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Letter from Chris Boulton

2008 began rather sadly with a number of funerals in the three parishes of the Team covered by this letter. However many I conduct, all are unique; as all are, I believe, uniquely children of God. I consider it an honour to be asked to preside over such rites of passage.

For this reason I am content to work with the families in producing a service that is tailored to their needs and expressive of the particular aspects of the life of the deceased; although always this is set in a Christian framework. We can no longer assume that all the departed are in any way practising believers. The Anglican funeral liturgy has perhaps ever been potentially open to very subjective treatment, and even more so now since we have had the liturgical reforms.

One of my recreational activities until Easter is to go to singing practice, to prepare for a performance of the German Requiem by Brahms during Holy Week at Haileybury College. I love the work musically; and in terms of the words it is also interesting. It is not a liturgical Requiem, and Brahms was not a conventionally religious man. Christ's name is nowhere mentioned in the text. Yet the music tells indisputably a message of consolation, drawn from the Bible. There is a deep reverence for the value of life, an underlying hope, and a kind of joyous melancholy. When asked who he had in mind when composing the requiem, Brahms replied "the whole of humanity".

For me, this singing will be very much part of my Lenten preparation for Easter; along with the usual activities of services from Ash Wednesday onwards, the study groups and the lent lunches. It will not be a penance, but a delight. In fact spiritual discipline need not always be the dreaded and painful exercise it is sometimes portrayed as being. It can often be pleasant to take time out and do more things that uplift the spirit: more time for reading, more time for quiet, more time for music of all kinds, more time for painting, more time for giving to others. I hope to have forty days of more, not less.

Have a good and fruitful Lent.

Chris Boulton.

THANKS TO EVERYONE who sent socks this Christmas. We collected about 220 pairs, which just beats last year's record and is a tribute to the great generosity of so many in Little Hadham.

Best wishes for 2008 to you all.

Ann Clayton

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Parish Council News

Objection to bigger 'trading estate'

The Parish Council has objected to proposals that could make the site of the former Hadham Water bottling plant a major industrial and trading estate. At a special meeting of the parish council's planning committee (it does not normally sit in January), objections were raised to an application for a change of use of agricultural buildings at Church End Farm to enable them to be used for other commercial purposes.

Location and poor access on to the A120 made it an unsuitable location for an industrial estate, said councillors. In a letter to the planning department of East Herts Council (EHC), they noted that several buildings had been erected to replace obsolete farm buildings and permission had been granted for an extension of the bottling plant before Hadham Water ceased trading. The parish council was concerned at the number of large vehicles using Church End Lane and noted that a haulage company had applied for permission to operate from the site. The benefits of a future bypass could be negated by increased traffic using Church End Farm. It was concerned that piecemeal development could result in a major industrial site and called on EHC to produce a planning brief before any further permissions were granted.

This and other local issues will be on the agenda of the next meeting of the parish council, **Tuesday 5 February**, 8pm in the village hall.

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Come on you lot – write something

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What's on in February ...

in the Village Hall unless otherwise indicated

1, Fri, Musical Soirée, 7.30pm Old Hall, Ware. The Inner Wheel Club of Ware is presenting a Musical Soirée of solos, duets and quartets by well-known local singers in aid of Isabel Hospice. Tickets £12.50. Bring your own drinks; nibbles and glasses are provided. Silent auction during the interval. Tickets £12.50. 01992 587246.

2, Sat, "Medley of Meals", 7.00 for 7.30pm. at the home of Brenda and Brian Kain, 'Stumbledon', The Ford, Little Hadham. Tickets £7.50 from Mrs Kain - 771028

2, Sat, "A Hot Italian Evening," 7.30 – 10pm The North Mymms Memorial Hall, Welham Green. Forget the winter and have some fun dancing and singing to Raffaele Azzurro's Music. Bring your own drinks and glasses. Tickets £16.50 inc supper. 01707 656640 or 269723.

5, Tues, Parish Council, 8pm. All welcome.

7, 21, Thur, Mobile Library (see box below)

10, Sun, Antiques Fair 9.30 - 4pm (see p5)

12, Tues, LH & A Social Club, 8pm Cheese and Wine evening, and more. A most interesting evening was had in January when Olivia Elton Barratt recounted her time "from Village Hall to Livery Hall". Olivia's year as Prime Warden of the Worshipful Company of Basketmakers was a very busy and exciting round of events.

16, Sat, Wedding Fayre, 11am – 4pm St Michael's Church, Windhill, BS. Experience the atmosphere a Church has to offer; listen to our Choir and Organ Recitals; enjoy lunch and the Fashion Show taking place at 1.30pm. All you need for your wedding will be on display, resourced by local businesses.

16, Sat, '60s band "The Animals", Drill Hall, Ware, 8–11pm, with support from local band **Wasted.** Tickets £20, 01920 460316.

17, Sun, Spotty Swim for Isobel Hospice.

This will be the fourth year that the Isabel Hospice Charity Swim will be taking place. A fun event for all the family, held once again at Haileybury Pool. Fantastic swimming pool, easy parking. Details, 01707 376782.

21, Thur, "Way Inn" coffee morning. 10.00am until 12 noon Come along and meet friends and neighbours over a cup of tea or coffee. (Rear entrance of village hall, by Post Office)

23, Sat, Farmers' Market, 9–12 noon. Come and enjoy a cooked breakfast of local produce.

26, Tues, LH & A Garden Club, 7.45pm. Our guest speaker will be Mr R Carsberg talking about "Gardens of South Cornwall"

... and after

8 Mar, School Quiz Night f&c supper, bar.

8 Mar, **The Table Top Sale,** 10 – 12.30 pm (details p5)

8 Mar, **Jumble Sale,** Thundridge, 2.30 - 4.30.

8 Mar, **Village Music Club,** 7.30pm. Thomas Barber (oboe) accomp. by James Southall.

9 Mar, **Big Fun Walk,** London Parks, 9.15am If you are interested, call Renee Friend on 01279 755320. Dogs welcome.

29 Mar, **Mayer Williams Charity Ball,** Broxbourne. Tickets: £35, 01992 550721

30 Mar, **Teas in Gardens,** 2-5pm Pelham Hse.

12 Apr, **Jumble Sale,** Thundridge, 2.30 - 4.30.

13 Apr, **London Marathon.** To support Isabel Hospice call 01707 376782.

7th & 21st February Mobile Library

Nag's Head from 13.45 - 14.05

The Smithy from 14.10 - 14.30

Bury Green from 14.45 - 15.05

Friends of Little Hadham
School and Playgroup present

a
Quiz Night

on
Saturday 8 March

in the Village Hall

Tickets £10.00

(includes fish and chip supper)
from 771285 or LH Post Office

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Saturday, 8 March

Little Hadham Village Hall

10.00am to 12.30
(hirers from 8.30 a.m.)

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refreshments to be donated to
Little Hadham Village Hall Fund).

Payment with booking please,
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If e-mails save time, not printing them saves trees.

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www.bestofbritishmag.co.uk

www.uk.freecycle.org

www.preloved.co.uk

www.ernoncoleman.com

<http://littlehadhambirding.blogspot.com>

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Gypsy site – committee starts work

The first meeting has taken place of a working group of local residents and businesses to consider what action needs to be taken to oppose the possibility of a site for gypsies and travellers in Little Hadham.

A report from the group will be presented at the parish council meeting on 5 February. The working group will consider East Herts Council's detailed response to a letter from the parish council objecting to the possibility of a traveller site. The working group will have the support of the parish council but will operate independently of it to give it the widest possible remit.

Among the issues being considered ahead of the public consultation beginning in the Spring are a challenge of the selection criteria, the need for legal and other professional advice and how this might be funded.

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**The Parish Plan:
has it made a difference?**

Parties for teddy bears and scarecrows, the best aerial runway outside Disneyland (well, we think so), and more people surfing the web – these are just some of the ticked boxes since Little Hadham's Parish Plan was published in June 2006. But what contribution has the parish plan made towards the main aim of building community spirit?

Discovering the answer to that question is the purpose of the short questionnaire in this month's Parish News. Has the plan 'delivered'? And what would you like to see in the next edition of the plan? Here's a chance to have your say about what kind of place you want Little Hadham to be. Don't let others decide. Please take a moment to complete the questionnaire and return it to the address provided. Thank you!

Useful phone numbers:

Citizens' Advice Bureau, Bishop's Stortford:
0870 126 4083

Editor, Parish News: Jan Finn, 771113

Environment Agency Incident Line:
0800 807060

Mobile Library info: 01438 737333

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

Power cut helpline 24hrs: 0800 7 838 838

Road or Pavement problems, call Highways on
01438 737320

Stansted Airport Noise Complaints:
0800 243788

Traveline: 0871 200 22 33

Village Hall bookings: Mrs Fardell, 771697

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

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Little Hadham School

"Believing and Achieving"

There is a buzz of great excitement as our Key Stage 2 pupils look forward to their 'once in a lifetime' opportunity to visit the King Tutankhamun Exhibition at the O2 Dome during our History Curriculum Week in May. This has been made possible through a very generous donation from our Parish Council to help us enrich the lives of our pupils. We are currently exploring trip ideas to stimulate our younger pupils too. A huge THANKS to the Parish Council from the children!

Later this month on 7 February, we will be celebrating the Chinese New Year through our next Theme Day on 'China'. With their Olympic involvement, we will have much to talk and learn about.

To mark the arrival of February 29 this Leap Year, we have invited the Norwich Puppet Theatre into school to entertain the children with their version of 'The Selfish Giant' by Oscar Wilde.

Lots to look forward to!

Thank you for your continued support.

Liz Stockley
(Head)

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Here's an idea...

Why don't you write an article for the Parish News?

Because no input = no output, hence the odd format of this month's magazine.

Fireworks *Hotline*

A COLD START FOR THE HOTLINE, TO SAY THE LEAST
Two people have asked to be told of any fireworks so that they can tranquillise their dogs in time, yet despite many fireworks being let off recently, nobody has bothered to let me know about them so I was unable to issue warnings.

Please, if you are planning to set off fireworks, contact the editor so that she can notify those with dogs who wish to be told.

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or phone 771 113.*

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

About 1912 or 13
Total eclipse of the sun 12.30pm

I can remember being in the fields working, not knowing much what was happening. It became very dark. Most of the workmen with horses and thinking their watches were letting him down unhooked their horses and went home to the farms only to be told by the farmer, what you are early today. As the men were to be in the stables by 2.0pm they were one hour early, and some even went back, but even the farmers were a bit worried at the time. As no Daily paper for the working men it was not surprising they were worried about the time. But a talk and a laugh later on in the homes soon put things right again.

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Only one solution, no need to guess

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Message of thanks from Mags & Don Gibson following loss of Mum

ANN F. BARTRIP

"Our special thanks go to all the family and many, many friends who have given such love, words of comfort and so much support thro' these very difficult months."

"I have recently moved into Chapel Lane. As an amateur ornithologist I was wondering if I may make readers aware of a "blog" that I have set up regarding the wildlife, particularly birds, in and around the village. The blog can be found at <http://littlehadhambirding.blogspot.com>

It includes details of walks that I make around the village, showing maps, lists of birds and other wildlife, often illustrated with photographs. I would be keen to hear from other villagers of any unusual local natural history sightings, especially birds.

Although in its infancy, I intend to make weekly postings and thought it may be of interest to fellow readers with an enthusiasm for the outdoors. I would be pleased to receive comments sent to the blog or can be contacted locally at 6, Chapel Lane (e mail jforgham@hotmail.com.)"

Jonathan Forgham

TIP TOP TIP

An energy-saving light bulb lasts eight times longer than an ordinary bulb and uses around one quarter of the electricity. Replace 3 ordinary bulbs with low-energy bulbs and you could save £20 a year on your electricity bill.

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

Karate: 5-6pm 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. Fern Oliver 506369

Parent & Toddlers group,
9.30 - 11.30am, Wednesdays.

Playgroup: 1.00pm - 3.30pm Mondays,
Tuesdays, Wednesdays in the Nursery at
LH School. Lisa Hale 505194

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

The "Way Inn": third Thursday of month

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

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February diary for Little Hadham and Albury

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

3 Sunday

9.30am

11.15am

Candlemas

Matins at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

Parish Communion and Sunday School, St Mary's, Albury

6 Wednesday

10.30am

8.00pm

Ash Wednesday

Communion at St Andrew's, Much Hadham

Communion at St Mary's, Furneux Pelham

10 Sunday

9.30am

5.00pm

Lent 1

Shared Communion at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

Taizé-style service at St Andrew's, Much Hadham

17 Sunday

8.00am

9.30am

6.00pm

Lent 2

Holy Communion at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

Family service in Little Hadham Village Hall

Evensong at St Mary's, Albury

24 Sunday

11.15am

6.00pm

Shared Communion at St Mary's, Albury

Evensong at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

Advanced Notices

Sunday 2nd March, Mothering Sunday

There will be a special service for families at 9.30am at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham. This will replace the normal prayer book Matins.

Although there are no Lent house meetings in Little Hadham, there will be meetings on Monday evenings and Tuesday lunchtimes in Much Hadham and you are welcome to join us.

Details from the Rector, Chris Boulton.

There will be a Lent Talk and Lunch at 12 noon on Wednesday March 5th at "Regions", Bury Green, the home of Gill Booty. Please let Gill know if you would like to come.

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

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