

Little Hadham PARISH NEWS September 2008



Fr Nic and some of his congregation at Big Bend Church, Swaziland

Harvest Supper *Saturday 11th October,* *Village Hall*

Priced at £6 a head, tickets for this year's Harvest Supper are now on sale, available from Frank Green on 771532. Book your seat early, as tickets will be limited. Please note the earlier start time of 7 for 7.30pm.

We would be delighted to receive donations for the tombola.

Please deliver them to Gouldburn, The Ford, Little Hadham.

Thank you!

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Letter from the Vicar

So, the wanderer has returned! I am so grateful to have been given the opportunity to visit southern Africa and see for myself the vastness and magnificence of the continent and the amazing people. I travelled from Swaziland, down through South Africa to Cape Town, then through Namibia and Botswana, as far as Livingstone in Zambia.

My most powerful memories are of people walking, walking everywhere; to school, to shop, to worship, to work; and the colours of clothes and fruit stalls, colours made more vivid by the clear, bright sunshine; I remember the glorious night skies of the southern hemisphere, especially when camping in the Bush. I also thank God for the resilient and joyful folk I met, undaunted by poverty and AIDS; proud to be African, and often proud to be Christian.

I began in Swaziland, a former British Protectorate, staying in a "sugar town", that is to say a community almost entirely financially dependent upon one crop, sugar cane, and one company. The Anglican priest, Fr Nicholas Cox, gave me hospitality and showed me around. He is a young man, educated in England, who began as a VSO volunteer and stayed on to be ordained. He has dedicated his life to the Swazi people and the Anglican Communion out there. The church is not vast, but full of lovely and devout Christians, black and white, who have a great social concern for the needs around them. They run a youth programme and support several projects helping sufferers from AIDS and orphaned children; even though many of them are by no means wealthy.

The Managing Director of the sugar company, Mandla, is a Swazi, who is committed to the area and the wider economy. He is helping financially to support several schools in the region, two of which a friend of mine is a founding trustee. Mandla has great aspirations for the country, including an end to the corruption of some members of King Mswati III's government. With men like that, there is real hope for the country.

Though ravaged by the effects of AIDS (the highest rate in Africa) and still desperately poor, I found the country beautiful, with its deep rich red soil and towering green mountains peppered by the lovely, if primitive Swazi huts. It was also the country where I had my closest encounter with wildlife, being attacked by a male lion: fortunately it was in a small game reserve, and there was a thin, but thankfully sturdy, fence between us!

I intend to continue links with the parish in Swaziland through prayer and regular communication. My sabbatical did achieve at least one objective: that of widening my horizons. As time goes by I hope to reflect more deeply on lessons I have learned.

Incidentally, on November 2 at 4pm in St Andrew's Much Hadham we are hosting a Brass Band Concert, in support of Desmond Tutu's Appeal to support African schools. I hope you will be able to come and enjoy. Do make a note in the diary. Chris Boulton

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Tom Feather – a passion for imparting knowledge

LITTLE HADHAM HAS LOST ONE OF ITS BEST KNOWN AND MOST RESPECTED residents with the death of Tom Feather – teacher, historian, inveterate collector and family man. Tom died peacefully at the age of 67. He will be fondly remembered by generations of pupils of Hadham Hall School and by those who came into contact with Tom in the many rôles he performed serving the local community.



Tom's passions were rural science, history, craft skills, antiques, and an avid interest in people, all of which he was able to indulge in his long teaching career. Tom met his wife Anne when they both attended Hull Teachers' Training College. They moved to Little Hadham when Tom took up a teaching post at Hadham Hall School. He taught rural science to boarders from farming families who enjoyed a hands-on approach to their studies, including tending farm animals that were kept at the school. Tom also taught pottery and rugby and was a house master until the school closed in 1990. Hadham Hall was amalgamated into Birchwood School where Tom continued to teach science as well as woodwork, before retiring in 1998.

He joined Little Hadham Parish Council while at Hadham Hall School and served a second term until retiring from the council in 2007. Tom was a member of the Village Hall management committee, flood warden and member of the bowls club.

As a keen collector of stamps, coins, antiques and tools and with an interest in archaeology, Tom was the obvious successor to Ann Clayton as Little Hadham's recorder and archivist. He continued to build a unique record of Little Hadham's history and, with his wife Anne, wrote the definitive history of the village for the Hertfordshire Millennium book.

Tom surrounded himself with history in a very literal sense. Manor Farm House at The Ash, to which he and Anne moved in 1997, dates back to Medieval times. To Tom's delight, restoration work yielded a 17th century coat of arms of James I and other decorative wall paintings.

Tom Feather loved history and the natural world, but will be remembered most of all as someone with a passion for imparting knowledge to others.

Tom is survived by his wife Anne, son David, daughter Sally and her husband Stuart.

The funeral will take place at St Cecilia's Church on September 1st at 1pm and afterwards in the village hall. Tom would love to see you there.

Little Hadham & Albury Social Club

At the August meeting Barry Kaufmann-Wright told us the story of Gerald Durrell and Jersey Zoo, where he had started his career working with animals. The Zoo is renowned all over the world for its success in breeding and rehabilitating animals that have been near extinction. On 8th September we will be welcoming Christine Noble to speak to us about New Zealand. Many of you will know Christine as she was a resident in the village, before moving to Cumbria – do come along to the Little Hadham village hall, at 8pm, to say hello.

Enquiries: 658585 or 771580.

Parish Council News

Traveller sites

Little Hadham makes its views known.

The volume of responses from this community to the East of England Regional Assembly's consultation on extra sites for gypsies and travellers was so high that Little Hadham was named a 'hot spot' by Corinne Swain, who will chair the public inquiry.

More than 900 responses plus ten petitions have been received from across the region; 80 percent were from individuals and the bulk of responses (75 percent) from Herts and Essex.

Don Gibson, chairman of Little Hadham Conservation Society, who attended a preliminary meeting where the figures were revealed, said it was clear that publication of the Scott Wilson report, which named two potential sites in Little Hadham, had prompted the huge response from the village. "Everyone who responded to the consultation is to be congratulated because the number of letters and the comments they contained will have made it clear to the public inquiry that the residents of Little Hadham feel very strongly that this would be a totally inappropriate location for a traveller site," he said.

The Society and the Parish Council have applied to give evidence at the public inquiry. It starts week commencing 20 October in

The Spirella Ballroom, The Spirella Building, Bridge Road, Letchworth, SG6 4ET. It is open to the public. Further details: http://www.planning-inspectorate.gov.uk/pins/rss/east_of_england_gypsy/index.htm.

New pitch kicks off with five-a-side

Youngsters enjoyed an inaugural game of five-a-side football in the Village Hall playing field when our brand new goal posts made their debut. Two teams of boys and girls braved indifferent weather in a lively match refereed by Richard Mardell and organised by volunteers led by Kirsty Harrison. In a closely fought match, the Yellow team snatched victory from the Blues by six goals to five.

The five-a-side match followed an 'Out2Play' session for 8 to 11-year-olds organised by East Herts Play Rangers. The Rangers provided free weekly play sessions in the playing field during August.

The goals are the latest set of equipment to be purchased by the Parish Council with a grant from East Herts Council. They will be used in community events organised through the Parish Plan and can be used by local groups and organisations (contact Carmela Piccolo, 466331). If you are interested in playing five-a-side regularly, please call Carmela and provide age, level of experience and when you would prefer to play.

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5-A-SIDE PICS



Lively antics by adult goalkeepers failed to stop a total of 11 goals being scored.



The Yellows put in an impressive attacking movement.



Goal! Yellows put the ball convincingly into the back of the net.

Cheers! Our young soccer stars are pictured with East Herts Play Rangers who ran free summer entertainment during August



A new beginning

East Herts is one of the most rural areas of Hertfordshire, whilst Broxbourne is one of the more urban. The Volunteer Centre Broxbourne has recently taken on responsibility for the development and promotion of volunteering across both districts, which offers exciting prospects for those who need volunteers and those who want to get involved in community projects

As in any enterprise, publicity is vital, and although more people work as Volunteers in Britain than in almost any other European country, people always complain that they cannot get helpers! The Volunteer Centre uses a National web-based database of opportunities and is one of the most accessible local gateways to get your organisation's, or community's, volunteer needs advertised online. For many youngsters, and older folk too, volunteering does not just give that feel-good factor, it provides valuable experience and references for the next job!

The Volunteer Centres are free to voluntary and community organisations and a visit from our Outreach Officer to discuss how you can benefit does not commit you to any future involvement.

To book an visit or for more information please contact: Tony Burton, Volunteer Centre Broxbourne, Silverline House, 1-3 Albury Grove Road, Cheshunt EN8 8NS, 01992 638633 or e-mail tony@vcbroxbourne.org.uk

Now that's what we call neighbourly



When neighbours in the Ridgeway decided that Ernie Hounsell needed cheering up, they didn't just pop an amusing card through his door – they threw a full-scale party for Ernie and his wife Gladys. The Ridgeway playground was decked out with marquees and bunting, and a disco and barbecue provided. The result can be seen in the big grin on Ernie's face, pictured next to Tracii Northcote, one of the organisers, and friends and neighbours.

Ernie and Gladys have lived in Little Hadham for more than 60 years. Ernie, who is 96, served in the Royal Corps of Signals in the last war. Before he retired, he was a building supervisor working with the NHS. He enjoys the occasional game of carpet bowls but is best known for his impressive allotment, which he can now view at his leisure from his front garden using the seat presented to him by his neighbours.

YES, IT'S CALENDAR TIME!

Calendars for 2009, Christmas cards and notelets from Stop Stansted Expansion will be available in a few days. If you would like to order yours now, contact Mike Fairchild (771302)

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Rural Ramblings

by Cherry Mardell

While visiting an “open” garden recently I met a South African woman who has moved, with her husband, to the UK for two years.

They sold up a beautiful detached home plus nearly all their possessions, and closed her very successful business because her husband’s work meant he was going to have to travel frequently. And life over there meant it wasn’t safe for her to stay home alone.

“You have no idea how lucky you are here,” she told me, “to be able to walk down the street wearing your jewellery – you wouldn’t dare do that in Cape Town. It isn’t safe any more for a white woman to be alone at home; break-ins, rape and even murder are not uncommon.

“You grumble about your National Health Service, but you are all so lucky to have one at all. We think it is wonderful.

“You even complain about your weather, which means you can grow such marvellous flowers. In South Africa this kind of garden is a rarity.”

This couple, both in their early sixties, have no idea what will happen to them when their two years are up. They don’t know if they will be able to return to their homeland or if they would be allowed to stay here.

Perhaps when we are grumbling about our “lot”, we should see our own country through the eyes of those not so lucky.

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Bingo! Oct 4 Bingo! Oct 4 Bingo! Oct 4 Bingo!

When I moved back into Little Hadham 10 years ago I felt very alone. Most of the people I had known briefly 30 years before had moved on and there seemed no central point for learning how the village ticked.

So the village Welcome Pack, now nearly completed, is a project close to my heart. It will be offered to all new (and not so new) residents and should make the village more accessible to all....

....which brings me neatly to asking you all to support our **Bingo evening on October 4** at the village hall, proceeds of which go to help pay for its printing.

I'd never been to Bingo before last year's event – and it was great, so please join us all this year for a prize-laden evening of fun.

Cherry Mardell



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Statement in response to today's report on BAA from the Competition Commission.

SSE has long argued for a break-up of BAA and is therefore delighted by today's 'Provisional Findings' report from the Competition Commission concluding that BAA must sell two of its three London airports. We consider it inconceivable that BAA would willingly sell Heathrow which means that Stansted and Gatwick must both be sold.

This will not in itself remove the threat of a second runway at Stansted but we believe it moves us a step closer to the day when this idea will be abandoned. We look forward to working with the new owners of Stansted towards achieving this objective.

Carol Barbone, SSE Campaign Director

Thanks to everyone who has supported our Summer fundraising events!

Our Much Hadham Open Gardens, Bromley Hall Open Garden Refreshments and Annual Summer Fayre raised a combined total of £12,299.55!

All the money raised by St. Elizabeth's Centre fundraising events goes directly towards improving the lives of our children, residents and learners.

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What to do in September . . . in the Village Hall unless otherwise stated

2 Tue Parish Council meeting, 8pm. Everybody welcome, come and watch the fun.

4, 18 Thur Mobile Library, details below.

4 Thur Pantomime read-through, 8pm. Come and join in; you could become a star.

6 Sat Garden Club Show. It is not too late to put your entries into the Garden Club Show. Give them to Barbara Taylor at Fair Oaks, Little Hadham by **Tues 2 Sept**. The entries are then staged at the Village Hall between 8.30 and 10.00am when the judging takes place, and opens to the public at 2.30pm. The prize giving is at 3.15. Please come along and see.

8 Mon LH & A Social Club, 8pm. see p3.

10 Wed Parents and Toddlers reopens.

11 Thur Harvest Supper, 7 for 7.30pm see front cover for details.

13 Sat SSE Runway Ramble, 10am. Details, see page 12.

13 Sat Isabel Hospice Jumble Sale, 2.30pm, Thundridge. Details, 01920 462992.

13,14 Sat, Sun Art, Craft & Photography Exhbn Albury, 11-4pm Refreshments, parking.

14 Sun Antiques Fair, 9.30-4pm Entry £1.00

14 Sun Grand Plant Sale, Alswick Hall, Buntingford SG9 0AA. (Hare Street), 2-5. By kind permission of Michael and Annie Johnson in aid of Red Cross, with professional plant growers. Tudor house in 5 acres of landscaped garden with natural ponds, herbaceous borders. Teas, tythe barn. Adults £3.

16 Tue LH & A Garden Club 7.45pm.

18 Thur Way Inn coffee morning. Details on page 19.

19 Fri Charity Golf Day in aid of Muscular Dystrophy. (See poster on page 16.)

21 Sun Isabel Hospice Chain Walk.

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Eastern Herts. Each walk is circular, with a break for lunch at a picturesque country pub in the heart of the countryside. This is a fantastic day out, so why not bring the family and raise funds for Isabel Hospice. Contact Pam Shepherd in Fundraising for details on 01707 376782.

27 Sat Farmers' Market, 9-12 noon. Local produce, hot food. Support your farmers.

27 Sat Quiz & Supper for St Elizabeth's. Details and tickets Chloe Atkinson 844227.

4th & 18th September

Mobile Library

Nag's Head from 1345 - 1405

The Smithy from 1410 - 1430

Bury Green from 1445 - 1505

A fortnightly service.

. . . and coming soon

4 Oct **Bingo Night**, LH Village Hall.

4 Oct **music@stansted**. See page 17.

5 Oct **Great North Run** in aid of Isabel Hospice. Information on 01707 376782.

12 Oct **Open Garden** Moor Place 2-5pm details Renee Friend on 01279 755320.

23 Oct **Brocket Hall Charity Golf Day** Ring Lisa Seccombe on 01707 376782 for details.

25 Oct **Isabel Hospice Jumble Sale**, 2.30pm, Thundridge. Details, 01920 462992.

2 Nov 4pm **Brass Band Concert**, St Andrew's Much Hadham in support of Desmond Tutu's Appeal to support African schools.

11 Nov **LH & A Social Club** Illustrated talk by Jonathan Forgham on his nature notes year.

22 Nov **LH & A Garden Club Supper**.

30 Nov **music@stansted**. See page 17.

Nature Notes: July

by Jonathan Forgham

On the whole the best month weather-wise, with nearly 2 weeks of glorious sunshine, albeit with oppressive humidity at times. Super month for insect observing as July is well known to be an exceptionally quiet month for birds. Most are recovering from their hectic breeding season and are also moulting, meaning that for some it is time to remain hidden from view, just feeding quietly.

The only new bird for the 2008 list was an expected common gull, heading south over Brick Kiln Hill (15th). This was probably a failed breeder returning to its wintering grounds. Also other birds of note came in the form of bullfinches (3 on the 5th) sparrow hawk (5th), common buzzard (12th), sand martins migrating (19th), nuthatch (22nd) and treecreeper (also 22nd).

However, as my attention was drawn more to the butterfly and dragonfly world I had a most pleasing discovery on the 22nd. At Westland Green an unusual white and black butterfly shot past me: a marbled white. Confirmation from the county recorder showed that this was only the 2nd record east of the A10 this year, the first record coming from a garden in Thorley. A great record and one I managed to capture with the camera.



Other, more expected butterflies noted were: ringlet (4th), comma (6th), small skipper (12th), essex skipper (21st), green veined white (28th) and holly blue (28th). The latter posed upon the herbs in the front garden! This took the total species of butterfly to a satisfactory 20. Testament to the natural habitats that surround Little Hadham.

Dragonflies eventually emerged, if in small numbers. A large southern hawker made its

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Runway Ramble 2008 — Walking to Win Saturday 13 September at 10am

Join Stop Stansted Expansion (SSE) for the 7th annual Runway Ramble on the morning of Saturday 13 September to show your opposition to the second runway plans for Stansted Airport that would make it bigger than Heathrow today.

Choose from one of three walks as follows:

- 2 mile circular walk from the Three Horseshoes, Molehill Green (suitable for those with very small children and those with reduced mobility)
- 5 mile circular walk from the Three Horseshoes, Molehill Green
- 5 mile linear walk from the Three Horseshoes, Duton Hill, to Molehill Green.

All walks end at Molehill Green with a giant fête and BBQ from 12 noon.

The walks from Molehill Green will start with a photocall with Lord Hanningfield, Leader of Essex County Council and Shadow Transport Spokesman in the House of Lords.

The event takes place just two weeks before the consultation on BAA's second runway plans end (on 26 September), for which Uttlesford District Council needs your views by post or email to show the overwhelming concern about the proposals ahead of the public inquiry. Write to UDC (Planning), London Road, Saffron Walden CB11 4ER, or email planning@uttlesford.gov.uk.

SSE is asking that where possible participants make their efforts even more worthwhile by raising sponsorship to help contribute to the cost of independent expert reports and legal representation which the campaign group will need for the inquiry.

Further information and sponsorship forms are available from SSE on 01279 870558 or www.stopstanstedexpansion.com.

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The Red Light Zone

How would YOU fill four minutes in the 'red light zone'?

You've just missed your turn at the Little Hadham traffic lights. You know you've got up to four minutes to wait. So – how do you fill the time? If you have some suggestions, why not share them with readers of the Parish News? Meanwhile, some starter ideas:

For the girls: think calm thoughts, dust the dashboard or maybe the 'three-minute makeover'; allowing up to one minute to pack away those cosmetics before the green light. Ideal for multi-tasking as you can keep one eye on the lights and the other on your mirror as you apply your mascara.

For the chaps: count the Eddie Stobart lorries, or perhaps a quick glance at the newspaper headlines before a more concentrated look at the back page to see if you agree with the sports commentator's verdict on yesterday's match. Avoid distraction: don't open the newspaper.

For kids: no worries, you're not driving so keep reading, texting or smiling at the impatient driver in the car behind who's late for work.

For contemplative types, perhaps a prayer for a speedy start to the Little Hadham Bypass?

Responsibility note: Adjust your radio or CD player to your chosen station/track to avoid dangerous distractions when you drive off. Switch OFF your mobile. Drivers are four times more likely to crash when using mobile phones, even if they use hands-free kits, safety experts say. Oh yes, and switch off your engine to save fuel and pollution.

Any further suggestions?

[Yes. Please **PLEASE** turn your thumping volume down whilst waiting at the lights! – Ed]

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Nature Notes: *continued from page 11*

territory adjacent to my allotment as from the 5th whilst its relative the brown hawk was first recorded on the 15th. A ruddy darter at Bush Wood (21st) and a common darter laying eggs in the River Ash (28th) completed the list. A common green grasshopper was first recorded at Westland Green (23rd). At the same place a brilliant 6-spot burnet moth was recorded and photographed, shown here.



Plant-wise, much was on offer. The wild marjoram (*oreganum vulgare*) flowered along the Ash, as did rose bay willow herb (*chamerion angustifolium*) and field scabious (*knautia arvensis*) whilst common ragwort (*senecio jacobea*) held plenty of cinnabar moth caterpillars. These are the common black and yellow caterpillars that can infest their food plant. Also recorded were musk mallow (*malva moschata*), hedge bindweed (*calystegia sepium*), scarlet pimpernel (*anagallis arvensis*), and finally indian balsam (*impatiens glandulifera*). The latter grew well along the banks of the Ash behind Lordship Farm. An introduced species from the Himalaya, it does well in damp places such as river banks.

Several new insects were recorded, notably, *strangalia imaculata*, a yellow and black nectar eating beetle and *oedemera nobilis* which is an electric green beetle. The male of the species has tell-tale bulging hind legs.

All these can be viewed on my blog at <http://littlehadhambirding.blogspot.com>.

May I take this opportunity to thank villagers who have rung with bird sightings that they thought I may be interested in. In particular, reports of bullfinches and a partial albino (leucistic) jackdaw on the Albury road. I am always pleased to receive reports either via e-mail or to 776211.

Finally, thank you to Eric and Ennis Rogers who have kindly invited me to give an illustrated talk of my nature notes year to the social club and any other villagers who may be interested. This will be on Tuesday November 11th. Further details nearer the time, but please make a note in your diary.

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Quiz Evening & Supper

Saturday 27th September, 7pm till late

Widford Village Hall, Bell Lane, Widford, Herts

Join us for a fun filled evening of quizzing to raise money for
St. Elizabeth's Centre!

The quiz includes 6 different question categories and prizes for the
winning and losing teams!

Maximum of 6 members per team.

A licensed bar is available from 7pm.

Ticket price £10 includes Fish and Chip Supper and quiz.

To book tickets and to order your meal, please contact:

Chloe Atkinson, Events Co-ordinator,

St. Elizabeth's Centre, Much Hadham, Herts, SG10 6EW

01279 844227

atkinsonc@stelizabeths.org.uk

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Pantomime Group

Yes, it's September and time to be starting rehearsals for next January's production of "Puss in Boots", produced by Cathy Wheatley and starring . . . well, that's for you to find out! Fancy joining our friendly Group this year? We meet once a week: three Thursdays and a Tuesday, at 7.30 pm, and the pace hots up in January. There are no auditions so anyone can come along, so shall we see you at the read-through on **Thursday, 4th September** at 8.00pm. in the Village Hall? We do hope so, and you will be very welcome.

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For twelve years **The Village Music Club** has been bringing world-class musicians to play in Stansted. Recently though, more and more people have asked us why we went under such a modest name, so we have “rebranded” ourselves as music@stansted.

Our regular supporters will be pleased to hear that the change of name doesn't mean any change in the quality and number of concerts we'll be putting on. There will be the usual four concerts, all in St. John's Church, from October through to March 2009.

Saturday October 4th at 7.30 pm - The Barbirolli String Quartet

These four young ladies graduated together from Manchester's Royal Northern College of Music and have quickly become one of their generation's most celebrated quartets, gathering rave reviews and guest appearances on the BBC's "In Tune". They will be playing quartets by Haydn, Beethoven and Debussy as well as a short piece called "Folk Music" by the contemporary composer Joe Cutler.

Sunday November 30th at 3pm – Panoply - a unique group of instrumentalists mixing music from Latin America, China and Europe.

Sunday January 18th 2009 at 3pm - South African Baritone Dawid Kimberg

Saturday March 14th 2009 at 7.30pm – Pianist Erdem Misirliloglu

You don't have to be a member to come to a music@stansted concert; anyone can come along and enjoy a particular performance they fancy. Tickets for all concerts are £12 (with concessions available). You can pay at the door with no need to book, or ring 01279 815282 to buy in advance. You can also become a member and enjoy an attractive discount for the full season by saving a third on the ticket price - pay just £32 for all four concerts. Call 01473 659599 or email - info@musicatstansted.com - to ask for a subscription form.

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Hertford Florist designs 'Isabel' bouquet



The Flower Bar, based in Old Cross Hertford, is helping local charity Isabel Hospice by donating £5 from every sale of their special 'Isabel' bouquets. The Flower Bar was the 2007 Silver winner of Flower Shop of the Year and owner Jo Mullen has over 20 years' experience.

Jo says 'I know of the great work that Isabel Hospice does in the local community and I am proud to be able to support them in this way. I use sunflowers in the 'Isabel' bouquet as sunflowers are the hospice movement's iconic flower. Prices for each bouquet range from £40, of which £5 will be donated to Isabel Hospice.'

Lisa Seccombe, Head of Fundraising at Isabel Hospice said 'What a lovely way to raise funds for the hospice. We would like to thank Jo for this great idea and hope that Isabel Hospice supporters think of using The Flower Bar when they want to send someone a bouquet.' The bouquet can be ordered from the shop, 01992 500390, online at www.theflowerbar.co.uk or www.isabelhospice.org.uk

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We've got fairies at the bottom of our garden



Actually, they're in the front garden, but fairies none the less, writes Pat Fairchild. Overnight, a 'fairy circle' has sprung up on our front lawn, comprising a heart shape made up of small toadstools – they could be mushrooms, but we're not risking it!

The Royal Horticultural Society tells us that these lush rings of grass are caused by a fungus that grows in spring or early summer, or in autumn in particularly damp conditions. Given

the amount of rain recently, we reckon our friendly fungi are either confused by the weather or they've mistaken our saddle stones for giant mushrooms, as the picture suggests.

Useful phone numbers

Citizens' Advice Bureau, East Herts District
08744 848 9700

Editor, Parish News: Jan Finn, 771113

Environment Agency Incident Line:
0800 807060

Fireworks hotline: Jan Finn, 771113

Mobile Library info: 01438 737333

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

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Road or Pavement problems, call Highways
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Village Hall bookings: Mrs Fardell, 771697

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

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 & Toddler group:
9.30 - 11.30am, Wednesdays, term-time.

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

The 'Way Inn'

**Come and meet friends and neighbours over
a cup of tea or coffee. Rear of village hall,
third thursday of the month, 10 - 12noon**

September diary for Little Hadham and Albury

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

- 7 Sunday** **Trinity 16 Proper 18**
9.30am Sung Matins at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham
11.15am Parish Communion with Sunday School at Albury
- 13 Saturday** *Sponsored bike ride and walk for the Historic Churches Trust*
- 14 Sunday** **Trinity 17 Holy Cross Day**
9.30am Shared Communion at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham
- 21 Sunday** **Trinity 18 Proper 20**
8.00am Holy Communion (1662) at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham
9.30am Family Service in Little Hadham Village Hall
6.00pm Evensong at St Mary's, Albury
- 22 Monday**
8.00pm Parochial Church Council meets at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham
- 24 Wednesday**
7.30pm Deanery Synod meets at Hockerill Church
- 28 Sunday** **Harvest Festival**
11.15am Family Service and Communion at St Mary's, Albury (Harvest)
6.00pm Sung Evensong at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham (Michaelmas)

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

Survey of inscriptions on gravestones

During the past month a voluntary group named The Hertfordshire Family History Society has examined and recorded the inscriptions on every gravestone, monument and tablet in St Cecilia's church and churchyard.

A fully illustrated, detailed and indexed booklet will be produced from the information thus obtained and will be available for inspection after publication in 2009.

Apart from local interest in providing a written account of some Little Hadham history it will also be of use to those researching family trees.

Robert Collins of Church End Farm has already started a very impressive restoration project on a large collapsed memorial.

Anyone who wishes to add to the data being collated or is seeking information of their ancestors from this source should contact the church wardens.

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