

# Little Hadham PARISH NEWS May 2007



*May blossom*

*PLANT SALE MAY 5TH, 10 - 12 noon  
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# Letter from the Rectory

There was a time when the village school all trooped up to church on Ascension Day, and was then released to play. So I suppose to previous generations of children the Ascension had good associations; perhaps of holiday and Spring happiness. Today it is no longer the case, and indeed for many Christians, celebrating the Feast of the Ascension is an almost forgotten event. In our Team of churches however, this Ascension (May 17<sup>th</sup>), we will mark the day with an evening Eucharist at St Andrew's, followed by refreshments and a social gathering.

Ascension Day is preceded by Rogation Sunday (May 13<sup>th</sup>), traditionally a time to praise God in nature; when in Much Hadham we shall walk from the Ford to St Thomas's for a special evensong. The two Festivals may seem at opposite extremes, with Ascension thinking of things heavenly and Rogation of things earthly. In fact the two are not so far apart. We believe that the God of Heaven is the same as the God of earth, sea and sky. At the Ascension we celebrate Christ's human nature as it were taking its place with God. At Rogation we celebrate as it were God's divine nature taking its place in the totality of human life, including the natural world that sustains us. Lifting our eyes to the heavens to seek a greater vision for humanity is not so far removed from lifting up our hearts as we walk through the bluebell woods.

But as we lift our eyes to heaven, we are not blind to the problems both of humanity and nature. Ascension coincides with Christian Aid Week, and our attention will be drawn to the poverty, war and disease that many suffer around the globe. There is the additional awareness of the specific consequences of climate change for all of us, so we will be collecting with even greater zeal to help those in dire poverty and distress.

Do come and join us in our celebrations as well as in our Christian Aid work across the Team if you can. You will be most welcome. I end with the words of Psalm 121,

*"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills: from whence cometh my help.*

*My help cometh even from the Lord: who hath made heaven and earth*

*The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in:*

*From this time forth for evermore."*

Chris Boulton

The wedding of **Daniel Bunce and Mandy Lowton** took place on 14th April.

The entry in April's issue read Bruce instead of Bunce, for which we apologise.

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# VILLAGE NEWS

## The Village Hall *from Jon Fardell*

*THE GOOD NEWS* – Progress is being made on the re-roofing of the main hall. The technical specification has been finalised in conjunction with Ruberoid, who have agreed to supply the roofing materials free of charge as part of their centenary project to support local community groups. This is a fantastic offer and will enable the work to go ahead as soon as we can get an acceptable quotation. The work will also include additional insulation, which should make the hall warmer in winter and save on heating costs.

*THE BAD NEWS* – There have recently been problems with vandalism at the hall – a broken window, smashed external light, damaged sign, broken door handle, and stolen manhole cover. Fairly minor things, but they take time and money to put right. There are also problems with use of the car park – dangerous driving activities with cars, scooters, and mini-motorcycles, and also suspected drug dealing activities. The car park is private, and is for the benefit of people using the hall and facilities only. The Police are aware of these problems. If you see any of these activities going on please telephone the police immediately, so that they have a chance of catching the people involved.

## Surf's up!

LITTLE HADHAM'S 'Internet Café' was formally launched in March to provide an intro to computing, the Internet and e-mailing, and to help those who have already started 'surfing' to hone their skills. Organised courtesy of the Parish Plan, the workshops are held in the computer suite of our local school. Two sessions have already taken place and



interest is mounting among would-be surfers. If you would like to take part, please contact Bev Evans, our Parish Clerk and former IT teacher, who runs the workshops, on 842803, or e-mail [clerklittlehadham@homecall.co.uk](mailto:clerklittlehadham@homecall.co.uk)

## New parish councillors



THERE'LL be four new faces at the first meeting of the newly elected parish council. The parish council election was uncontested because nominations equalled the seven vacancies.

Pictured above, l - r, the new councillors are:

**Carmela Piccolo**, from Cradle End, who promises to "make a difference for the better" and whose busy life includes running a 100-year-old narrow boat on the canal at Tring;

**Geoff Williamson**, from Ford Hill, with a background in marketing, a member of Rotary, and the proud owner of a Routemaster bus;

**John Purvis**, from Westland Green, a business development specialist who takes part in our local karate club with his son;

**Nigel Darken**, from Bury Green, a sports enthusiast who owns a major Harley-Davidson motorcycle dealership.

Re-elected for another four years are Cllrs Tony Skidmore, Andy Morris and Mike Fairchild. Tony Skidmore paid tribute to the four retiring councillors for their services to the community.

**Tom Feather**, the village archivist, former flood warden and teacher at Hadham Hall School, became a councillor for the second time in 2003. **Mags Gibson** was highly successful in raising funds to kick-start the playground regeneration scheme. **Stephen Stigwood's** knowledge of the parish and rural matters had

## HISTORIC BUILDINGS OF LITTLE HADHAM



### WHERE IS IT?

In the middle of a field to the east of the road between Little Hadham and Much Hadham, about opposite the junction with New Road.

### WHAT IS IT?

Perhaps more familiar to dog walkers than anyone else, at first glance it looks rather like a dilapidated agricultural building. In fact it is a war-time support building, probably built in about 1940, for the anti-aircraft gun that was located on the west side of the road at the bottom of Warner's Hill. The building was presumably a standard MOD design and was

built at a strategic distance from the gun itself. The accommodation appears to include a garage area for transport, ammunition store, and accommodation for the gun crew.

The photo shows the east side of the building, overlooking the Ash Valley – a beautiful place to be on a sunny summer's morning, but perhaps not so nice on a cold winter's night. However, the comforts of the Red Lion at Much Hadham, or The Fox at Little Hadham were only a short walk away.

Bill Petts (who died in 2000) said he couldn't remember the gun ever being fired in anger, but the practice rounds were so loud back at The Ford that they caused more alarm and consternation than any bombs would have done! The building is on private land, and permission from the owner would be required for a closer look.

## £50,000 in Play Money – highlight of a successful year for the village

A YEAR OF PROGRESS AND SOME MAJOR improvements for the village. That was the message at a well-attended Little Hadham annual parish assembly, made even more welcoming with savoury snacks and complimentary French wines. One of the highlights was confirmation that the village has won a Biffaward of £45,000 under a community regeneration scheme run by waste management company, Biffa.

In what will be the biggest-ever capital project managed by the parish council, the money will pay for the total re-equipping of the village hall playing field with an aerial runway, new swings, a roundabout, a see-saw that takes several children and a Nexus multi-activity centre with climbing wall and even a

'banister rail' to slide down! A bid for Lottery funding for improvements to gates and fencing would take the total to over £50,000.

Residents watched a video of the new equipment and heard from SMP, the manufacturers, that the new playing field should be open in time for the summer holidays. More information in future editions of the Parish News.

The revamped playing field will be combined with the village hall to create the new Village Centre, one of the 'big ideas' in the parish plan. In a progress report on the plan, Cllr Mike Fairchild announced a design competition (details shortly) to create a new gateway to the Village Centre. He reported on last year's successful Fun Day, opening of the

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Internet Café (see this edition), a forthcoming welcome pack and visitor's guide to the village, first of the Little Hadham 'Safaris', and plans to set up a Youth Council to give our youngsters a bigger 'voice' (more details on all these in next edition). He said the Hadhams' website now has more news about Little Hadham and he complimented Jan Finn on a more newsy and colourful Parish News. [Gosh, thanks – Ed]

Parish council chairman Tony Skidmore reviewed the work of the council over the last four years and priorities to be taken forward. Liz Stockley, headteacher of Little Hadham Primary School, received a round of applause for her report of a busy and successful year. Inspector Andrew Piper, new head of our local Police force, said one priority was to bring expectation of crime into line with actual crime, which was down. Max Ashley reported on local charities and County Cllr Mary Bayes promised to follow up on highways and other matters raised by residents. •

A CLICKER

*May be slicker  
As we suffer in the queues,  
But Little Hadham's far too cool  
Not to spot an April Fool!  
(though it's in the Parish News.)  
So we'll have to await The BYPASS.  
(A.C., Poet-in-residence, Little Hadham)*

*You are invited to the next  
**MEDLEY OF MEALS**  
on*

*Saturday 26th May 7.30pm  
at Mrs Sue Isaac's home 'Tomways', Bury Green*

*Tickets £7.50 from Mrs Isaac (651673), or  
members of the PCC*

## Stansted Airport Community Trust

IN FEBRUARY this year the trustees of Stansted Airport Community Trust were pleased to award grants of around £81,000 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, 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 July. The Trust does not fund parish council or individuals' projects and does not grant money for completed projects.

For further details please contact SACT, PO Box 11, County Hall, Chelmsford CM1 1LX or e-mail: [dlr.susan.flack@essexcc.gov.uk](mailto:dlr.susan.flack@essexcc.gov.uk) for an application form or advice.

## Little Hadham School "Believing and Achieving"

It was good to meet with so many of you at the Parish Assembly recently. It is really important to us at school that we continue to build our links with the village. We certainly look forward to seeing more village 'surfers' at the 'Internet Café' sessions on Tuesday afternoons in our ICT suite.

For us, May brings the end of Key Stage testing but in order to give the children something to look forward to, we have organised a 'Post-SATS Disco' for all the children to enjoy!

Similarly the last week in May is our 'Performing Arts Week' where lots of fun activities are planned to stimulate the children's interest.

Don't forget to come and support our School Promotions Group on their stall at Standon May Day!

Thank you for your continued support.

Liz Stockley (Head)

# What's on in May ...

in the Village Hall unless otherwise stated

**3, 17, 31, Thur, Mobile Library**, details back cover.

**5, Sat, Plant Sale**, 10-12noon

**5, 6, Sat, Sun, Abseil for Isabel Hospice**, 9.30-5pm, Church Langley Water Tower, which can be seen from the M11. The abseil is 110 feet and you will control the speed of the descent yourself. Refreshments will be available on the day so why not put a team together? If you have the daredevil in you and would like to take part, register by completing an entry form which can be downloaded from [www.harlowtye.freeuk.com](http://www.harlowtye.freeuk.com) and return it with a cheque for £30.00 made payable to Rotary Club of Harlow Tye. Further info: Mike Hayter on 734211.

**6, Sun, Charity Super Six Challenge**, for Isabel Hospice, at The Arts and Leisure Centre, Lytton Way, Stevenage, 6-hour sponsored workout to music. Qualified instructor. Includes line dancing, thai chi, aerobics, and legs, bums and tums. You can donate £5.00 to participate in each class of your choice or you can obtain sponsorship to do several or all of the events. Call 08700 132068 or 01707 376782 for a place or to request a sponsorship form.

**7, Mon, Standon May Day**, Standon.

**8, Tues, LH & Albury Social Club**, 8pm

An Open Meeting when anyone with an interesting topic will be welcome to talk for about 15 minutes. Bob Sewell will start the evening with a story of his army years. If we have time to spare a Beetle Drive has been arranged. Admission £1.50, including refreshments. You will be made most welcome. We still have a few seats available for the trip to The Chiltern Open Air Museum on 13th July. Tel: 658585 or 771580 for information.

**9, Wed, Parish Council Meeting**, 8pm.

Everybody welcome. If you care about what happens in our village, come along.

**9-12, "Allo 'Allo"** Sawbridgeworth Players,

Victoria Hall Theatre, St. John's Road, Old Harlow. This show really is too good to miss! Doors open 7.30pm, curtain up 8.00pm. (2.30pm & 3.00pm for Saturday Matinee) Evening performance tickets cost £7.50, £6.00 for concessions, Matinee £6.00 & £4.50. Available by calling 07966 885227 or emailing [kudesa@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:kudesa@tiscali.co.uk). Also available from The Tuck Shop and The Café of Angels, Bell Street, Sawbridgeworth and Footprint at Hatfield Heath. Subject to availability, on performance nights, at the door. Saturday evening already sold out. Tickets going fast. Details: 07966 885227

**10, Thur, Team Stableford competition** for Isabel Hospice at Welwyn Garden City Golf Club. Tee times start at 9.00am until 2.40pm. Early registration recommended as places fill quickly. Buffet Lunch and Casino evening are included in the price of £60 per person. Raffle and Auction in the evening with prizes for the first three teams plus prizes for the longest drive and nearest pin. For further information or to reserve a place contact Pam Shepherd in Fundraising 01707 376782

**13, Sun, Open Garden**, 1pm-5pm. Pelham House, Brent Pelham. Informal garden (3.5 acres) started by the present owner. Wide variety of trees and shrubs, especially birches and oaks. Bulb frames, raised beds with alpines and acid-loving plants and a small formal area with ponds. Homemade teas in aid of Isabel Hospice. On east side of Brent Pelham. On B1038 when travelling from Clavering immediately after the village sign.

**17, Thur, "Way Inn"** coffee morning. See p15.

**17, Thur, LH & Albury Garden Club.**

We have organised an evening visit to the Tomato Nursery at Green Tye. If you would like to come, please be in the village hall car park by 7.10pm and we will car share to the

nursery. Contact Frank Green, 771532, or Dennis Taylor, 771987, if you need further information.

**19, Sat, "Elvis Night",** 7.30pm, Little Hadham School. Details: Judith Crimes, 771146

**20, Sun, Open Garden,** Cockhamstead, Braughing. Two acres of informal planting: alliums, grasses, tree peonies and early roses. It also has an island surrounded by a 14th Century moat. Admission: £3.00, children free. Proceeds from the homemade teas will come to Isabel Hospice. 2 miles east of Braughing, towards Braughing Friars. Take the first turn left into Friars Road. For more info. contact Fundraising on 01707 376782.

**26, Sat, Farmers' Market,** 9-12noon. Come and have a cooked breakfast.

**26, Sat, Medley of Meals,** 7.30pm, at Mrs Sue Isaac's home, 'Tomways', Bury Green. Tickets £7.50 from Mrs Isaac (651673), or members of the PCC.

**27, Sun, Teas in gardens,** 2-5.30pm. The White House, Munden Road, Dane End, with the kind permission of Sally and Jonathan Pool. National Gardens Scheme for charity. Teas provided for the benefit of Isabel Hospice.

**27, Sun, Sunrise Family Rounders Day,** 2-6pm Birchwood Leisure Centre, in aid of Isabel Hospice. All welcome, boys and girls of all ages and experience. Lots to do including raffles, refreshments, and much more. For more information, contact Waiky Shek on 07961 303878, email [wksis@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:wksis@yahoo.co.uk)

**28, Mon, Open Garden,** 2-5pm, Fanhams Hall, Ware. Built in the Jacobean style, set in 27 acres of beautiful gardens. The Japanese Garden areas were laid out by Professor Suzuki in 1900. Mountains, waterfalls, bridges, lakes, trees, and stones – each has a great significance within the garden. Admisson £3.00 with all proceeds going to Isabel Hospice.

*Little Hadham & Albury Garden Club's  
Annual Plant Sale/Coffee Morning  
Saturday 5th May, 10am - 12noon in the Village Hall  
A wide variety of plants will be for sale at very reasonable prices.*

... and coming soon,

**June 1, Scottish Country Dance,** for Isabel Hospice and others. Info: 01920 821366

**June 2, Jumble Sale,** for Isabel Hospice, Info. 01920 462992

**June 3, Mary Gethin Walk,** 10.30-12.00 in Furneux Pelham. Info from Cheryl Cusack in Fundraising, 01707 330686

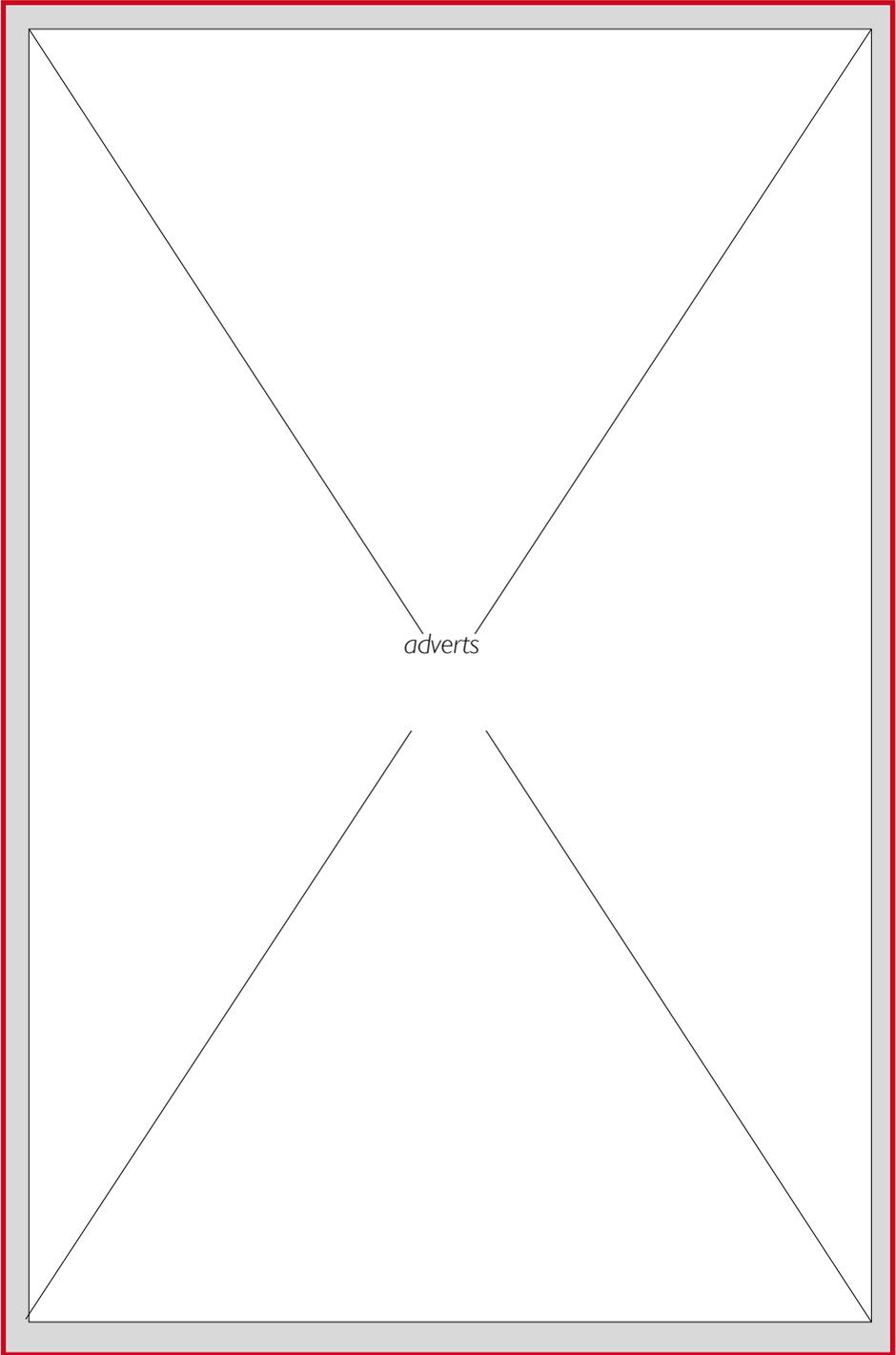
**June 10, Teas in Gardens:** Bayford House

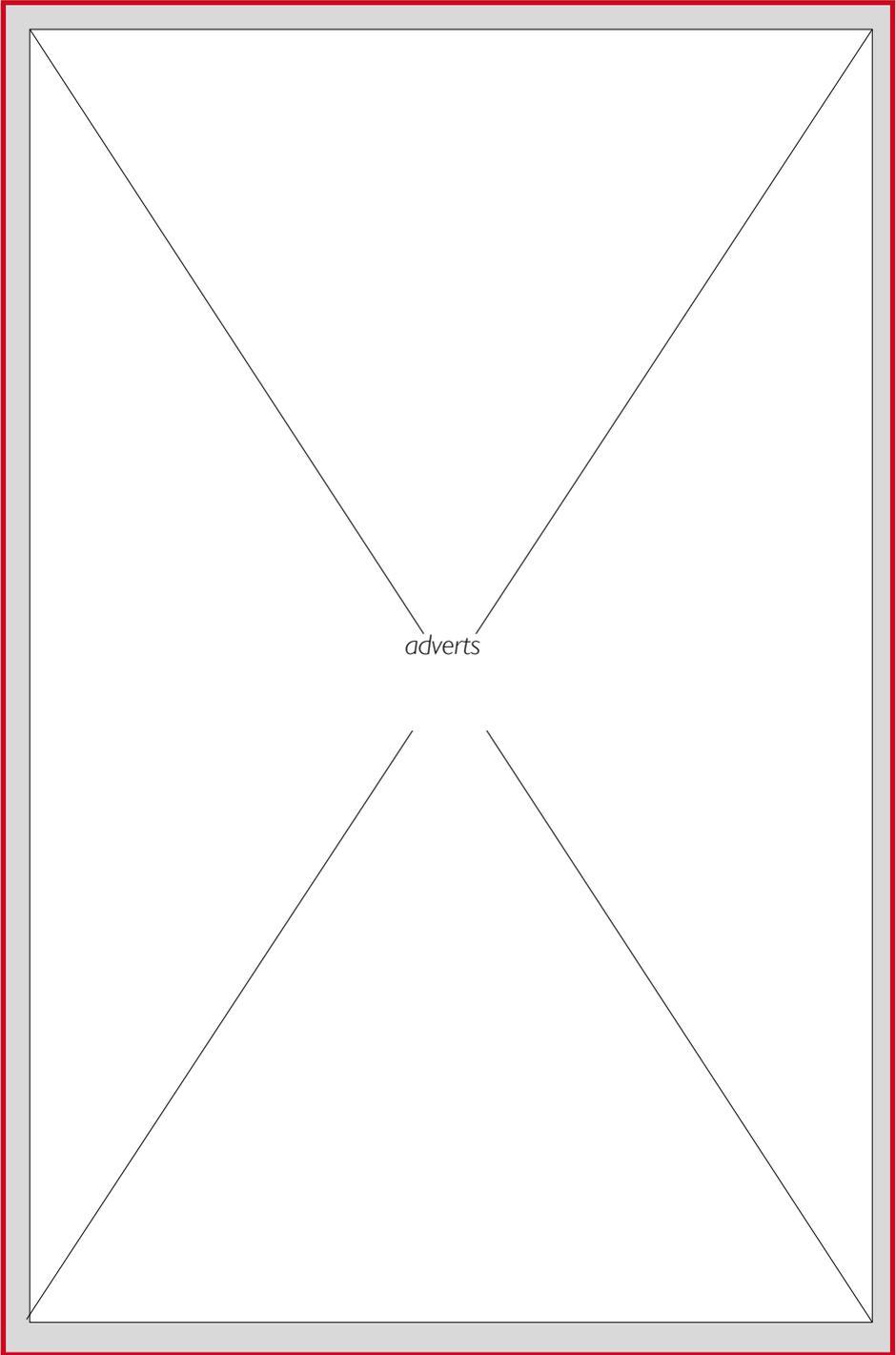
**July 13, LH & Albury Social Club Outing,** Info: 658585 or 771580. Everyone welcome.

**July 14, Summer Soirée,** The Village Music Club, Stansted. More details nearer the time.

**July 15, Tandem Skydive** for Isabel Hospice. Details: Lisa Seccombe on 01707 330686.

**Date TBA, Fun Day Fun Run,** 5k or 10k for Isabel Hospice. Details: 01707 330686.





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# Little Hadham Cricket Club

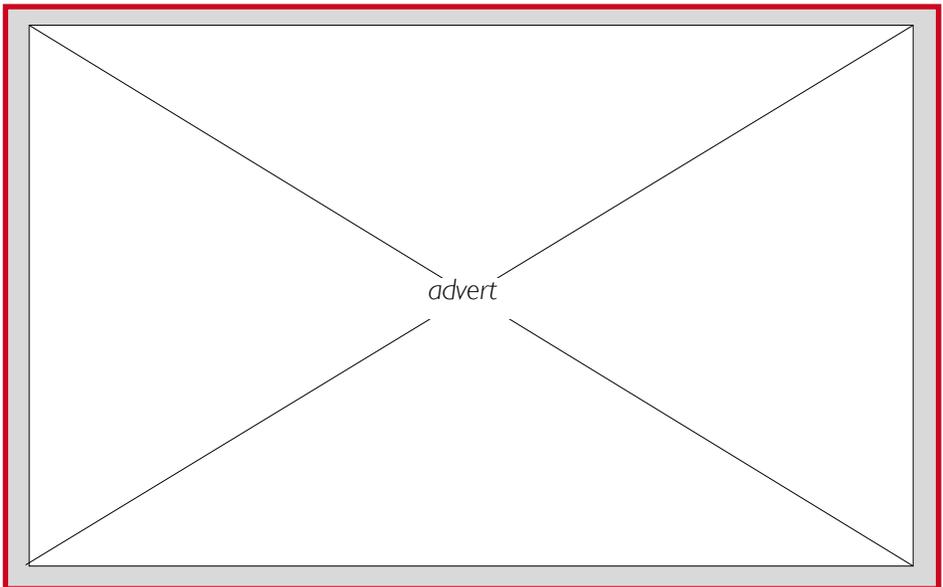
We started the new season amidst glorious sunshine on the 14th April. On the Saturday we played Buntingford away in a 40-over friendly. Batting first, Little Hadham scored 155 all out with George Beckley top scoring with 30. In reply Buntingford were bowled out for 143, giving Hadham a victory by just 12 runs in a close and exciting finish. On the Sunday, County Hall visited Millfield Lane and again batting first we amassed 208 for 7. However this was not enough as County Hall reached 209 for 2, with five overs to spare, winning by eight wickets. May is a very busy month for the club, with the start of our league campaign and a number of evening

cup matches, as well as Sunday friendlies. The club is playing in Division 5 of the Herts & Essex Cricket League (sponsored by Ten-17 FM) following relegation last season. The club is always looking for more players of all abilities and ages and even if you have never played cricket before why not come and "have a go"? Currently our youngest player is eleven; our oldest nearly 70 and we play a mixture

MAY FIXTURES				
5 <sup>th</sup>	Thaxted	(League)	Home	1.30
6 <sup>th</sup>	Stocking Pelham		Home	2.00
7 <sup>th</sup>	Ardleigh Green		Home	2.00
12 <sup>th</sup>	Stansted II	(League)	Away	1.30
13 <sup>th</sup>	Manuden		Away	1.30
15 <sup>th</sup>	Buntingford	(League cup)	Home	6.00
19 <sup>th</sup>	Thundridge	(League)	Home	1.30
20 <sup>th</sup>	Takeley		Away	2.30
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Furneux Pelham*		Home	6.00
26 <sup>th</sup>	Newport II	(League)	Away	1.30
27 <sup>th</sup>	Albury		Away	2.30
28 <sup>th</sup>	Thorley		Home	2.30
* (Herts village trophy)				

of league, 20-over cup and friendly cricket.

If anyone is interested in playing, umpiring or just generally supporting us then please contact either: John Brooks, 508248 mob 07709 107963, Neil Oxborrow, 506062 or Eileen Booth in the village post office, for more details.



## Tea@3

THROUGHOUT the whole of June we will be running "Tea at 3". This is a wonderful opportunity to get together with old and new friends and at the same time raise vitally needed funds for Isabel Hospice.

Hold a coffee morning, afternoon tea, barbeque, or get-together with a few friends in the evening. Alternatively, get together with colleagues or friends at work and hold a raffle; charge for tea one day in June or just hold a collection for our "Tea at 3" event.

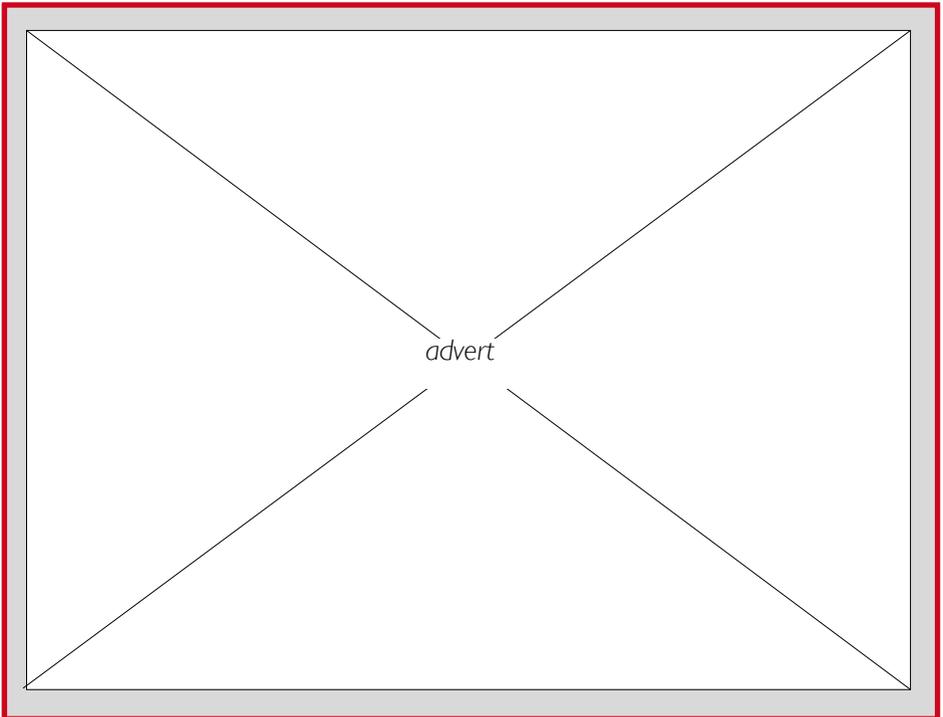
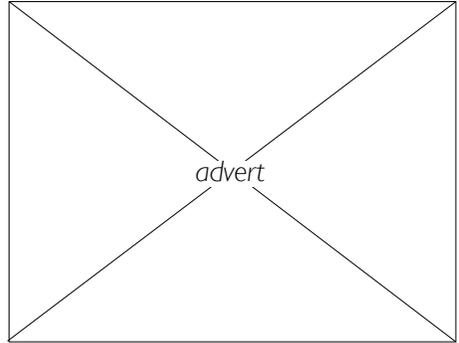
Packs are available from the fundraising office and include a "Tea Quiz", stickers and ideas. Every penny donated is so greatly appreciated. Donations raised will help us continue to provide our services free of charge to the local community. Please call Pam Shepherd if you would like to take part on 01707 376782.

## Are you PP who married CJP in 1993?

### Do you have a relative named Beckie?

If so, she is keen to find you and would like to get in touch with you. If you think you are the PP she is looking for please contact Jan, the editor, who will pass on your details.

[hftp@clocktower.co.uk](mailto:hftp@clocktower.co.uk) or 01279 771113



## VILLAGE NEWS (continued from page 3)

been invaluable. **Paul Forman** had used his business experience in contractual negotiations, especially over the playground. The retiring councillors received a gift of wine and the applause of the audience.

### **Bypass: Residents vote for northerly option**

RESIDENTS of Little Hadham crowded into a meeting of the Parish Council to hear the councillors discuss their response to the consultation on the route of the proposed Little Hadham bypass. They heard that almost threequarters of residents had opted for one of the northerly routes in a survey by consultants advising the Highways authority. The most popular was the longest northerly route that was furthest from the village.

This route runs from the 'Tesco roundabout', goes north of Hadham Park, crosses the Ash valley and the Albury Road and joins the A120 near the turning to Albury End. It could incorporate a scheme to reduce the risk of flooding in the village. Only around 19 per cent of people voted for either of the southern routes, which would involve a viaduct – one of them slicing through the Village Hall playing field. Residents made it clear they

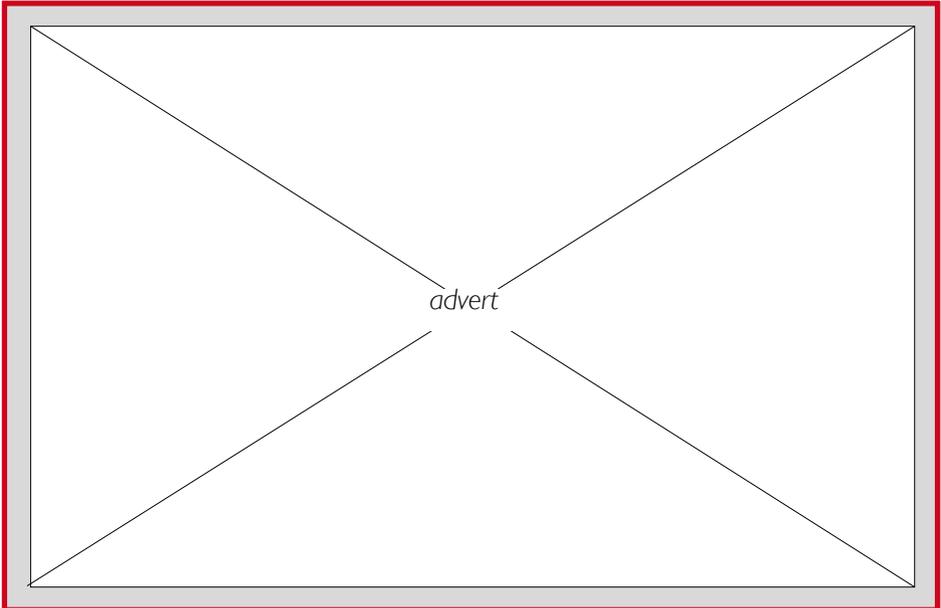
would have preferred a more ambitious bypass linking the M11 and the A10 although this was not one of the options.

The council endorsed the results of the survey and the view of the public meeting and voted in favour of Option 5. Councillors urged Highways to reduce traffic through the village once the bypass is built (2011 at the earliest); minimise impact on people living in the Albury Road area; and seek an interim solution to congestion on the current A120 and resulting rat-run through Bury Green and Westland Green. They also stressed that a bypass must not be used as an excuse for infill housing development, which would be strongly opposed by residents.

### **Stansted will get the message!**

THANKS to everyone who completed the questionnaire in the last edition which asked for comments to be made on your behalf at the public inquiry into Stansted Airport's plans to grow the existing runway.

The usual culprits of noise and traffic build-up topped the list but the impact of aviation on climate change also featured.



## The Village People Lives

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

The older people not used to bikes had to walk every where. Post Office, Shops, Pubs, Doctors and Bishop's Stortford. Men in the winter in the dark walking to work and home again. The only time they saw their home outside was on Sunday. The women in their home nearly all day home work and getting a evening hot meal. Sometimes it was soup thick with pea etc. The main thing was Half Bullocks Head or Sheeps Head with potatoes Turnips and Green. No Afters those days. But there was plenty of steam coming from the table those days. Food not like today but very filling. The men in their dinner baskets were a loave of Bread, Cheese, and Butter that for breakfast and mid-day meal. Sometimes a bit of Bacon and a Bacon roll pudding cold slices. Coffee, just plain, no milk but sweet carried in a tin like bottle which could be sat near the fire in the field. But most men were ready for their supper at night. At Sunday midday dinner Suet Pudding first with gravies on. Then a Pudding with meat in a Basin. Also some time roast meat. After perhaps rice and jam, treacle what all called "Maggots and Glue".

The children taking their school meals as most of them stayed to dinner but no free food nor drink. The children having bread and butter or jam, once a week some broken biscuits which were cheap at the shop. The pocket money for children was half a penny first per week then older one penny to spend on sweet but sweet were mixed 4ozs for a penny. Bed early for all 9.30pm most people were in bed as it was all up early. One thing to be seen Every woman when her afternoon work was done. A spotless white apron with a wide ribbon at the back. The character of most women being her clean apron and her hair well done in a bun.

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## from Brenda Kain ...

Some of you may have seen the article in the Sunday Times exposing a company who regularly sells at farmers' markets. Brian and I thought it appropriate to explain the philosophy of our market, in order that you may be assured no such practices exist in Little Hadham.

For some time now we have suspected that some markets are allowing goods to be sold which are "not what they seem". Amazingly the markets where this happens the most are regulated by FARMA (The National Farmers' Retail & Markets Association), the organisation which is supposed to prevent such goings-on. When we started the market we decided not to join FARMA, or its predecessor NAFM, as we were not convinced of their effectiveness. Since then we have made it our mission to ensure that what you buy at our market is grown or reared by the people behind the stalls. Stallholders have come and gone and we have always ensured that each stallholder holds the appropriate public liability insurance and we have inspected their place of business.

More and more farmers' markets have appeared over the years. Some are run by the local councils and some not. Without wishing to be controversial I could point you towards those where we know that rogue stallholders are allowed to trade, and this was one of the driving forces behind our setting up Little Hadham Farmers' Market. If you are concerned about the provenance of your food you might wish to consider where the foods sold at Continental Markets held locally are sourced.

For the sake of integrity we have once again contacted all our stallholders, sending them a copy of the article, to ensure that they too are aware of the bad practices that have come to light. You can be assured that at our market stallholders are genuine and no such practices exist with them. If, for any reason, anything untoward becomes apparent be assured that the stallholder will be asked to leave our market.

Thank you all for your support. We know that without you, the customer, Little Hadham Farmers' Market would not exist.

## Regular events

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-defence:** 11am Sundays
- Fit 'n' Fun:** 1pm Fridays, term-time.  
Catherine Petch, 771636
- Karate:** 5-6pm & 8-9pm Wednesdays,  
Catherine Petch, 771636
- 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
- Playgroup:** 1.00pm - 3.30pm Mondays,  
Tuesdays, Wednesdays in the Nursery at  
LH School. Lisa Wilkins, 776275
- LH Post Office:** 9.00 - 11am Tuesdays and  
Thursdays, rear of the Village Hall in the  
Doctor's Reception Room.
- Whist Drive:** Last Thursday of month.  
Ross Barron, 771694

**Village Hall bookings:**  
**Mrs Fardell, 01279 771697**

## Coup de grâce for St. C's

On 24th March two dozen volunteers helped out at St. Cecilia's churchyard by undertaking many different jobs; clearing up fallen branches, grass cutting, lighting a bonfire, fitting steps for and tidying the St. Cecilia's Garden of Remembrance, repairing fallen memorial stones and, of even greater importance, providing tea and delicious home-baked cakes for refreshments. The Church Wardens would like to thank you all for helping to maintain the churchyard in such good condition - thanks also to those who couldn't attend on the 24th but arrived a few days later and finished off the grass cutting!

## 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 – 12 noon in the Village Hall  
(Rear entrance, by Post Office)

### SU DOKU no.9

Complete this grid so that each row, column and block of 9 squares contains the letters of the words

### RED LIGHTS

Only one answer – no need to guess

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## Kyokujitsu Kyokushin Karate Club

### Adult/Teenager Karate Club

**Wednesdays**  
**8.00pm – 9.00pm**  
**Little Hadham Village Hall**  
**£4.00**

**FITNESS / CIRCUIT WORK**  
**BAG WORK / FOCUS PADS**  
**TECHNICAL WORK**  
**SELF-DEFENCE**  
**STRETCHING**  
**SPARRING**

### GET IN SHAPE FOR SUMMER!

**CONTACT: Senpai Catherine Petch**  
**01279 771636, 07946 484498**

## Gotcha!

Traffic light 'solution' fails to click with 50 residents

REQUESTS flooded in for a 'clicker' to switch the Little Hadham traffic lights to green to give priority to local residents. Some families requested several (one wanted five), others came to collect theirs in person, and there was a big rush on the last day.

Unfortunately, no-one will get a 'clicker'. The clue, of course, was the closing date of the offer – **Sunday April 1st!** Some tried to retrieve their applications when they realised. Others wanted to know if they were the only ones taken in. Don't worry, your secret is safe with us, and if you applied you were one of more than 50 taken in.

The perpetrator of this dastardly spoof remains unrepentant. However, as a small token of remorse, he will be making a donation equivalent to the value of the stamps used by applicants.

It will go, of course, to Comic Relief.

# May diary for Little Hadham and Albury

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

2	Wednesday	
10.30am		Holy Communion at St Andrew's, Much Hadham
3	Thursday	
9.00am		Holy Communion at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham
6	Sunday	<b>Easter 5</b>
8.00am		Holy Communion at St Thomas's, Perry Green
9.30am		Family Service, with the Brownies attending, St Cecilia's, Little Hadham
9	Wednesday	
10.30am		Holy Communion at St Andrew's, Much Hadham
13	Sunday	<b>Easter 6: Rogation Day</b>
9.30am		Shared Communion (with Albury) at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham
5.30pm		Rogation Walk from the Ford, Malting Lane, Much Hadham
6.00pm		Sung Evensong at St Thomas's, Perry Green
15	Tuesday	Christian Aid Week
8.00pm		Team Council Meeting in the Vestry Room, St Andrew's, Much Hadham
16	Wednesday	
10.30am		Holy Communion, St Andrew's, Much Hadham
17	Thursday	Ascension Day
7.30pm		Celebration Team Eucharist at St Andrew's (Bring and share refreshments afterwards.)
19	Saturday	
3.00pm		Wedding of Nicholas Middleton and Victoria Rowson, St Cecilia's, Little Hadham
20	Sunday	<b>Easter 7: Ascension I</b>
8.00am		Holy Communion at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham
9.30am		Family Service in the Village Hall, Little Hadham
12.30pm		Baptism of Charles Starr at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham
6.00pm		Evensong at St Mary's, Albury
23	Wednesday	
10.30am		Holy Communion, St Andrew's, Much Hadham
8.00pm		Meeting of the Bishop's Stortford Deanery Synod at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham
26	Saturday	
7.30pm		Medley Meal at Sue Isaac's
27	Sunday	<b>Pentecost, Whit Sunday</b>
9.30am		Parish Communion, St Cecilia's, Little Hadham (No evensong)
6.00pm		Songs of Praise at Braughing

## Red Cross

Volunteers required

Would you be willing to help the British Red Cross Society with their house-to-house collections in the village during Red Cross week in early May? Any time you can spare would be greatly appreciated. Please phone

Sandra Evans on  
771639. Thanks!

Read your Parish  
News before it's  
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## 3rd 17th 31st May Mobile Library

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.