

# Little Hadham Parish News February 2009



The inquiry into Stansted Airport's second runway must be fair, said demonstrators including Mike Fairchild (in white cap) who told Anglia TV that they opposed a 'quick and dirty' hearing.

## Stansted inquiry needs fairness, not a steamroller, says council chairman

Cautious optimism that 'a sense of realism' may be beginning to prevail over plans for expansion at Stansted Airport was the verdict after a marathon meeting to discuss details of the forthcoming public inquiry into proposals for a second runway.

Andrew Phillipson, the government-appointed inspector who will conduct the inquiry and chaired the eight-hour meeting, was forced to accept the view not only of Stop Stansted Expansion (SSE) but also airlines and even airport owners BAA, that the inquiry is so complex  
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# Letter from the Rectory

It has just been announced that a new Bishop of St Albans has been appointed. Christopher Herbert retired in January, and the Right Reverend Dr Alan Smith, formerly assistant Bishop of Shrewsbury in the Diocese of Lichfield, has been appointed. Dr Smith, 51, is himself one of the Church's youngest prelates. He grew up in rural Wiltshire and graduated from Birmingham University. He trained for the priesthood at Wycliffe Hall Oxford, before serving in Bradford, Walsall, Stoke-on-Trent and Shrewsbury. A member of Amnesty International, the human rights campaign group, he has spoken out against Guantanamo Bay, environmental damage and the "fear of terrorism" being used for political ends. In 2006 he came into the Press limelight when he lived on the minimum wage, then £5.05 an hour, for the duration of Lent to highlight poverty.

He writes: "Coming from a rural background in Wiltshire, I'm passionate about the countryside; about treasuring the environment; supporting the agricultural industry and strengthening our rural parishes. But I've also worked for many years in urban areas. I've rubbed shoulders with people of other faiths and I've been enriched and challenged by them."

Bishop Alan has demonstrated his ease with contemporary methods by appearing on YouTube, which is where I got my information about him. Nevertheless, however good he is at communicating, his role will not be easy in a world where the public face of Christianity is often seen as out-dated or old-fashioned and irrelevant. Bishop Alan will be the spokesman for a Diocese that was created in 1877 and covers the counties of Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire, the Borough of Luton and the London Borough of Barnet. He will oversee 335 parishes, with a population of over 1.5 million people, 270 paid parish clergy (of whom 69 are women), another 270 non-parochial, retired, or non-stipendiary priests, and 220 Readers. His assistant, or Suffragan, Bishops are of Bedford and Hertford.

As our pastor, teacher and friend, we welcome him, pray for him, and hope that very soon he will come and visit our Team.

Chris Boulton

Recommended reading on the Diocese: "Cathedral and City", edited by Robert Runcie.

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## Gypsies: How are we affected by latest report?

A recommendation has been made to the Government that the number of additional pitches for gypsies and travellers in East Hertfordshire should be increased to 20. This is the view of the panel of planning experts appointed to conduct a public inquiry last October into plans by the East of England Regional Assembly (EERA) to increase accommodation for gypsies.

EERA originally said that 15 additional pitches should be found in East Herts but the Panel recommends that a further five pitches should be provided, bringing the total to 20. This is a reallocation of pitches within Hertfordshire, moving five additional pitches from Stevenage into East Herts. Note: a 'pitch' is the space which could house 1.7 caravans; a number of pitches make up a 'site'. There was widespread support at the inquiry, especially from the Police, that new sites should be kept small to improve management.

The Panel rejects the argument put forward by Little Hadham Conservation Society (LHCS) and supported by Little Hadham Parish Council and our District and County Councils that extra pitches should be provided elsewhere in the East of England region where there is need. The point was made that there are no traditional links between Little Hadham and the travelling community and there have been few illegal encampments in this area. However, the Panel supports EERA's proposal to spread

the additional pitches more evenly across the region and goes further by recommending an extra five pitches in East Herts. An increase of 50 pitches in the eastern region brings the total to 1,237 over the next three years, plus provision for transit sites and showpeople.

It is important to stress that the Panel did not consider specific sites, so the recommendations have no direct bearing on Little Hadham, where an EHC-sponsored consultants 'technical' report two years ago identified two potential locations for pitches.

The Panel's report is being considered by the Government. When its response is known, there will be further consultation this summer. EHC will then get down to the job of identifying sites for new pitches. At that point LHCS and the Parish Council will reinforce their arguments against a site in Little Hadham.

"We have made our case very forcibly to the inquiry and to East Herts Council and will review our arguments when we hear the Government's response," said Don Gibson, LHCS chairman, "The next public consultation will give us the opportunity to reinforce our arguments. If it comes to a fight, we have right on our side, the backing of the vast majority of the community, a starter fund to pay for initial legal advice and an absolute conviction that Little Hadham is not an appropriate place for a traveller site – and we believe travellers would support that view," he said.

**WANTED: More contributions from Little Hadhamites! The level of advertising in the Parish News is fast heading towards the necessity of Another Sheet of Paper, and we all know what that means – another four sides to fill. Can YOU contribute something? A poem; a recipe; a photo; a Grumpy Old Hadhamite column? Of course you can, so exercise your New Year fingers and get writing. All contributions will be personally acknowledged by the editor. 771113, or <http://clocktower.co.uk>**

## Give a Dog a Good Home

Hi there, my name is Elaine and I used to live in Little Hadham. Since leaving the village, ten years ago, a lot has happened in my life, and I now run a successful retired greyhound kennels on the other side of Bishop's Stortford. We keep ten dogs here for rehoming at all times. For six years my partner John and I have dedicated our time to helping retired greyhounds find loving homes after finishing their racing career, and two years ago opened up our kennels in Bishop's Stortford. Since then we have homed 78 dogs and luckily we are still getting enquiries about greyhound adoption even with the financial climate being so grim at the moment. We are always looking for homes for these gentle, placid dogs who settle into home life with great ease.



Here in the photos are two of our resident inmates called Rumble and Ben. Rumble is a handsome brindle boy who is five years old. He has a lovely kind nature and will make a great pet for somebody. Ben, the white and black dog in the photo, is also five years old. He is



a very shy dog, but once he gets his confidence in you, is very loving and loyal.

We have ten dogs of various ages here all the time, so I have a full-time job, with the help of a wonderful team of volunteers who help me walk the dogs. I like to walk the dogs at least once a day as they look forward to getting out of their kennels and going for a stroll in the countryside.

If anybody is interested in adopting one of our greyhounds please phone me, on 01279 501899 or 07505 307810, or visit the website, which is [greyhoundhomer.org.uk](http://greyhoundhomer.org.uk). You can make an appointment to visit the kennels seven days a week or phone me if you would like more information on adopting a greyhound.

## Cheap as Chips

Qualified microchipper is happy to microchip any Little Hadham dogs for a discounted rate of £10 (usual charge £15)

Contact Sue Trundle, 771970 for details.

## *Little Hadham rocks!*

Did anyone notice a former neighbour on BBC TV's Andrew Marr Show a couple of weeks back?

One of the guests was Richard Thompson, lead guitarist with folkrock group Fairport Convention, whose members lived in Little Hadham in the 'Seventies.

All the band members and their families moved into The Angel, the former pub by the traffic lights. The band performed two memorable charity concerts in the field opposite the Nags Head, causing the pub to run 'dry'. There was a near tragedy in the village when a runaway lorry crashed into their home, demolishing band member Dave Swarbrick's bedroom.

This is almost certainly the only folkrock group to feature Little Hadham on its website!

### *Family Fun Run/Walk*

*(Full details will be in the March issue.)*

*Little Hadham Playgroup is organising a Fun Run/Walk*

*on Sunday 15th March at 10.30am*

*Contact Mirandi on 07760 162944*

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## Little Hadham & Albury Social Club

*Chris Boulton did us proud with his South Africa talk and slide show. He centred on his time in Swaziland, which gave us a delightfully personal look at his time there, meeting his friends, old and new. We saw how close he came to the animals he encountered in the Nature Reserves. He ended the evening in Durban, by visiting the churches Clive Slaughter had in his care. At the beginning of the talk Chris had shown us a map of South Africa, indicating where he had travelled and we are sure there is at least one other interesting evening for the future !*

*Our February meeting, at 8 pm on Tuesday 10th, will be a Wine and Nibbles evening, when we will review 2008, discuss possible trips for this year and have time to socialise. We look forward to meeting old and new friends – everyone welcome.*

**A reminder to all those planning to let off fireworks to let the editor know in advance. This is so that those with nervous dogs can be warned in time to administer tranquillisers to save them from unnecessary distress. Hotline number: 771113**

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## Nature Notes: December/January

by Jonathan Forgham

A severely cold spell for most of this period meant that birds moved into gardens and land close to buildings. The temperature on one evening in the first week of January registered an amazing  $-14^{\circ}\text{C}$  in the back garden. Several morning walks began in sub-zero temperatures, often with heavy frost but good light.

The undoubted highlight, not only for this period, but the whole year was eventually connecting with the barn owl reported last month. I include two photos here, taken in rapidly



fading light. These were taken on the 20th December and the bird showed well up to the first

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# Little Hadham School

*Believing and Achieving*

The teaching staff has recently enjoyed some fairly intensive training to help further develop 'Thinking Skills' for our pupils. Our focus has been Edward de Bono's 'Thinking Hats' which encourages the children to be aware of how they think and how to deepen their thinking. This marks yet another step on our journey to become a 'Thinking School' !

If you would like to develop your thinking skills too, do join us for the **FRIENDS Quiz Night** on Saturday **28th February**. Contact the Office on 771 285 for tickets.

Our 'Penguin Party' in the Early Years Unit proved to be 'really cool' and parents enjoyed having the chance to share in the children's 'Snow Studies'.

We also received another visit from our magical friends as the Magic Theatre Company cleverly used their magic powers to promote the theme of 'Self Awareness'.

Our next 'Theme Day' is on Friday 13th February as we go 'Red' to support the British Heart Foundation Day. What will the teachers have in store?

Pancake Races are already in the diary to raise awareness of Shrove Tuesday and the onset of Lent. Parents are also welcome to test their pancake-tossing skills too !

Finally, thank you to those of you who have been shopping online through the 'Giving Machine'. We continue to receive cash donations from them towards school funds. It all helps ! Thank you for your continued support.

Liz Stockley, Head

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## Nature Notes, *continued from page 7*

week of the New Year. A recent report had one hunting over the meadows opposite The Smithy on the 8th January. It may still be present, so keep an eye open any time after 3.30pm

Also of interest were 6 lesser black backed gulls (20th Dec), common buzzard (20th and 28th), goldcrests (most walks and in local gardens), 4 cormorants (28th), coal tit (31st), sparrow hawk (31st), siskins (11 east on the 31st), nuthatch (3rd), treecreeper (3rd) bullfinches (most walks) marsh tits (2 at The Ford on the 17th) and Canada geese (2 southwest on the 17th)

The cold spell had brought a lot of species together, with yellowhammers and finches mingling with long tailed tits and goldcrests, especially at Caley Wood near the 2nd green on the golf course. As the mornings warm slightly the first songs are to be heard after 6.30am, with the robin being the most vociferous at present. Shortly, the sound of great spotted woodpeckers drumming to identify their territory will become commonplace throughout the day.

Another amazing sight was from slightly further afield, but nevertheless, noteworthy. Remarkably, a fully mature fallow deer was seen sitting in the field at Cradle End, where the lane joins the A120. Several reports of this splendidly antlered creature reached me, showing it sat there for over an hour.

A fox was photographed along the Ash Valley towards Lordship Farm on the 17th, shown here.

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# What's on in February ...

in the Village Hall unless otherwise stated

- 3 Tue, Parish Council meeting, 8pm**
- 5, 19 Thur, Mobile Library** Details below.
- 8 Sun, Antiques Fair, 9.30 - 4pm**
- 10 Tue, LH & A Social Club, 8pm.** A Wine and Nibbles evening, when we will review 2008, discuss possible trips for this year and have time to socialise. We look forward to meeting old and new friends – everyone welcome.
- 14 Sat, Valentine's Dinner Dance, For Isabel Hospice.** Celebrate Valentine's Day in the wonderfully romantic setting of Tewin Bury Farm. The evening is Black Tie with drinks and canapes on arrival, followed by a three course meal with a live band. There will also be a great raffle and auction on the night. Call Lindsay Peters for tickets on 01707 334229
- 19 Thur, "Way Inn" coffee morning, 10-12**
- 19 Thur, LH & A Garden Club, 7.45pm.** Our Speaker will be Annie Godfrey, her subject is "Some like it hot !"
- 20 Fri Souled Out, Broxbourne Civic Hall, 7.30.** More than just a band, Souled Out perform the whole spectrum of dance music from the '50s through to present day chart hits as well as classic soul. This has earned them the reputation as one of the most exciting live showbands performing in the UK and around the World. Four powerful vocalists, a superb four-piece rhythm and three-piece brass section, Souled Out work as an 11-piece down to a 7-piece party band. This event is being held to raise money for Melissa Huggins, a 27 year old who needs specialised treatment in the USA for a brain tumour. Isabel Hospice will also be a beneficiary of the evening. Tickets cost £15 and can be obtained from lead singer John Cacherall on 01992 445199.
- 22 Sunflower Sponsored Swim, 9-4pm** Haileybury School Pool, Hertford Heath. This

will be 5th year the 100 mile sponsored swim will be held in aid of Isabel hospice. This year's theme is Sunflowers, so turn up in your sunflower-inspired swimwear and see if you can win a spot prize! If you would like to put a team in on the day or help with marshalling or sponsorship, call Pam Shepherd on 01707 382500.

**28 Sat, Farmers' Market, 9-12.** Homemade pies • Bread • Wild boar • Beef, pork, lamb and poultry • Eggs • Pork pies • Vegetables • Smoked and fresh fish • Ready meals from Stumbledon • Honey Ice cream • Seasonal foods • Preserves Plants • Soft fruit in season • Venison in season • Goats cheese and milk • Wood products Handmade soap • Jewellery. (Not to mention the cooked breakfast.)

**28 Sat FRIENDS Quiz Night, School, 7.12.85**

## 5th & 19th 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

A fortnightly service.

## 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 - 12 noon

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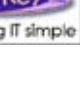
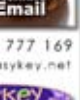
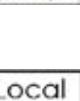
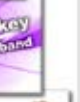
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## ... and after that?

Mar 6 **Casino Night** Wodson Park, Ware.For Isabel Hospice. £20 .Tickets 07708 366564.

Mar 7 **Isabel Hospice Jumble Sale**, Thundridge. Details 01920 462992

Mar 8 **Big Fun Walk** - London Parks. Suitable for all ages. Leaving at 9.30.a.m., registration forms from Renee Friend,755320. Dogs welcome

Mar 12,13,14 **Peter Pan**, See page 16

Mar 15 **Playgroup Fun Run**. See page 5

Mar 21 **Dawn Chorus Walk** 5am Village Hall car park. Info Jonathan Forgham 776211

April 18 **Dawn Chorus Walk** 4.30am Details as above. or [jforgham@hotmail.com](mailto:jforgham@hotmail.com)

April 18 **Isabel Hospice Jumble Sale**, Thundridge. Details 01920 462992

April 26 **Flora London Marathon**. In 2008 Isabel Hospice had 14 runners who raised an amazing £30,000 for us. If you have a place in your own right, and would like to run in aid of Isabel Hospice, please call Pam Shepherd on 01707 382500.

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## Where next with the Parish Plan?

*The Little Hadham Parish Plan* has been the driving force behind many improvements to life in the village. Published in 2006 following extensive consultation with residents, it aimed to help make Little Hadham an even better place in which to live by building community spirit through better facilities and more activities. It set out an ambitious programme of projects over three to five years, most of which have either been completed or are well under way.

It also promised to keep the Parish Plan relevant to the changing needs of the village – not a one-off but a 'living' plan. Now, three years into the first plan, the time has come to update it – and to ask you to help.

In this edition of the Parish News, you will find your copy of a questionnaire. It asks you to 'score' the success of the Parish Plan to date and to list issues you think it should address over the next three to five years. The results

will help to shape the next edition of the Parish Plan. They will also be provided to the Parish Council, which is tasked with creating an overall 'business plan' for Little Hadham to 2013. So, your answers to the questionnaire are a vital part of that process.

The questionnaire is short and gives you a free hand to express your own opinions or those of your household. Please don't leave it to others to speak for you ! The questions will take no more than five or six minutes to answer. Please complete the form and return it by placing it in the special collection box in the porch of the Village Hall by Monday February 9 or hand it to your local parish councillor or a member of the Parish Plan committee - so why not do it right NOW ? ! The outcome of this survey will be revealed at the Annual Parish Assembly in April.

Thank you for taking part!

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## **Success!** *These are some of the achievements of the Parish Plan to date:*

- *The creation of a totally new playing field adjoining the Village Hall with state-of-the-art playground and sports equipment, and the re-equipping of the Ridgeway playground. Total cost: around £60,000 with major grants including a Biffaward in a collaborative funding bid through the Parish Council*
- *Community events including the scarecrow-themed Fun Day, The Teddy Bears' Picnic and the Barn Dance – all part of an effort to encourage our eight hamlets to take part in village-wide fun activities*
- *Better communication through a totally revamped Parish News and greater use of email and The Hadhams website*
- *Computer training sessions to help residents get 'on line' and improve their computer skills*
- *A housing needs survey run via the Parish Council and East Herts Council to provide the information needed to address pressure for more housing in this part of East Herts*
- *A Village Guide and 'welcome pack' for newcomers and visitors, to be published in April*

*Outstanding tasks, both from the original plan and suggestions submitted since it was published, include providing more facilities for young people and getting them more involved in the life of the community, more help for older residents, exploring ways of improving local transport, and other ways of keeping Little Hadham 'in the news'.*

*News of a Little Hadham 'Fun Run' this summer in which every resident will be invited to take part is reported on page 19.*

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## Nature Notes, *continued from page 9*



*I have added two dates to the "What's coming up" column. These are for all that are interested in joining me on dawn chorus walks. They will begin from the village hall car park and include a hot drink and snack at the Ash Valley golf course. Please feel free to join in, but so as not to bewilder the staff at the golf course it would be helpful if I had a rough idea of numbers. Please email me, [jforgham@hotmail.com](mailto:jforgham@hotmail.com), or phone 776211 to express an interest. If heavy rain, then they shall be postponed. The whole walk will take three hours or so and cover 5–6 miles in all, at an easy pace.*

*I look forward to meeting a few enthusiastic birders, either novice beginners or experts on these two mornings. Binoculars would be advantageous as well as a good set of ears !*

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## Rural Ramblings

by Cherry Mardell

*There's great anticipation down on the farm – speaking personally that is.*

*By the time you read this I hope to have introduced four new members into our family. Four ungainly, woolly, long-necked creatures who, if the feeling takes them, will repay all our kindness towards them...by spitting at us !*

*Yes, we are joining the ever increasing numbers who have decided that alpacas are fun. We have been warned that keeping alpacas won't make us rich. More likely, it will make us poor... for despite being hardy creatures that can live out all year, their initial cost is prohibitive and their superb wool, sold on to spinners and weavers, won't even cover the cost of the shearing.*

*So why, you might ask, keep alpacas? As someone who has spent her entire adult life, until recently, owning horses, I must admit I miss them. My chickens have tried hard to fill the void, but you can't get bosom pals with a chicken, however hard you try ! I'm not too sure that you can get pally with an alpaca either, especially one that spits ! But I intend to try...*

*Having walked among dozens of them, I have chosen user-friendly animals, ones who seem to like the human race. The quality of their wool is, to me, of secondary importance. I have picked two ladies-in-waiting who, hopefully, will produce babies come summer. To complete my starter family, I have chosen two young males who will shortly be useless at the mating game !*

*New fencing is being erected, feeders bought and a pen constructed for when we need to catch these speedy movers.*

*Now we await their arrival. I am filled with an odd mixture of eager anticipation and nervousness. Will we like them...more important, will they like us? If not, it'll be one in the eye for us !*

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Only one solution, no need to guess

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**The Young ones**

Little Hadham's Youth Drama Group  
present their 10<sup>TH</sup> production

**PETER PAN**

Thursday 12 March

Friday 13 March

Saturday 14 March

in the Village Hall

Box Office 771884

Tickets on sale from 14 February



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## Chapel Lane

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

Six Houses known as Pudding Row. Standing end to the road with long gardens. No 1 Daniel Woodhouse wife and family. He first worked at the Brewery as a Carter then when it closed down was a Farm Day worker at Kiln Farm Standon Road. A big man with sons the same. There were all London Police men. One or two daughters one name Lily. No 2 Mr Walter White and Mother. Walter was a baker at the village stores. A very hard working man after baking he would go out with the cart taking Bread Flour and Cakes perhaps returning 11.0pm at nights only to be in the Bakery next morning early. Two more men help him. Working all the week then on Sunday he would think nothing of getting his solid tyred bike out to ride to London and back. After Mr Houghton closed the shop Walter biked to Stortford doing the same work bring bread around Little Hadham and Albury. He was later killed going to work near Hadham Hall by a car. No 5 Mr Fox known as Prince Fox. Worked at the Brewery a Carter. afterward also on the Roads. Prince like his brother 20 stones in weight. Both living to a great age. No 6 Aron Gillett and wife Harriet, a ladder and rake maker a very good tradesman Working for Reuben Gillett Water Lane. A very quiet peaceful sort of man alway cheerful never standing still

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## **Stansted report,** *continued from front page*

*it will take more than a year to complete, not the six months the government was hoping for. The inspector was also forced to accept that concurrent sessions to speed up the process were regarded as unfair.*

*The airlines and SSE argued for the start date to be put back several months because of uncertainties including the sell-off of the airport – likely to be forced on BAA by the Competition Commission – and SSE's pending High Court challenge of the Government's decision to allow expansion of the existing runway. The outcome of either event could lead to cancellation of the second runway. BAA argued for the original April start date. It could be March before Hazel Blears, communities secretary, decides on the start date.*

*"The inspector undoubtedly got the message but whether he can persuade the Secretary of State to accept a realistic time scale is another matter," said Mike Fairchild, chairman of Little Hadham Parish Council, who was among 150 residents from across the eastern region who took part in a demonstration and attended the meeting. "Those who object to expansion are concerned that the Government will attempt to steamroller through the inquiry in order to get a decision before the next election. We want an inquiry that is thorough and fair and not quick and dirty," he added.*

*Opponents say that the economic arguments for expansion are flawed and that a four-fold increase in Stansted's CO2 emissions to 9.2m tonnes by 2030 would make nonsense of the Government's target of cutting UK emissions by 80% by 2050. If the extra runway went ahead, Little Hadham, which sits under the busiest flight path, could see a four-fold increase in air traffic.*

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## Fancy a 'Fun Run'?



Fancy taking part in a marathon? No? Well, how about taking part in the Little Hadham Fun Run this summer? It will be open to EVERYONE in the village of whatever age and ability.

As part of the Parish Plan activities this year, the fun run will link up each of our hamlets with plenty of refreshment stops en route – and loads of fun! There will be a trophy and a big celebration afterwards.

The event is being organised by the team that brought you the scarecrow-themed Fun Day. Watch out for more details in the Parish News and on noticeboards on how you can take part and help out.

Talking of marathons, one of our more serious runners, John Purvis, parish councillor and karate devotee, is running in the 26-mile London Marathon on April 26 on behalf of Macmillan Cancer Support. John runs five times a week and recently completed two half marathons. "This is a very worthy cause as two million people in the UK are living with cancer," says John. If you would like to sponsor John, you can do so online, [www.justgiving.com/johnpurvis](http://www.justgiving.com/johnpurvis), or by cheque payable to Macmillan Cancer Support to his home, Sharpes Farm, Westland Green, SG11 2AF.

John promises not to set too cracking a pace in the Little Hadham Fun Run!

## 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.

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

**Playgroup:** 12.30pm - 3.30pm Mondays,  
Tuesdays, Wednesdays in the Nursery at  
LH School. Mirandi Smit 771241

**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, 07732 370923

## Useful phone numbers

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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.)

**1 Sunday**                      **Candlemas (The Presentation of Christ in the Temple)**  
9.30am                              Matins at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham  
11.15am                            Parish Communion and Sunday School (In the School Hall) St Mary's

**8 Sunday**                              **3rd Before Lent**  
9.30am                              Shared Communion at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham  
12 noon                             Baptism of Elke Anais Smit at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham  
5.00pm                              Taizé-style service at St Andrew's, Much Hadham

**12 Thursday**  
8.00pm                              St Cecilia's PCC meets in the Church Room

**15 Sunday**                              **2nd before Lent**  
8.00am                              Holy Communion at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham  
9.30am                              Family Service in LH Village Hall  
6.00pm                              Evensong at St Mary's, Albury (In Church)

**22 Sunday**                              **Next before Lent**  
11.15am                            Parish Communion (In the School Hall, Albury)  
6.00pm                              Evensong at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

**25 Wednesday**                      **Ash Wednesday**  
10.30am                            Holy Communion at St Andrew's, Much Hadham  
8.00pm                              Holy Communion at St Mary's, Braughing

**1 March, Sunday**                      **Lent 1**  
9.30am                              Matins at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

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

*There have been no entries in the Register this month*

## **THANK YOU, GOOD EVENING & WELCOME!**

May I say a huge **THANK YOU** to Tony & Brenda Allen for hosting a fantastic get together just before Christmas, they laid on a wonderful array of food and drink. A **GOOD EVENING** (or should I say a great evening!) was had by all - including all our new neighbours at Farm Place, Bury Green, who have settled in well and already boast they "love living in Little Hadham"! So **WELCOME** Janice & Melvin, Ann, James & Thomas, Brian, Alison Brendan & Mary-Kate, Kay & Norman and last but not least Nicola & Danny proud mum and dad to our first Farm Place new-born, Lola - we wish you well and hope to see you at the various events held in the village. If you need me you know where I am (White Cottage, Cradle End) or call me: 466331.

**Carmela Piccolo**

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