

# Little Hadham PICNIC NEWS August 2007



## *That daring young man on the flying trapeze!*

Our intrepid Rector, Chris Boulton, was among several grown-ups who couldn't resist the temptation of a thrilling ride on the aerial runway at the official opening of our new playground. Costing around £50,000, the playground was made possible with a major grant from Biffaward as well as donations from East Herts Council, the Parish Council and local firms and individuals. Mrs Liz Stockley, head of Little Hadham Primary School, opened the new playground, which delivers a promise made in the Parish Plan to provide more facilities for youngsters. Children and parents, pictured here, turned out in force to try out the 'Nexus' and other state-of-the-art play equipment.

# Letter from Chris Boulton

What do you get if you cross a terrier with a bulldog? A Terribull dog! It is a terribull joke, I know; but sometimes we need to cheer ourselves up; even with a cringing joke. Occasionally, if I come home late after a busy day, I love nothing more than listening to a recording of one of my favourite comedy programmes in order to wind down.

It is said, "Laughter is the best medicine". This might be regarded as a statement of the obvious; but scientists have claimed to prove what everyone else takes for granted – that laughter really is good for you. It turns out that even the anticipation of watching a funny video can raise the levels of immune-boosting hormones in the blood and the benefits can last up to a day.

People have very different senses of humour of course, and what I find funny others might consider humourless. Children seem to have a humorous world of their own. Different nations often laugh at different jokes; sometimes at each other's expense. Laughing at others is more often offensive or cynical than amusing, and can be cruel. Furthermore, some people have very little in their lives to laugh about. If you are in great mental or physical pain, or in the grip of violence and hunger, then laughter can seem impossible and irrelevant.

Nevertheless, laughter is a fundamental part of human life and a very important tool in social interaction. When we saw Ian Paisley and Gerry Adams sharing a joke, we knew that a real breakthrough in Irish politics had occurred; even though I reflected that 30 years of terror and killing had been no laughing matter. Laughter can be liberating and healing, but it can have a sharp edge too.

I was reminded of this when I saw a version of a painting by Emmanuel Garibay, a Philippino artist, called, "Emmaus, Jesus laughing and loving". He wrote of his own work: "So the figure at the centre is a woman – she could be mistaken for a man because she has short hair – she is drinking with them and kind of telling a joke and everybody is laughing around her. But the point of the joke is that people are laughing because they thought all along that Jesus was a man, and that Jesus is a Caucasian looking guy, you know . . . all these conventional concepts about Jesus. I have a different image of Jesus which is that of a woman, a very ordinary looking Filipino woman, who drinks with them and has stories to tell. The idea of laughing is very common among Filipinos – to laugh at their mistakes. It's all part of understanding the culture and it's also part of contextualizing the concept of faith within the culture."

This is radical stuff; and not amusing to some Christians no doubt. But it does call to mind the spiritual dimension of laughter, both as a healer and also as a way of coping with painful and divisive feelings. August will be a time of laughter and fun for many of us; let us enjoy it and be refreshed by it. But when we return we may reflect how laughter can have a serious side also, and maybe how it might help us heal some of our own and the world's deep divisions.

Chris Boulton

**On the cover** – the grand opening of the new playground on Thursday 19th July by Liz Stockley, head teacher of Little Hadham School (top left), shortly followed by the stampede! (top right)

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**Book the date! (Sunday August 26 at 2pm)**

## **The Teddy Bears' (and Teddy Boys') Picnic**

TEDDY BEARS (AND THEIR OWNERS) from all over Little Hadham are getting ready for the party of a lifetime: **the Little Hadham Teddy Bears' Picnic**. Hundreds of bears are expected to turn up for the party. An exciting programme will include:

- **The Teddy Bear Magic Show** with Uncle Ted
- **Best Dressed Teddy Competition** (plus Oldest and Biggest bears)
- **Teddy Bear Auction** to help teddies find a good home
- **The Teddy Bear Treasure Trail** for teddies and their owners through the Millennium Wood to 'spot the tree' and collect the prizes!
- And of course, **the Teddy Bears' Picnic**. Bring your own, but don't forget those honey sandwiches!

But we're not going to leave out Dad (or Mum) or those older brothers and sisters. So, there will be a party for grown-ups including a **Teddy Boys (and Teddy Girls) competition** with prizes for the best rock'n'roll outfit (think **Grease!** and **Elvis**), PLUS bring along your guitars and **Jam with the Band!**

The band is '**Rich Tea and the Biscuits**', the world-famous (well, around here anyway) rhythm'n'blues band whose music you can dance to whilst enjoying:

- The TBP Barbecue
- The Beer and Wine Tent

BUT that's not all. There will be '**park and ride**' from the Village Hall car park with a chance to hop on a **London Double Decker Bus** (and some other novel forms of transport) to take you there, and a **Candlelit Trail** back the Village Hall.

Entry is **FREE** (yes, free!). The event is organised by the Little Hadham Parish Plan committee who brought you last year's fantastic Fun Day. Those scarecrows will be annoyed to miss this one but, sorry, it's bears only (and their owners of course!).

**DON'T MISS THE PARTY OF A LIFETIME!**

**Millennium Wood (entrance in Millfield Lane), Bury Green,  
Sunday August 26, 2pm to about 8pm. Look out for the signs.**

### **Little Hadham & Albury Social Club**

We had an excellent meeting in July with Martin Copping verbally walking us around The City of London, from very early history to the present day. There was a lot of interest to attend one of his organised walks too. Our trip to the Chiltern Open Air Museum was excellent. The weather was very kind, our coach comfortable and our driver safe. We were able to stroll around as much of the 45-acre site as we wished, visiting reconstructed ancient buildings arranged in a village atmosphere – it sparked many memories.

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## Everyone for Polo?



This will be the sight awaiting you at the Silver Leys Polo Club, Bury Green, on Sunday August 19 from 12 noon where all Little Hadham residents are invited to attend the Silver Leys Cup. This is the top fixture in an exciting year for the Silver Leys, the oldest polo club in the country. Watch top British and Argentinian players on their dashing polo ponies, join in the tradition of 'treading in' between matches, picnic under the trees, or tuck into barbecued lamb

cooked Argentina-style over a charcoal fire. Entry and parking are FREE and you are promised a thrilling day out. Look out for the signs in Millfield Lane.

## The Mailman

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

Mr Adams, known as Wormer, he was the Mailman. Every evening 5pm with his Horse and Red mail cart or Box with him sitting on the Top all weathers He started at Little Hadham P.O. then Much Hadham and so on untill he got to Ware Post office with the mail. His only uniform was a Cap which when on duty he was to wear it. After waiting untill 4.0am next morning Returning the same way doing the same until he reached Little Hadham 6.0a.m. which then he was finished until 5.0p.m. He also caught wild birds trapping and bird lime made out of Holly bark. Most Public Houses that day had chaffinchs in small cages. they had a song of short notes, which the men taking a bird by name went ten minutes the one with the most notes won, the other paiding him a pint of beer. He also learned to ride a bike at 67 then biking to Pelham Brewery, after the Little Hadham Brewery closed down. Mr Adams finished with the mail 1910.

## Teddy Boys, Teddy Bears, now POLAR Bears

Tickets are now on sale for the Polar Bears' Picnic which will be held at the **Gardens of Easton Lodge\* on Sunday 12 August**, to which children are invited to bring teddies of all kinds – not just Polar bears.

The event, organised by Stop Stansted Expansion, (SSE) is a variation on the teddy bears' picnic which it has held at the Gardens since 2005. The change in emphasis reflects the growing awareness that the impacts of an expanded Stansted Airport would have on not only the local community but internationally because of climate change. The impacts of global warming are already being observed in Greenland, for example, the natural habitat of Polar bears.

The gardens open at 12 noon and the picnic starts with fun and games, entertainment from Astra Magic and face painting from 1.30pm. Judging of the best-dressed teddy and Polar bears begins at 2.30pm, with prizes awarded shortly after. The categories will be best campaigning teddy, best loved teddy, best dressed teddy, most cuddly teddy, biggest teddy, smallest teddy and best drawing of a teddy.

As with all events organised by SSE, the message underlying the fun is deadly serious. Like many other historic sites in the Uttlesford area, the Grade II listed Gardens of Easton Lodge are under significant threat from BAA's expansion plans for Stansted Airport. The noise and pollution impacts of an additional runway and related road links for an enlarged airport whose scale is envisaged to be larger than Heathrow today would devastate not only an historic and tranquil site of national significance but also a long-established haven for local wildlife.

Admission to the event on a family ticket

(for four people) is £15. Single tickets (adults and children) are £4.20 (£3.80 concessions). Bookings through SSE: 01279 870558 or online at [www.stopstanstedexpansion.com](http://www.stopstanstedexpansion.com). for a booking form. Tickets will also be available on the day. Marquee cover in case of rain. Bring a picnic or visit the Gardens Café.

\*The Gardens of Easton Lodge are in Little Easton, nr Great Dummow, signposted from the B184 - follow the brown heritage signs. The Gardens of Easton Lodge can be contacted on 01371 873305.

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## HISTORIC BUILDINGS OF LITTLE HADHAM, No 4



**What is it?** Little Hadham Village Hall

**Where is it?** The Ford

Perhaps not a particularly historic building, but how it came into existence is part of recent Village history. The following is an extract from the programme for the Opening Ceremony held on 18<sup>th</sup> September 1972:

*"The completion of the Village Hall is a fine example of co-operative effort. In the early 1960s it became obvious that such a building was necessary and in 1966 the Village Hall Committee was formed with Mr R.Starling as Chairman. Against formidable difficulties, Mr Starling and his Committee had by early 1970 done all the necessary ground work, including the raising of some £2,500. A very generous loan, further contributions from the Village, and grants of over £15,000 have enabled the revised cost of £22,000 to be met." To put*

*the above in perspective, to build the Hall today would cost at least £350,000. The land was given in trust to the Village by Mr Leo Seymour who lived at Little Hadham Place. The 'very generous loan' mentioned was, I believe, in effect a gift. The Hall holds investments with a value today of over £40,000, only made possible by the generosity of those involved when the Hall was built. How many of us around today have the ability or commitment to support our community to this extent? The world has changed in 35 short years.*

*The Hall is held in Trust for the Village and is managed entirely voluntarily by a committee made up of representatives from the Village clubs and organisations. Apart from the occasional donations from the Parish Council for specific projects, the Hall is run from booking, rental, and investment income. There are no Council grants or subsidies. Costs are rising dramatically, and the building requires constant maintenance. Services provided, particularly the Post Office, are under pressure. The future of the Hall relies entirely on attendance at events, and use of the services, by the village community.*

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# What to do in August . . .

in the Village Hall unless otherwise stated

**5, Sun. Rock at Hertford Castle**, All-day event suitable for all ages, held in the castle grounds. There will be a good variety of bands throughout the day and a beer tent. Why not take a picnic? Isabel Hospice are urgently looking for collectors as all money collected on the day will come to us. If you can spare an hour or more, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Cheryl or Lisa on 01707 376782.

**9 & 23 Thurs, Mobile Library** See back cover

**12, Sun, Polar Bears' Picnic**, The Gardens of Easton Lodge, 12 noon. See article, p6.

**14, Tue, LH & Albany Social Club**, 8pm. June Crew will be telling us of Castles, Caves and Follies. Do come along - £1.50 admission includes refreshments. Info. 658585 or 771580

**16, Thur, The "Way Inn"**, coffee morning 10-12 noon. Rear of Village Hall.

**17-19, Flamstead Scarecrow Festival** Every year the residents of Flamstead build over 100 scarecrows which are placed around the village. To join in the fun come along and collect a voting form and trail map at either the village hall or the car park for just £2.00. Make your way round the village, listing your favourite scarecrows, then take your form back to the village hall where there will be various attractions including Tombola, Cake Stalls, Refreshments, Puppet Shows, Bellingring and English Miscellany Folk & Morris Dancers. There will be a Care Bus laid on to take anyone unable to walk around the village. The proceeds are split between two charities: the Hertfordshire Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre in Letchworth and the Friends of St Leonards in Flamstead. The Festival takes place between 2 – 5pm on Friday, 11 – 6pm on Saturday and 10.30 – 5pm on Sunday. Come along for a fantastic day out for the whole family and help to raise money for

these two very worthy charities.

Details: [charlotte@hertsmstherapy.org.uk](mailto:charlotte@hertsmstherapy.org.uk)

**18, Sat, LH & A Garden Club outing**. A few seats left! Contact Barbara Taylor, 771987,

**19, Sun, Polo at Silver Leys**. Everyone invited for a great afternoon. See article p5.

**19, Sun, Family Fun Day**, for Isabel Hospice, Cheshunt Comrades Club. Entry is free. Details from Maggie Williams 07956 597218 or visit Isabel Hospice on [www.isabelhospice.org.uk](http://www.isabelhospice.org.uk).

**25, Sat, Farmers' Market**, 9-12noon

**26, Teddy Bears' and Teddy Boys' Picnic**, Millennium Wood, Bury Green. See article p3.

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## ... and after that?

(further details from the editor)

**Sept 2, Village Picnic.** (Details below)

**Sept 3, Special Parish Council meeting,** 7.30 to discuss affordable housing.

**Sept 3, Romancing the Stone,** 7 for 7.30pm Gatesfield, Green Tye, Dinner and speaker, John Benjamin (Antiques Road Show) £40. Details Barbara Doherty 842140

**Sept 8, LH & A Garden Club Autumn Show.** Details & schedule 771987 Children's entries welcome, leaflet at Post Office.

**Sept 13, Isabel Hospice Annual Meeting,** Van Hage's, 7.15. Speaker, Grand Draw. Contact Fundraising if you would like to attend. All welcome. 01707 376782.

**Sept 14-16 Flower Festival,** St Andrew's, MH.

**Sept 15, Walk through Hatfield Forest** (for SSE) led by Will Self.

**Sept 15, Jumble Sale** for Isabel Hospice

**Sept 16, Children's Walk in Ware,** 10-2.

Lunch provided for the children. To complement the Chain Walk (see below)

**Sept 20, 8pm, Visit by Andrew Motion,** Poet Laureate, St. Andrew's Much Hadham.

**Sept 23 Chain Walk** for Isabel Hospice For more information please contact Pam Shepherd, on 01707 376782

**Sept 30, Great North Run,** for Isabel Hospice. If you would like to receive one of our Guaranteed places, please contact Pam Shepherd on 01707 376782.

**Oct 6, Harvest Supper** Tickets, £5, available now from Frank Green, 771532. Book early, as tickets will be limited! Please deliver donations for the tombola to Gouldburn, The Ford, LH

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## Wood you help?

*THE MILLENNIUM WOOD in Bury Green is feeling a bit neglected. It is of course a natural woodland but nettles and brambles have got a bit above themselves. More to the point, it's having a Teddy Bears' Picnic there on August 26 so it has to be looking its best.*

*That's where you come in. If you would like to join a work party to do some light to medium clearing and have secateurs, pruning saw, petrol trimmer, and the like, please contact Ross Barron (771694) to sort out a date over the next couple of weeks. The bears will be very grateful!*

## Capital Gains!

### **A sports ground to be proud of**

*LITTLE HADHAM has received a Capital Grant from East Herts Council that will enable work to be completed on the new playground next to the Village Hall. The news comes within days of the official re-opening.*

*Following the total re-equipping of the playground with a grant from Biffaward, there is now funding to provide an all-weather surface for the basketball and soccer shooting wall, and to carry out improvements to gates and fencing. Next on the list: improvements to the soccer pitch to make this a play park and sports ground to be really proud of – thanks to the Parish Plan, generous funding and hard work by a lot of people in the village.*

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## Surfing the Past: *Who Was Who? on the Parish Council* by Barbara Evans

Now that the new Little Hadham Parish Council is up and running I thought it would be interesting to see who was on the first Parish Council, created in 1894 by a Local Government Act.

Farming and local industry was very well represented in the early days. William Chapman the first chairman, born in 1827, farmed the 530-acre Westfield Farm, as had his father before him. The Chapman family had been very large landowners in their time.

Frederick Webb Chapman aged 27 was the youngest member, also a farmer and nephew of William. He lived with his wife at Lodge Farm.

James Drayton, a contemporary of William's was farm bailiff at Hadham Hall then an estate of over 1100 acres. Born in Essex he had lived in Little Hadham for many years, working at one time at Lodge Farm.

Two more members of the council farmed but they combined their agricultural work with other rural jobs. William Ruddock Thrift, aged 60, an Albury man lived in the Mill House, at the Ash. Not only was he the miller, but also called himself an agricultural engineer. Business must have been good because he was able to employ a servant, Mary Aylott, to help his wife Josephine.

Nat Gillett a farmer, wheelwright and blacksmith was born and bred in Little Hadham. At one time Nat, his two brothers and father were all wheelwrights living at Halfway House. In his late thirties he had married Hattie the local schoolteacher and by 1894 he had one daughter called Theodora.

Henry James Pepper from Dunmow was the sixth member of the council. He had started out, with his father, as a bricklayer. When he was in his thirties he moved with his wife, a dressmaker to The Baker's Arms in Bayford where he must have got a taste for the publican's life, for when he moved to Little Hadham he became the innkeeper at the Fox.

At the first meeting held at the National School, it was resolved that anyone found damaging the Parish Pump at the Ford or wasting the water should be prosecuted.

Sources: Census records can be found on [www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk) but by subscription only.

## 15 seconds to go

AFTER MONTHS OF TRIAL and error, the Highways authority has achieved what it says is the optimum sequencing at the Little Hadham traffic lights. Continuous experiments have been carried out to achieve the maximum traffic flow on the A120 and to cause minimum inconvenience for local traffic using the Albury Road and Hadham Road (the C15).

Engineers examined the possibility of lengthening the 'green' time on the Albury Road but this would have greatly increased waiting times on the other roads, including the A120, which in turn would increase the temptation for drivers to use the 'rat runs' through Cradle End/Bury Green and Westland Green.

Under the latest sequencing, traffic on the Albury and Hadham Roads have approximately 15 seconds on 'green'. This may not seem a lot but, proportionately, the delays are shorter than on the A120. At peak times, for traffic on the Albury and Hadham Roads it takes two 'greens' to clear the lights compared with three 'greens' on the main road.

## Little Hadham Cricket Club

The past four weeks have generally been successful for Little Hadham Cricket Club. In league matches the club has won three out of the four matches played. Against Bishop's Stortford IV, a good all-round bowling performance saw the hosts restricted to 140 for 5 off their 45 overs, before Hadham wrapped up a ten wicket victory, thanks to Craig Neville's 76 not out and Paul Mason-Smith's 57 not out. The following week saw another comprehensive win; this time against Little Munden. Batting first, Little Hadham scored 243 for 3 with Craig Neville and Paul Mason-Smith again in the runs scoring 115 and 91 respectively. In reply Little Munden were bowled out for just 52. In the subsequent league match against promotion rivals Thaxted, Hadham scored 152 all out. In reply Thaxted were at one stage 105 for 8 but some good lower order batting saw Hadham defeated by two wickets. The following week against Stansted II it was back to winning ways with Hadham scoring 295 all out (Keith Wheatley 101) and in reply Stansted were all out for 108. In friendly matches the club recorded a win against Barley, a draw against Potter Street as well as defeats against Epping and High Beech. In the match against Barley the hosts scored 207 all out. In reply Hadham were always up with the required run rate but lost wickets at regular intervals. With one over to go Hadham needed five runs to win whilst Barley required three wickets. The next five balls yielded four runs and one wicket, leaving Hadham one to win off the last delivery, which Matthew Eldred duly struck for four meaning Hadham won a truly wonderful game of cricket by two wickets.

Also during July the club's last chance of success in cup competitions ended at Thorley in the Hertfordshire Village Trophy. The Hadham score of 69 for 9 off 20 overs was never enough, with Thorley cruising home with two overs and six wickets to spare.

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

### AUGUST FIXTURES

4th	Stansted Hall II	(league) Away	1.30
5th	Manuden	Home	2.00
11th	Nazeing Common	(league) Home	1.30
12th	Furneux Pelham	Home	2.00
18th	Braughing	(league) Away	1.30
19th	Sheering	Away	2.30
25th	Bishop's Stortford IV	(league) Home	1.30
26th	Little Hallingbury	Home	2.00
27th	High Beech	Home	2.00

## Little Hadham School

*"Believing and Achieving"*

As we hopefully enjoy some summer sunshine, we look back over a hectic but successful year: 'Joseph' went really well and we certainly believe that Lee Mead, the new West End Joseph, needs to be very nervous!

We were especially pleased with our sixteen Year 6 pupils with their SATs success this year. 100% level 4 in English with 50% achieving level 5. 100% level 4 in Science with 57% achieving level 5 and 94% level 4 in Maths with 44% achieving level 5. Well done, everyone!

Thank you to all those who supported our summer fête. We were so lucky with the weather and made a fantastic £3,000 profit for school funds!

On behalf of the school children, I would like to thank the Parish Council for all their hard work to make the new playground a reality. The summer holidays will certainly not seem so long for many parents now, thanks to the playground.

Enjoy the summer! Thank you for your continued support.

Liz Stockley (Head)

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*Could you contribute to The Parish News? We'd be pleased to receive your interesting stories about Little Hadham past and present. Any old photographs would also be welcome. Just contact the editor (details on back cover).*

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## Obituary: Eileen Prosser, 1910 – 2007

Eileen was born at Millfield Cottages in Little Hadham on March 21st 1910, the eldest of five children born to George and Gladys Parker. She followed the family tradition by attending Little Hadham School. At the age of fourteen she would help the other pupils in the class, which no doubt gave her the incentive to become a teacher. Just before leaving school the head teacher gave her the good news that she had won a place at Hertford Teacher Training College. Her first post was in Tring and then she moved to Ilford. Here she met Cecil Prosser and they married in 1932. This union was to last for 67 years. They had two daughters, Joy and Jane.

During the war Eileen often brought the girls down to stay with her family in the Albury Road and it was during one of the longer visits that she did supply teaching at Little Hadham School. When the war ended Cecil applied for a job in this area and so Eileen's six weeks' supply teaching post lasted 33 years.

The family spent many happy years at Cradle

End before moving back to Lydennes, Albury Road in 1957 where they spent the last 50 years.

Eileen retired as Deputy Head Teacher but continued her links with the school. She loved her work and the children she taught.

Eileen had a long and happy retirement; she was an active member of the Friends and Neighbour group and enjoyed the company of her friends on their mystery tours and afternoon tea parties. After Cecil died in 1998 Eileen lived alone with the support of her family around her.

On Christmas Day 2005 Eileen suffered a stroke and spent a period of time in hospital as she needed constant nursing care. Her final year was spent in Premier Court Nursing Home, where she died peacefully on Sunday May 13th 2007. She was loved by all her family and is greatly missed.

Joy, Jane and family would like to thank everyone who gave donations in memory of Eileen Prosser. A cheque for £226.00 has been sent to The Stroke Association.

**Harvest Supper, Saturday 6th October, Village Hall. Priced at £5 a head, tickets for this year's Harvest Supper go on sale in**

August, from Frank Green

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on 771532. Book your seat early, as tickets will be limited! We would be delighted to receive donations for the tombola. Please deliver them to Gouldburn, The Ford, Lt. Hadham. Thank you.

## Public Meeting

A REMINDER that there will be a special meeting of the Parish Council on **Monday September 3 in the Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm**, to hear the results of a survey on the need for **affordable housing** in Little Hadham. The meeting will take place in the main hall as a large attendance is expected.

Sally Smallwood from East Herts Council will discuss the survey, explain the planning implications and invite comments and questions.

# August diary for Little Hadham and Albury

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

- 2      *Thursday*  
9.00am *Holy Communion at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham*
- 5      **Sunday Trinity 9 Proper 13**  
9.30am *Matins at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham*  
11.15am *Parish Communion at St Mary's, Albury*
- 12     **Sunday Trinity 10 Proper 14**  
9.30am *Shared Communion at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham*
- 19     **Sunday Trinity 11 Proper 15**  
8.00am *Holy Communion at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham*  
9.30am *Family Service in L. Hadham Village Hall*  
*No Evensong at St Mary's, Albury*
- 26     **Sunday Trinity 12 Proper 16**  
11.15am *Shared Communion at St Mary's, Albury*  
*No Evensong at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham*

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

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## 9th and 23rd August 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.*

## The "Way Inn" coffee morning

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

*Third Thursday of the month*

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