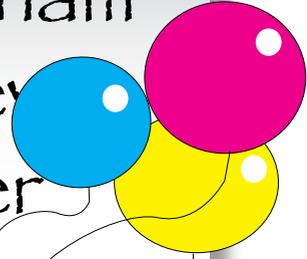


Little Hadham  
Parish News  
October  
2006



# Village FUN day

This is the **BIG** one, folks!

*Full details inside!!*

*From 12 noon  
in the playing field at the Village Hall*

**DON'T FORGET!!!**

**IT'S**

**THIS SUNDAY!!!!**



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

It's open warfare! .....on the caterpillars who are munching their way through my carefully cultivated cauliflowers. The children's story book "The hungry caterpillar" is surely true. Why is it that for every fruit or vegetable, God has designed at least three types of insect who just love to eat them or turn them brown or do some dastardly thing, usually in the dead of night? No wonder most people don't bother to grow their own, and turn to convenience food!

Since I have moved to the country, I have taken on the challenge of the country parson; to grow my own vegetables. This year I have had a good crop of early potatoes, courgettes, beans and peas, despite the lack of rain. I have also enjoyed a bumper harvest of plums. I am not evangelical about the "good life" and certainly nowhere near self sufficient; however, despite frustrations, it gives me great pleasure; and I am told eating fresh produce is healthy. There is something really satisfying about sitting down to a plate of one's own grown vegetables. Of course for most people, particularly in the cities, this is not an option. There are too many other things to do, or the land is not available. We rely on the shops and stores to provide us with good, healthy food. Even then the easier way is often to opt for food that satisfies immediately, but is not necessarily good in the long term. As Jesus said, let us strive for the food that lasts.

Jamie Oliver is campaigning to improve school meals, the Government is clamping down on junk food in schools; but at least two defiant mums are pushing fish and chips through the fence to the pupils. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams, recently added his voice to an open letter released by 110 academics, psychotherapists, childhood specialists and authors, including Philip Pullman, warning that today's children face a bewildering pace of technological and cultural change. The letter highlighted "the escalating incidence of childhood depression" and said that poor diet, the predominance of video games rather than outdoor play, and modern education was stifling the natural creativity of many youngsters.

As always, I think we need to be very cautious about generalisations. In our villages we seem surrounded by healthy and on the whole happy children. One thing I am certain of however is the need to see good health as wholeness of being. What we eat is only part of the condition of being healthy; our moral, ethical and social values, our environment; our spiritual as well as physical contentment all work together to produce what we are.

And come to think of it, even the caterpillar is part of that wholeness!

Chris Boulton

### House!

Thanks to an original idea by Stephanie Adams and some sterling work by Cherry Mardell, Jenny Duke and their team of helpers, a highly successful Bingo Night raised over £400 as a starter fund for the **Fun Day**. There were calls for another chance to shout:

**'House!'**

### The Parish Picnic

We all had a lovely time, thanks to the hospitality of Mr and Mrs Stuart Lennox. There was plenty of good food to eat and drink; the children swam and played tennis and the weather was perfect. Thank you!

**CAN one have too many black jackets?**

One guest thought so – he left his behind: a nice Italian Designer one from M&S. If you change your mind, sir, please ring 771 493 to get it back.



# Don't be scared! they're just a bit of FUN

TO THE AMUSEMENT OF LOCAL RESIDENTS and the alarm of drivers rat-running through the village, scarecrows have been popping up all over the place. While one has been playing its own version of 'Countdown' near the A120 traffic lights, another near the Village Hall has been seen wielding what looks suspiciously like a police speed camera. Others have been seen lurking in gardens and hedgerows. Of course, it's all in the spirit of **FUN!** in the final run-up to our village fête next **Sunday October 1** in the main playing field – or in the Village Hall if really wet ('Carry on regardless' is the promise of the organising committee).

**Little Hadham's Village Fun Day** will be the biggest event and the most fun we've had in years! There will be over 30 stalls and other attractions run by organisations and volunteers who have worked hard for months to turn an idea, first flagged up in our Parish Plan, into reality.

Judging the competition for the best scarecrow (very liberal interpretation of 'scarecrow' is allowed) will be one of the highlights of the day. Entries will be judged in the show ring with a line-up of scarecrows in the flesh (well, in the straw).

'Fares please!', 'Penny a pitch' (or more like, '20p a go'), 'Pieces of Eight', and 'Osu!' are just some of the shouts you're likely to hear as you tour the showground and village hall. There will be plenty of last-minute surprises, but here's a quick run-down of what you can look forward to on **Fun Day**:

-  Sizzling sausages and burgers washed down with the county's finest beer, wine and soft drinks, and lashings of ice cream
-  Exhilarating demonstrations of the ancient arts of karate and juggling, creative activity and soft play areas for kids – or a go on a 'human fruit machine' if they prefer
-  Delicious freshly baked home-made cakes and preserves and goodies in jam jars
-  Skittles, roll-a-penny, lucky dip, golf putting and that village fête perennial – a coconut shy
-  Treasure galore with bric-a-brac, books (maybe a first edition?), CDs (an Elvis original?), second-hand toys and the Little Hadham Treasure Hunt (without even leaving the field)
-  Music and the arts with the school choir on stage, plate painting and face painting
-  A wander back in time with vintage motorbikes and a London bus, and a quick tour through Little Hadham's past
-  Greyhounds to rescue, to say nothing of Neighbourhood Watch, tips on children's safety and a personal appearance by our local Firefighters (emergencies permitting)

The **Fun Day** starts at 12pm and finishes around 4pm. Entry is by programmes at the door (complete with lucky number), and to round off the day there'll be a **HUGE** raffle.

**SEE YOU ALL THERE!**



# Bury Green

Memories of Little Hadham, 1900 -1914,  
written in 1966 by Mr Fredk. George Harris, aged 70)

Bury Green was noted for its Fair July 15 that was in every body mind for weeks to come.

It was held on the Green with one time a full fair, Roundabouts etc. Mr Greenways and Thurstons. I have seen the Green covered with stalls etc.

It was surprising where the people came from that day.

The Cock Public House doing a great trade which ended some times in some good fights. Most of the village people were on the green that night untill midnight dancing and making merry. Us boys going home more asleep than awake but happy.

Also the green was noted for the Geese about, the children having a rough time with the Ganders, but they kept the grass lovely.

A very nice walk leaving the green westside through the field and wood into the Ford which many people used on Sundays.

## Little Hadham Badminton Club

We are now back from our summer break and are hoping that some more people will join our club. If you play badminton (even if you haven't played since you were at school!) please come and join us on Monday evenings in the Village Hall from 8.00 - 10.00pm. It is very good exercise for you in pleasant company.

## Royal British Legion Poppy appeal

Can you help with this year's poppy appeal? We are anxious to maintain the door-to-door collections in Little Hadham, but we do need more volunteers. Can you spare an hour or so to support this worthy cause? Collections will take place between 28th October and 11th November. If you can help during this period, please contact Frank Green (tel.771532)



### The Ghost Bus?

Only two people have ever used No 386, which runs between **Bury Green, Cradle End, Tesco and Bishop's Stortford** every day. There are no bus stops, so if you want to use this bus service, ring Richmond Coaches on 01763 848226 on the day and state where you will be waiting. The fare is £1.10 – cheaper than a car park.

**Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri** 10.54, returning from Bishop's Stortford 13.15.  
**Thurs and Sat** 10.47, returning 14.10.



*Grateful thanks to Ruth Hughes for sponsoring this page*

## October events

**1 Sun Village Fun Day**, details on page 2

**7 Sat Harvest Supper**, Village Hall, 7.30 for 8. Tickets are £5 and can be purchased from Frank Green on 771532. Tombola donations (all types of bottles to Gouldburn, The Ford) will be very welcome.

**8 Sun Open Garden**, Moor Place, Much Hadham, 2.00 - 4.00pm. Situated on the B1004 between Ware and Bishop's Stortford, the entrance is by the War Memorial or Hadham Cross. A rare chance to see this wonderful 10-acre garden in its autumn colours. Two 18thC walled gardens, a large shrubbery, borders, lawns, hedges, trees and two ponds. Plant sale, refreshments. Entry £3.00, all proceeds to Isabel Hospice.

**10 Tue LH & Albury Social Club**, 8pm Richard Thomas will take us on a trip along the River Stort. Everyone welcome, only £1.50 including refreshments. 658585 or 771580 for info. The Club is organising a golf game at the Village Fun Day – offers of help during the afternoon would be welcome.

**17 Tue LH & Albury Garden Club**, 7.45pm Our guest speaker will be Richard Ford who will be talking about "Hostas". There will be the usual raffle and refreshments. For further information, Frank Green 771532, or Dennis Taylor 771987

**20 Fri Barn Dance**, Presdales School, Hoe Lane Ware. 8pm - 11pm. Tickets £12.50, includes fish and chip supper, from Jill Tozer, 01992 558004

**21 Sat Isabel Hospice Jumble Sale**, 2.30pm, Thundridge Village Hall. Info: 019200 462992

**21 Sat 'London's Burning'**: a musical anthology of the works of **Samuel Pepys** from the Spiritus Chamber Choir. 7.30pm, St. Nicholas's Church, Great Munden. Tickets £20 (includes refreshments) from Hertford Tourist Office 01992 584322

**22 Sun Annual Thanksgiving Service**, 3pm., St. Mary's Ware. Everyone welcome.

**25 Wed Reflections of the Past**, Albury Village Hall, 2.00pm. Albury 60+ invite you to an illustrated talk followed by a 'hands on' interlude with bygone items. Home-made tea and bring and buy stall. Any age! No charge! RSVP to Liz, 771126.

**27 Fri Brocket Hall Golf Day**, £125 per head, includes green fees and a superb lunch. In aid of Isabel Hospice. (For more details: 01707 376782)

**28 Sat The Albarni String Quartet**, with Ian Scott, clarinet, 7.30pm, St. John's Church, Stansted. Quintets by Mozart and Brahms. Tickets £10 from Stansted Carpets, Nockolds Solicitors and Sonia Levy, 01279 815282

## Coming soon . . . details next time

**5 Nov. Christmas Gift Fair**, 10 - 4pm, Hanbury Manor, for Isabel Hospice.

**5 Nov. Evensong by candlelight**, 6pm, St. Nicholas's, Great Munden.

**16 -18 Nov. Sawbridgeworth Players: "Absurd Person Singular"** by Alan Ayckbourn. Victoria Hall Theatre, Old Harlow.

**26 Nov. Pete Baker's Jazz**. Annual Concert at St. Cecilia's, Little Hadham

## The Sponsored Bike Ride – a result.

Peter English, Tony Skidmore, Steve Hargraves and Robin Erswell visited 30-plus churches on 9th Sept – about 35 miles each. Thank you to our sponsors: we are still collecting and counting the money.

**Tony Skidmore, for the St Cecilia's "Riders"**  
P.S. It is rumoured that our Rector Chris Boulton rode forth!

## LITTLE HADHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL Believing and Achieving

Here we are back in full swing after the Summer holidays. Already there are lots of exciting things planned for the year ahead.

We had great fun on our first 'Theme Day' this year when we celebrated Roald Dahl's 90th birthday on 13th September. The children and Staff either dressed up as a Dahl character or wore yellow; his favourite colour. Throughout the day, teachers planned a variety of Dahl-related activities from concocting 'Marvellous Recipes' to creating Enormous Crocodile collages. The day was kicked off by a visit from a magician who encouraged us to help him in his tricks by pointing our own 'Magic Fingers' at him!

Our next 'Theme Day' is in November and is titled 'Gunpowder, Treason and Plot' so you can hazard a guess as to the main focus on that day!

Our website is :[www.littlehadham.herts.sch.uk](http://www.littlehadham.herts.sch.uk) for diary dates and more information.

Liz Stockley, Headteacher.



**SU DOKU no.2**

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**OCT FUN DAY**

One solution – no need to guess.

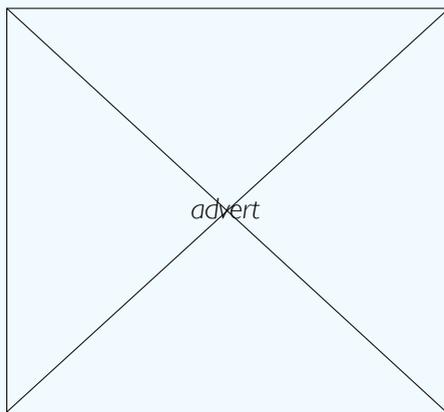
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**I WOULD LIKE TO THANK** all those villagers who turned up to our **Karate Open Afternoon**. I received some really pleasing feedback about the event and the performance of the students, who created quite an impression with their enthusiasm and disciplined behaviour. I look forward to making this an annual event in the village calendar. OSU!  
Senpai Catherine Petch

**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)

**PLEASE FILL IN YOUR QUESTIONNAIRE**

One of the short term actions in the Parish Plan is a **Housing Needs Survey**, which is being done in conjunction with EHDC. The format for the survey has been reviewed and agreed by the Parish Council.

The survey questionnaire will be distributed to all Little Hadham residents week commencing 2nd Oct 2006 – with a return date of the 27th Oct 2006. It is important that we all take time to complete the questionnaire, which will provide a more accurate picture of housing requirements – **and help us influence appropriate housing and planning policies as affecting our Parish**

Tony Skidmore, Chair, Little Hadham Parish Council

# October diary for Little Hadham and Albury

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

*For all baptism and wedding enquiries, please contact the Reverend Chris Boulton*

## 1st Sunday Trinity 16

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

## 8th Sunday Harvest

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

5.00pm Taizé style service at St Andrew's, Much Hadham

## 15th Sunday Trinity 18

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

9.30am Family Service in Little Hadham Village Hall

6.00pm Evensong at St Mary's, Albury

## 22nd Sunday Trinity 19

11.15am Shared Communion at St Mary's, Albury Celebrant and Preacher the Reverend Jeanette Gosney

6.00pm Evensong at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham Officiant the Reverend Chris Boulton

## 29th Sunday Trinity 20

11.00am\*\* Shared Benefice Communion at St Mary's Albury

*From the Registers: the departed –*

Keith Sidney Woods, aged 68, of The Smithy, funeral on September 14th

Gladys Bird, aged 86, of Elfering Bank, funeral on September 20th

Aaron Robert Hamlyn, aged 22, of The Ridgeway, funeral on September 21st

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

The next **Parish Council** meeting will be on Monday 2 Oct at 8pm in the village hall. If you are interested in what goes on in your village, please come along to the meeting. You will all be welcome.

### The Children's Society

*The amount raised in the boxes this year was £259.22*

*Thank you to all those who give in this way to support needy children.*

*.. Margaret Baker*

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