little Hadham

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

***Congratulations to Daniel Marsh and Victoria Johnson who were married at St. Cecilia's on August 5th. We wish them every happiness in the future.***

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**OCTOBER**

*Saturday 7th*

**Harvest Supper**

*Sunday 8th*

**Harvest Festival**

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