

# Little Hadham Parish News November 2006



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## **PLEASE FILL IN YOUR QUESTIONNAIRE**

Last month we said that the **Housing Needs Survey** would be distributing a questionnaire at the beginning of October. Unfortunately there was a delay, but you should now find your copy of the survey questionnaire with this Parish News – and the return date has been changed to 24 November 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.**

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*On the cover: The hedgerows are full of sloes– turn to last page for a recipe*

## Letter from The Vicarage, Much Hadham

There is a wonderful motorway “Aire” in France near the river Somme: a service station and restaurants, with walkways across the reed-covered ditches; carp swim in the water and a viewing platform in a tower enables the visitors to look across the landscape. There is no sign of the carnage that once was all around. But by an act of imagination, when the birdsong stops for a moment, as the motorway drones in the background like distant guns, you can hear a whisper through the reed beds of a soldier’s voice.... “Lest you forget”.

On Saturday November 11th and Sunday November 12th some of us will be remembering. In our Team, in every parish, there will be a service of Remembrance. What we probably will not remember is that some of our First World War soldiers died in Mesopotamia. This Arab region lay within the Turkish Ottoman Empire. During the War we invaded and conquered the territory; afterwards setting up the present nation of Iraq and helping draw the borders of the Middle East, often regardless of the preferences and allegiances of the inhabitants. In the unrest and Arab revolts that followed the War, we lost many more soldiers.

Now, 90 years later we are back. 16 years after the first Gulf War and three years since the present invasion, it is estimated that 2,775 American soldiers have been killed, 119 British; and something like 20,000 military casualties have been sustained. The Iraqi death toll since the invasion is estimated by the UN at 48,000 and by an unofficial Iraqi survey at 250,000 upwards. It does not particularly matter which figures we believe: the fact is that each death matters. We will remember them.

As we gather around the Memorials, we will not be remembering the thousands of soldiers who died in the three Anglo-Afghan Wars, 1839, 1878, and 1921, (in one battle of January 1842, 16,500 men and 12,000 dependents): in all of which we were defeated. We will not remember that in 1893 the Durand line fixed the borders of Afghanistan with British India, splitting Afghan tribal areas, leaving half of the Afghans in what is now Pakistan.

Today we are back in Afghanistan, and so far there have been 500 Coalition forces killed. We will remember them – and the Taliban dead? Will we remember them? Will we dare to pray for our enemies?

Though our memories are short and selective, the value of Remembrance Sunday is increasingly to remind all of us, young and old alike, that, however glorious the battles, in war people get killed and lives are shattered. It is not a game; and the consequences of war go on and reverberate across the centuries, falling upon our children’s children.

Chris Boulton.

## Footpath update from Robin Rogers

It is just over 12 months since I took over the role of Footpath Secretary for Much Hadham and Little Hadham and, in this time, I have walked practically every footpath at least once and identified a number of problems. I would like to thank everyone in the two parishes who have passed problems to me.

In the 12 months, I have advised the Rights of Way Unit at County Hall of some 35 problems ranging from missing signs, paths not being reinstated, broken stiles etc. I have no control over when the problems will be fixed; however, when I reported a broken plank on the bridge on the footpath which links B1004 with the path through the woods between Bourne Lane and Stanstead Hill, it was fixed very quickly. About two years ago, we had a spate of vandalism

in the Danebridge area and a number of wooden posts were sawn off and signs removed. Earlier this year the posts were replaced; unfortunately, about three months ago, four of the new posts on the two footpaths between Danebridge Lane and Green Tye were sawn off again. If anyone is aware of other posts which have been vandalised could you please advise me so that the information can be passed to the Council and the Police.

There are numbers of waymark signs still missing. I have been assured that these signs will be replaced but no timescale has been given.

Despite the problems that have been advised, it is my opinion that, overall, our footpaths are in a very good condition. Please continue to pass any problems to me by telephone on 842237 or by e-mail at [mrogers@rogers26.freeseve.co.uk](mailto:mrogers@rogers26.freeseve.co.uk)

# Annual St. Cecilia's Day Concert

**Sunday 26 November**

6.30pm for 7.00pm

**Pete Baker's crusty Jazzers**  
*and guest singer*

will be making a return visit to St. Cecilia's Church

**Tickets £6.00 (includes wine and nibbles)**

available from:

Little Hadham Post Office    Tony Skidmore 771688

John Baker 771306                Don Gibson 771325

and members of the PCC

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## KYOKUJITSU KYOKUSHIN KARATE CLUB

Little Hadham Village Hall  
Wednesdays 5.00pm – 6.00pm  
Open to adults and children  
£3.00 a session – reductions for families  
**'Fight Club'**

Little Hadham Village Hall  
Sundays 11.00am-12.00noon  
Open to adults and children  
£3.00 a session – reductions for families  
The emphasis in these sessions will be on fitness, bagwork & focus pads, sparring and self-defence.

## FIT 'N' FUN

Little Hadham Village Hall  
Fridays 1.00pm  
For pre-schoolers (2 ½ - 5)  
Teaching children from an early age that exercise can be both enjoyable and beneficial.  
For further information on any of the above,  
please call Catherine Petch  
01279 771636 / 07946 484498

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

One Sunday night a very clear cold night walking home after their Sunday evening walk. Familys about four, men women and children walking from Bury Green to the Ford about midnight. The children more asleep than awake.

I was one of them.

When all of a sudden

A ball of fire with a long tail coming up from the West Horizon it went over the people heads disapearing to the East. Being very near and large it was very bright, making all stop and very quiet for a minute or two.

Then the older people mainly women "That Bad news I know," You will see also, some Prince is born and all sorts of old saying.

But next morning being Monday at the Ash. Six cottages were burnt to the ground.

The worst of it all was We all had to wait until the next Sundays New papers for news. which the meteor had been seen by many it being a very large one.

*Many thanks to Ruth Hughes for sponsoring this page*

## 'Stop Stansted Expansion' calendars

The popular Stop Stansted Expansion calendars and Christmas cards are now available from local supporter Mike Fairchild (771302) or from the Farmers' Market, on the last Saturday of the month, 9.00 - 12.00 noon.

## Mobile Library - changes

From **Thursday 5 October** the mobile library will call as follows:

Nag's Head from 13.45 - 14.05

The Smithy from 14.10 - 14.30

Bury Green from 14.45 - 15.05

This is a fortnightly service as before.

## St. Elizabeth's Centre

Our popular Christmas card selection is back for another year with eight new designs to choose from. Also this year, we are pleased to introduce the new St. Elizabeth's Centre Plum Pudding! These puddings are an attractive gift and are ideal stocking fillers!

To order any products or for more information on any upcoming events please contact Chloe Atkinson, Events Co-ordinator, St. Elizabeth's Centre, Much Hadham, Herts, SG10 6EW.  
or ring 01279 844227

[atkinsonc@stelizabeths.org.uk](mailto:atkinsonc@stelizabeths.org.uk)

## **Bus routes affected by the road works in Little Hadham (Commencing 17 October, for 8 weeks)**

**386** - The route which normally serves the village via Wellpond Green will be diverted from the junction with the Kick & Dicky PH. It will be unable to serve the route to the east of this junction. Instead the bus will return to the A120 and meet up with the normal route at the bus stop at Little Hadham traffic lights (and vice versa).

**354** - Will not be able to serve Little Hadham and Hadham Ford. It will instead use Bromley Lane between the A120 and Much Hadham.

**351** - This bus will be diverted along B1004 and will be unable to serve the route through Hadham Ford etc. It will meet its normal route at Tesco's in Bishop's Park. In addition a smaller 351 bus will run; from the road adjacent to the village hall to and from the schools in Bishop's Stortford. This bus will leave the departure point at 8.05 (school-days only) and take the usual 351 route. It will start its return journey from Parsonage Lane at 3.30pm and return along the usual 351 route, terminating its journey adjacent to the village hall (school-days only).

In addition, arrangements have been made for children who normally catch a school bus at The Nag's Head PH to be transported to and from The Red Lion PH in Much Hadham to catch their school bus there because it too will be diverted along the B1004.

Children and students from Little Hadham who go to school or college in Hertford or Ware will have to catch their bus from **Much Hadham** and they will be set down there in the evening.

The extra buses put on at school times will be available to all passengers such as those going to work or shopping; however they would have to use the end-of-school bus to get home.

Herts Highways have been asked to complete work on the road between the Nag's Head and the war memorial as a priority. This may enable the 351 to reach the Nag's Head via New Road and Chapel Lane.

Notices will be put up at the bus stops explaining any changes to the bus service as the work progresses.

**Anyone who is affected should phone the Passenger Transport Unit on 01992 556765. If they receive enough complaints something might be done.**

### **Wine Tasting with Hedley Wright**

to raise funds for Little Hadham Playgroup

**on Saturday 18 November at Little Hadham Primary School**

**7.45 for 8pm start**

**Tickets £10 (including wine, cheese and biscuits)**

**For tickets please call Jules on 771160**

# Most **FUN** for years



*DID WE HAVE A Fun Day? Yes we did! That just about sums up the success of the best-attended event that Little Hadham has seen in years. An estimated 700 people came to our first-ever Fun Day and – you’ve guessed it – there were calls for another one next year!*

*Some more statistics: 40 scarecrows popped up all over the village to advertise the event and enter the scarecrow competition; 40 cakes were donated and sold; vintage vehicles on display represented over 200 combined years of motoring history; 30 stalls and attractions were provided; and around 300 sausages and burgers and a good few pints of beer consumed. To top it all, over £2,000 was raised to provide funds for our next event as well as a handsome donation to the Village Hall repair fund.*

*“But the best result was that despite the occasional downpour everyone had a great time and there was a real feeling of community spirit,” said Mike Smith, who chaired the organising committee. A sentiment echoed by Olivia Elton Barratt who opened the event and judged the scarecrow competition. “The Fun Day took a great deal of hard work by a lot of people but it was wonderful to see the village coming together to have a good time,” she said.*

*Little Hadham Primary School took the prize for the best ‘traditional’ scarecrow and also the award for the best in show entry, a specially designed scarecrow plate donated by Alexandra Booth of Bricolage. Songs from the school’s hit musical ‘Oliver!’ and a specially written song about scarecrows delighted the crowd.*

*Prize for the best ‘whacky’ scarecrow went to John and Angela Fardell for their witch on a broomstick. Less conventional scarecrow contenders included an oriental gentleman, one made out of motorbike bits and a policeman with a speed camera. The policeman’s scarecrow colleague and the school’s straw masterpiece were among several scarecrows abducted before the event. Crimewatch note: Have you been offered a second-hand scarecrow recently? One clue: all the missing scarecrows were wearing uniform.*

*Prizes galore included an exercise bike in the raffle, while an auction of a mountain bike donated by Paul Snelling raised over £70. Jessica Monnickendam won the Treasure Map prize.*

*Little Hadham’s karate club under the direction of Catherine Petch performed eye-watering feats of agility including breaking tiles and a baseball bat with head, hand, feet and shin. The Brownies, our gardening, bowls and social clubs, were just some of the volunteers who ran stalls. Other attractions included Kirsty Harrison’s Human Fruit Machine\*, advice on children’s personal safety from Veneta Aldous’s Be Safe club, Greyhound rescue, and Neighbourhood Watch.*

*The organising committee would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to the host of volunteers, local groups, companies and individual donors who supported this event and to the hundreds who came along just to have **FUN!***

**\*The winner of the free draw for a stunt kite is George Taylor of Much Hadham**

## “Sing a Song of Sixpence”

*Rehearsals are well under way and everyone is working hard to give you a really super, lively and colourful show in January, 2007. Scenery is being constructed, costumes sewn and songs practised - so book now for the best tickets! All tickets are numbered and are available from Mrs. Booth at the Post Office: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. at the Village Hall, or by phone from the Box Office, 01279 842160 – please leave a message.*

# Village FUN day pics



**Going,**



**Going,**



**Gone!**



**Robocrow?**



**Sausage-watching**



If you need more information on any of these events just contact the editor.

## What's on in November

**4 Sat Fireworks**, 5pm, Albury Primary School  
Full details on back cover

**5 Sun Christmas Gift Fair**, 10 - 4pm, Hanbury Manor, near Ware. In aid of Isabel Hospice. 40 stalls; refreshments include coffee: 10-12, champagne & nibbles: 12-2, tea & cakes: 2-4. There will be face-painting and a free lucky dip for children. Entry £2.50, children free. For more information: Renee Friend on 01279 755320

**5 Sun Evensong by Candlelight**, 6pm, St. Nicholas's Church, Great Munden

**6 Mon Parish Council meeting**, 8pm  
Please come along. Everyone welcome.

**14 Tue LH & Albury Social Club**, 8 p.m.  
A cheese, wine and games evening and admission is free – everyone welcome. Book now for our **Christmas Dinner** at the Bull Inn, Much Hadham on Tuesday, 12 December. Info. 658585 or 771580

**16, 17, 18 Sawbridgeworth Players** present 'Absurd Person Singular' by Alan Ayckbourn, dir. by Marion Giddings. 7.30, (CU 8.00) Victoria Hall Theatre, St. John's Road, Old Harlow. Tickets £6 (£5 concessions) from The Tuck Shop and The Café of Angels, Bell Street, Sawbridgeworth, and on the door, subject to availability.

**18 Sat Annual Supper, Garden Club**, 7.30pm  
For members and partners. For more information contact Frank Green 771532 or Dennis Taylor, 771987

**21 Tues Garden Club**, 7.45pm 'The Gardens of South Cornwall', speaker Mr. R Carsberg.

**25 Sat Christmas Bazaar**, St. Elizabeth's School Hall. 1.00 - 4.00. Fun for all with stalls, games, Father Christmas and the Christmas Fairy. Free entry, everyone is welcome.

**25 Sat Light of Love Ceremony**, 4pm at Van Hage's, Ware. Isabel Hospice invites you to join us in remembering loved ones and friends who will not be with us at Christmas. This is a national event with all hospices taking part. To celebrate the life of someone special to you, a light can be donated in their memory and will contribute to lighting the tree of your choice. Info: 01707 376782

**26 Sun Pete Baker's Crusty Jazzers**, see p2

## Coming in December ...

**3 Sun Little Hadham School Bazaar**  
**3 Sun O Duo**, 3pm, St. John's Stansted.  
Bach, Ravel, Dizzy Gillespie and much more.

**3 Sun Reflections at Christmas**, 4pm, St. Elizabeth's Chapel, Much Hadham.  
Join us to dedicate a candle, join in the singing of traditional carols and listen to some festive readings, followed by mulled wine and mince pies. It's a lovely way to start celebrating Christmas.

## Regular activities

in the Village Hall unless otherwise stated

**Badminton:** 8.00pm Mondays

**Brownies:** 4.30 - 6pm Tuesdays, term-time.  
Judi Wheeler 654624

**Carpet Bowls Club: Social and League**, 8-10pm  
Fridays, Eileen Booth 771426

**Mobile Police Station:** 9. - 11 am first and third  
Tuesday, in the car park.

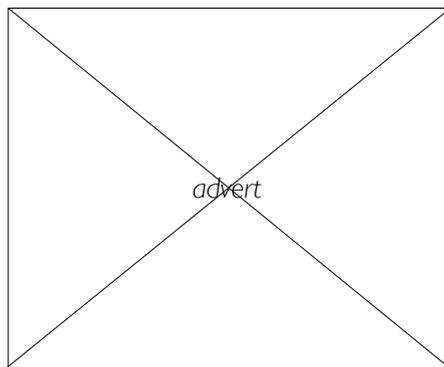
**Music Makers:** For under-fives. 1.15 - 1.50 &  
2.10 - 2.45 on Thursdays in the Nursery at LH  
School. Kate Muscroft 656518

**Parent, Baby and Toddler Group:**  
9.30 - 11.30am Tuesdays

**Playgroup:** 1.00pm - 3.30pm Mondays,  
Tuesdays, Wednesdays in the Nursery at LH  
School. Lisa Wilkins, 776275

**LH Post Office:** 9.00 - 11 am Tuesdays and  
Thursdays, rear of the Village Hall in the Doctor's  
Reception Room.

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



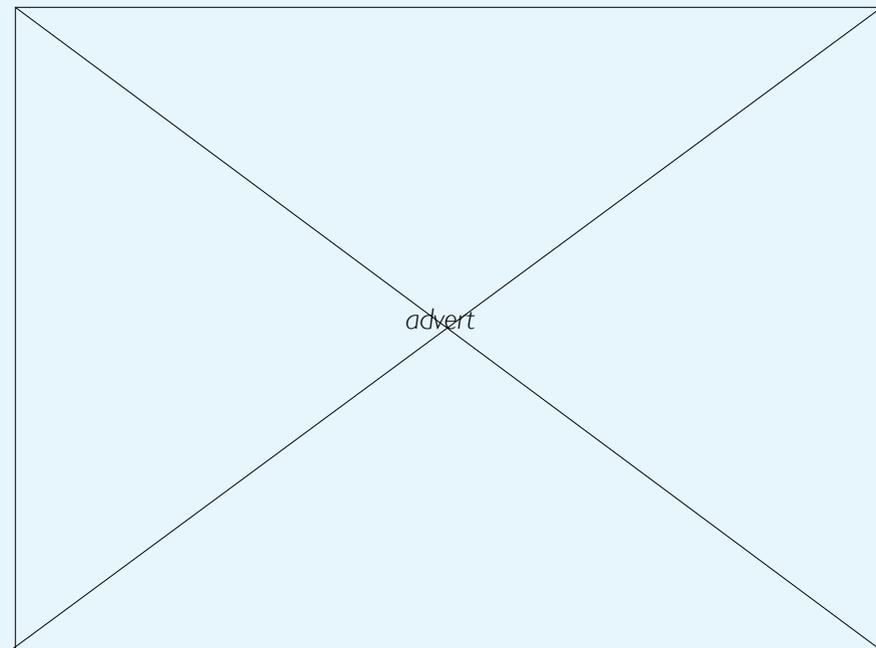
## LITTLE HADHAM FARMERS' MARKET, LITTLE HADHAM VILLAGE HALL



last Saturday of every month, 9.00 – 12.00 noon



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### **Little Hadham Primary School** *'Believing and Achieving'*

*Congratulations to everyone who made the 'Fun Day' such 'fun'. The children really enjoyed being able to demonstrate their singing and really appreciated the many smiling faces in the audience.*

*The children continue to keep busy and on 11 October, Class 3 enjoyed stepping back in time in their visit to Celtic Harmony, where the children were invited to join in the chores of the time and to experience life inside a Celtic roundhouse.*

*The School Council held their first charity event in a Cake 'n' Cookie Stall for Uganda and raised a commendable £35.*

*The children enjoyed the return of the 'Magic Show', this time with less focus on 'healthy eating' but more on 'getting on' effectively with everyone. Some really important messages were conveyed to the children in this way.*

*This month will see the start of our preparations for Christmas and may I remind you all that our Christmas Bazaar this year falls on Sunday 3 December and we look forward to seeing faces old and new. Also, Senior Citizens please note the 14 December at 1.45pm for our 'Carols around the Tree' where you are cordially invited to join us in the singing and the festive refreshments too.*

*Never a dull moment!*

Liz Stockley, Headteacher

# A big THANKYOU

to Hilary Davis and Karin Green for organising this year's Harvest Supper, and to all their helpers for ensuring that a very enjoyable, smoothly-run evening was had by all. Some 'cheating' was detected in the quiz competition, mainly by people sitting on the Rector's table, and all of the red and most of the white wine was consumed long before the end, but a sizeable amount of money was raised for a very needy cause so the event was a double success.

Congratulations and thanks to all involved in this much-loved village occasion.

Don Gibson,  
Church Warden, St Cecilia's



## St. Cecilia's Carol Service

Sunday 17 December 2006

CHOIR REHEARSALS start this month for this special service, and as always we are looking for singers to join in what will be a combined choir from Little Hadham, Albury and Much Hadham. All voices are welcome, particularly tenors(!), so if you enjoy singing do come along to the **first rehearsal on Thursday 16 November, 7.30pm in St. Cecilia's church.** Contact me on 771000, or e-mail on [mary.snyder@bt.internet.com](mailto:mary.snyder@bt.internet.com) Subsequent rehearsals are on different days of the week. I look forward to seeing you.

Mary Snyder

May I, through the Parish News, thank Mags and Don Gibson for the hard work involved in creating the memorial garden at St. Cecilia's.

It really is a very comforting and peaceful area. Thank you both.

Joan Ward.

## Medley of Meals

We are looking for new venues where we can meet to enjoy a meal and make new friends. If you are able to host an occasional meal contact Jill Beckett, 653083 or Linda English 842094 for further information.

## Sloe Gin

First freeze the sloes – this saves having to prick them. Defrost, then half fill a wine bottle with them. Add the same weight of sugar, and top up with gin. Leave for 6-8 weeks. An even nicer version is made with demerara sugar and brandy. Do it now and it'll be ready for Christmas.

## SU DOKU no.3

Complete this grid so that each row, column and block of nine squares (indicated by the heavier lines) contains the letters of the words

### ALBURY END

One solution – no need to guess.

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## November diary for Little Hadham and Albury

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

2nd Thursday  
9.00am Holy Communion for All Souls' Day

5th Sunday All Saints' Day  
9.30am Matins

12th Remembrance Sunday  
9.15am Communion Service for Remembrance, St. Andrew's Much Hadham  
10.50am Service at the War Memorial, Little Hadham  
5.00pm Taizé-style service, St. Andrew's, Much Hadham

16th 7.30pm Thursday Choir practice for Carol Service at St. Cecilia's, Lt. Hadham

19th Sunday 2nd before Advent  
8.00am Holy Communion  
9.30am Family Service, Village Hall  
6.00pm Evensong, St. Mary's, Albury

23rd 8.00pm Thursday Little Hadham PCC

24th 7.30pm Friday Choir practice for Carol Service at St. Cecilia's, Little Hadham

26th Sunday Feast of Christ the King  
11.15am Shared Communion, St. Mary's, Albury

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

We would like to thank everyone who supported the Harvest Supper on 7th October and in the process, we hope, had a lovely evening. A special thank you to Martin Stogdon for entertaining us and to all who helped either with the preparation or on the evening. A final tally is still being made but we hope to have raised almost £200 for the charity Seeds of Peace so a big thank you to all.

Karin and Hilary



Saturday 4th November  
**FIREWORKS**  
& family fun  
Albury Primary School  
& the Dole Field  
Gates open 5pm

Family ticket £10 in advance (£12 at gate)  
Individual ticket £3 (£4 at gate)  
Call Esther Welsh 771559 or Lynn Law 776227

**DIDN'T WE HAVE A LOVELY DAY!** Even the rain didn't spoil the Little Hadham Fun Day or dampen the spirits of all the good folk of the Parish who came along to enjoy themselves. There were lots of things to do and look at and play, and special thanks go to the organisers, the Parish Plan Fête Committee, and the stallholders who put on a splendid show.

Mrs. Elton Barratt was hard-pressed to choose the best scarecrow but first prize went to the Primary School. (The witch at the Ford has put a curse on whoever stole one of their "children" – a despicable thing to do) We are extremely grateful for the donations to the Roof Repair Fund and thank you ALL very much indeed.

... from The Trustees and Committee of the Village Hall

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