

Little Hadham Parish News January 2007

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New Year resolution: a future for our kids

Little Hadham is one of hundreds of villages and towns that owe a vote of thanks to Uttlesford District Council for courageously and unanimously rejecting BAA's application for maximum use of Stansted Airport's single runway. UDC will now lock horns with BAA in a major public inquiry, the outcome of which could put another obstacle in the way of a possible second runway.

*We despair of this Government's support for airport expansion despite incontrovertible evidence of aviation's growing contribution to the cataclysmic consequences of global warming. As David Attenborough has just said on TV, it's not just polar bears at risk; large parts of East Anglia could be under water in 20 years. If, like us, you care that your children and grandchildren have a future (**we have about a generation in which to do something**), here are three New Year resolutions: TELL the Prime Minister what you think; MAKE a donation to SSE's £100,000 legal fund to fight BAA at the public inquiry (details of both at www.stopstanstedexpansion.com); and WRITE to the Parish News if you have a view.*

Mike and Pat Fairchild, Ford Hill

Little Hadham Parish Council

We need a litter picker for 4 hours a week

Gross pay currently £89.61 per month

Contact the Parish Clerk – Bev Evans

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Help keep our village a pleasant place to live in

from Chris Boulton, Rector of the Ash and Quin Valleys' Team

There are three kings lying in bed with their crowns on; an agitated angel is pulling back the covers and pointing upwards to a shooting star; the star is moving on and they are lying a-bed when they should be journeying on. This is the scene carved on a pillar in the Romanesque Cathedral of Autun in Burgundy, France, by an unknown medieval craftsman. It is a humorous take on the visit of the Magi to the infant Jesus, recalled at Epiphany and told in the Gospel of Matthew.

The three kings in bed of Autun would not be out of place in our school nativity plays where children gleefully dress up in curtain material and cardboard crowns to follow the star to that unknown place where Jesus was staying as a child, having returned from Bethlehem: though they usually end up in the stable!!

The Wise Men became Kings by later association with other Old Testament texts; and they were numbered three because of the three gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh. So why not have them lying in bed in their crowns?

The story in the Bible is meant to underline the universal authority of Jesus as the Christ for the whole world, to whom the great thinkers and scientists of the then known civilisations came in homage. They worshipped at his feet.

In fact, although the story is intended to underline the superiority of the new Judaic faith that came to be known later as Christianity, it can also be used to make us think about reverence and respect between cultures and civilisations. Today particularly we are schooled to think about the clash between civilisations as something that produces war and disdain. If one civilisation is right, then another must be wrong. But if we pull back the covers of history and delve a little deeper we see that quite often the meeting of two civilisations can produce real insights, great art and sometimes scientific advance. There are examples of movements forward in mathematics, medicine, music, literature, and architecture, to name but a few, when civilisations share and learn from one another; when they respect each other's gifts.

The three Magi had a point when they brought their offerings. They did have something to learn from this new religion, as well as something to give. Another civilisation is not necessarily our enemy. Incidentally, we learned quite a lot from the French Romanesque builders of the 11th and 12th century; as many of our cathedrals and churches around Britain testify.

Have an adventurous and respectful new year! And don't stay in bed too long; you might miss something new and exciting!!!

Chris Boulton

LITTLE HADHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Believing and Achieving'

A Happy New Year to Everyone! Thank you to those who supported our Christmas Bazaar which raised a fantastic £3,800 for school funds. For those of you who were not able to attend, there is a way of supporting the school through online shopping. If you log onto www.thegivingmachine.co.uk you will find a charity which forwards any online commission to a nominated and registered school. It is at no cost to the subscriber and the school benefits greatly. Thank you in anticipation!

Liz Stockley, Head

The homes not like today. The furniture being quite differant: about six chairs and a couple of tables in the living room perhaps a sofa most hand made. Cocoa matting on perhaps a brick floor. Near the fire a home made Rug that a open bag of Essan. [Hessian] In the winter one would see around the fire one of the family cutting cloths old coats etc into pieces 4 inch by 1 inch. The other sitting around each with a painted clothes peg, pegging the pieces into the Essen it making a nice warm rug in front of the fire. some even made patton in them. No stair carpet, a mat or two on the floor upstairs. Early 1900's I knew many families The beds being Four short legs of Oak also a frame very strong. Having holes. A square piece of Canvas with eyelets all round. A cord running through the wood and sheet thus making a sort of spring bed. Many were in use 1914. The Brass bedstead also but perhaps bought cheap at a jumble sale. In some house I knew the children laying on the floor. If not it was a common thing three boys in one bed also girls in one to and also children sleeping in the same room as thier parents. But without our present day comforts. When shut in on a cold night the family were happy perhaps a little sing song in front of the fire before going to bed.

1236 more polar bears..?

ACCORDING TO EAST HERTS, WE'VE INCREASED OUR RECYCLING BY 50% in the first three months of the new green box recycling service; the equivalent of 3820 male polar bears, against 2584 for the same period last year. (In weight terms, that's 1910 tonnes against 1292 tonnes.)

Recycling helps to reduce carbon emissions – e.g. producing steel from recycled materials uses only 25% of the energy required when using virgin material. Your green box can be used to recycle all of these items:

CANS: food and drinks cans, pet food cans, aerosols, bicuit/sweet tins and household cleaning product tins.

GLASS: jam jars, sauce bottles, drinks bottles, all other empty glass bottles

PAPER: any white paper: if it's white when you tear it, it can go in.

Councillor Malcolm Alexander at East Herts Council says, "This is a fantastic achievement. We are appealing to anyone not recycling to make it a New Year's resolution ... starting NOW. Recycling is one of the most important things you can do to preserve natural resources and protect the environment." Visit www.eastherts.gov.uk or phone 01992 531535 for more info.

Many thanks to Angela Fardell for sponsoring this page

Stansted Airport Community Trust

In the past year, the Trustees of the Stansted Airport Community Trust were pleased to award grants of around £100,000 to local organisations.

The Trustees will next be considering applications in the New Year 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 £2000 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. The closing date for the next round of applications is 31 January 2007.

If you think your organisation qualifies and could benefit from some additional funding to help with a project that you have in mind then please contact SACT, P.O. Box 11 County Hall, Chelmsford, CM1 1LX, or e-mail clr.susan.flack@essexcc.gov.uk for an application form or advice.

Phone: 01245 231250.

The Trust does not fund parish councils or individuals' projects and does not grant money for completed projects.

Mobile Library

From Thursday 5 October the mobile library will be at the following times:

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.

The "Way Inn"

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and neighbours over
a cup of tea or coffee.

Thursday 18 January

10.00am until 12 noon

Rear entrance of Village Hall,
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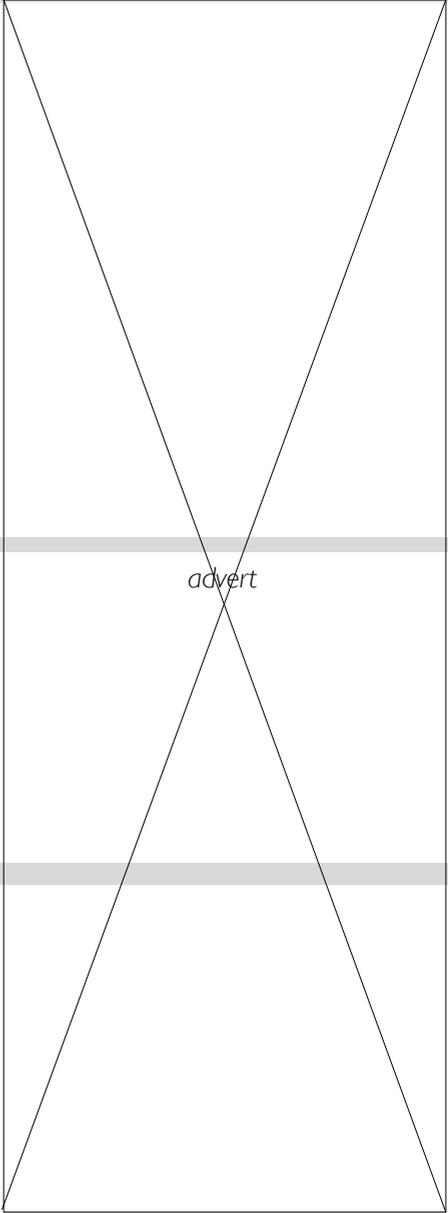
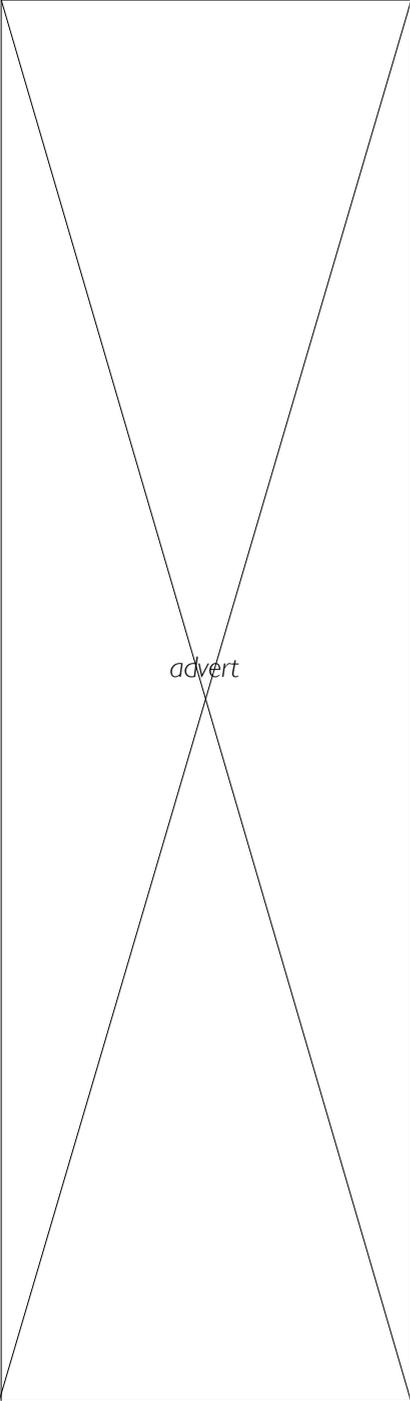
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What's on in January

There will be NO Parish Council meeting this month

9th, Tuesday, LH & Albury Social Club,

Peter Worby will instruct us on the art of 'Antique Restoration'. Everyone most welcome; only £1.50, including refreshments.
Tel: 658585 or 771580 for information.

19, 20, 25, 26, 27, "Sing a Song of Sixpence"

Collect an order form from LH Post Office: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 - 11, or call the Box Office, 842160 for tickets.

28th, Sunday, Stansted Village Music Club, 3pm,

St John's Church, Stansted, **Anna Stephany** (mezzo soprano), **Jonathan Beattie** (piano) with songs by Schubert, Schumann, Grainger, Cole Porter, Noel Coward. Mulled wine during the interval. Tickets £10, Children £3, children of members £1, available from Stansted Carpets, Chapel Hill, Stansted; Nockolds Solicitors, Market Sq., Bp's Stortford; Sonia Levy, 31 Chapel Hill, Stansted (01279 815282), or at the door. www.villagemusicclub.co.uk

30th, Tuesday, LH & Albury Garden Club, 7.45pm

Our guest speaker will be Mr B. Bossom – his subject: "My World of Roses." Everyone is welcome.

Future events

5th February at 8pm. Parish Council meeting

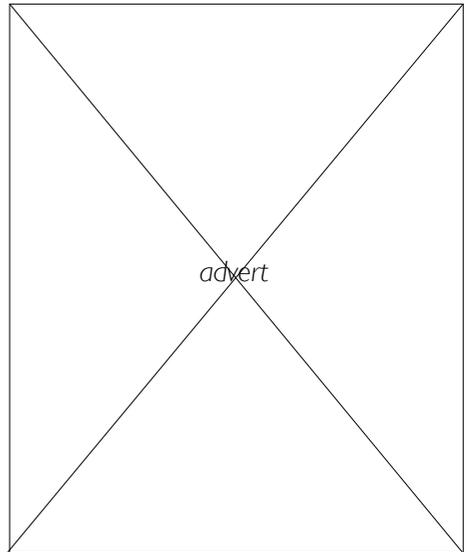
17th March, 7.30pm St John's Church, Stansted
The London Concertante Chamber Ensemble with Strauss and Beethoven.

25th March, **Walk of Life** for Kidney Research, Hatfield House. Info. 01933 650284

Who said that?

"I keep six honest serving-men
(They taught me all I knew);
Their names are What and Why and When
And How and Where and Who."

Rudyard Kipling



BEWARE

CHILDREN

BEWARE

Do you drive to the Post Office in the Village Hall?

Please be aware of small children on Tuesday mornings when the Parent, Baby and Toddler Group meets in the Hall. Drive slowly!

SLOW DOWN FOR CHILDREN

Those Crossword Answers you've been waiting for...

ACROSS 5. Hades 6. Danube 7. Lather 9. Expressed 11. Slap 12. Straw 14. Arts 15. Imp 16. You 17. Emir 19. Awake 21. Gore 23. Statement 26. Vacant 27. Gazebo 28. Cinch

ANSWERS DOWN 1. Flannel 2. Cheep 3. Isles 4. Chemist 8. Rear 9. Empires 10. Draught 12. Spa 13. Wye 18. Mallard 20. Ahem 22. Rarebit 24. Aitch 25. Eight

Regular events

held 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

Farmers' Market: 9.00 - 12 noon, last
Saturday of month. Brenda Kain 771028

Fight Club & Self-defense: 11am Sundays

Fit 'n' Fun: 1pm Fridays, term-time.
Catherine Petch, 771636

Karate: 5 - 6pm Wednesdays,
Catherine Petch, 771636

LH & Albury Garden Club, usually third
Thursday of month. Contact Frank Green,
771532 or Dennis Taylor, 771987

LH & Albury Social Club, second Tuesday of
month, 7.45pm. Ennis Rogers, 658585

Mobile Police Station: 9 - 11am 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

Parish Council, No meeting in January

Playgroup: 1.00pm - 3.30pm Mondays,

Tuesdays, Wednesdays in the Nursery at
LH School. Lisa Wilkins, 776275

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

Village Hall bookings: Mrs Fardell 771697

Way Inn coffee morning, third Thursday of
month 10 - 12 noon, rear of Village Hall.

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

Useful phone numbers:

Stansted Airport Noise Complaints:

0800 243788

Road or Pavement problems, call Highways
on 01438 737320

Water/Sewage problems, call Thames Water
on 0800 376 5325

Environment Agency Incident Line:

0800 807060

Police non-emergency phone number (local
rate) 0845 3300222

PC Anna Jermain/PCSO Cooke 01992

533165, 07736 225378, 07876 391064

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SU DOKU no.5

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

CHALK PITS

One solution - no
need to guess.

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If you have a Lloyds, Barclays or
Alliance & Leicester bank account
with a card and PIN you can now
withdraw cash from
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Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 - 11am.,
in the Doctor's Reception Room
behind the Village Hall.

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your current balance.

January diary for Little Hadham and Albury

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

4th Thursday

9am Holy Communion at St. Cecilia's, Little Hadham

7th SUNDAY The Epiphany

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

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

14th SUNDAY 2nd of Epiphany

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

18th Thursday

7.00pm Meeting in St. Andrew's, Much Hadham for those interested in doing a musical play for Easter. All ages welcome.

21st SUNDAY 3rd of Epiphany

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

9.30am All age Service in the Village Hall

6.30pm *Special service to celebrate the anniversary of the Ash and Quin Valleys' team, St. Andrew's, Much Hadham. Celebrant and Preacher, the Right Reverend Christopher Foster, Bishop of Hertford. All welcome.*

28th SUNDAY 4th of Epiphany

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

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

BAPTISM, at St. Cecilia's, Little Hadham, on Sunday 10 December

Scarlett Sweetpea Lear of 4, Huguenot Cottages, Little Hadham

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

Would you like to learn to surf?

Plans are afoot to set up an 'Internet Café' in Little Hadham to unravel the mysteries of the computer and explain how easy it is to send and receive e-mails and to explore – or 'surf' – the internet, including using The Hadhams website. As a first step in this latest Parish Plan project, small groups of residents of any age will be shown how to get started and will receive advice on how to develop computer skills.

You don't even need to own a computer to take part – and, yes, you'll get a cup of coffee. We'll provide the equipment and some initial instruction. At this stage, we need to establish the level of interest and what experience you already have. We will also be talking to those who expressed an interest when this and other Parish Plan ideas were floated last year. If you want to learn more, call Bev Evans (842803) – or send him an e-mail! (derkittlehadham@homecall.co.uk).

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(cheques payable to Little Hadham PCC) **must** be received by the editor by the **18th** of the month.