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Letter from the Rectory

The wedding season is approaching. This year I have a special personal interest, as I shall be taking the wedding of my niece at Much Hadham and hosting the reception. Officiating at weddings and preparing the couples beforehand is one of the more joyful aspects of being ordained; and even if it is only a minority who choose a church wedding, it is still an important role to fulfil. When taking weddings, I always try to think of different ways to express the meaning of love and commitment.

At the heart of Christian marriage is a covenant promise before God, to love and cherish your partner. It should be exciting and romantic; but it has more mundane aspects too. Getting married is one thing; maintaining marriage is quite another.

I was listening to "Poetry Please" the other day on radio, while doing the ironing, (it was the butler's day off!), and heard a delightful and eccentric poem by U.A. Fanthorpe, entitled "Atlas": Atlas, brother of Prometheus, who, in Greek mythology, was condemned by Zeus to hold up the pillars that separate heaven and earth, preventing the heavens from falling in; and was turned to stone by Perseus to become the Atlas mountains. The poet plays with the idea that love keeps our fragile edifice of daily living upright. She did not start to write poetry until she was 45, and won the Queen's gold medal for poetry in 2003. Her poetry often championed the underdog, or the alternative point of view. She died in April of this year aged 79.

For anyone, married or unmarried, harassed by the daily round and common tasks of life, these words, written as a tribute to her life partner, Rosie Bailey, may hold some resonance.

"There is a kind of love called maintenance
Which stores the WD40 and knows when to use it
Which checks the insurance, and doesn't forget
The milkman; which remembers to plant bulbs;
Which answers letters; which knows the way
The money goes; which deals with dentists
And Road Fund Tax and meeting trains,
And postcards to the lonely; which upholds
The permanently rickety elaborate
Structures of living, which is Atlas.
And maintenance is the sensible side of love,
Which knows what time and weather are doing
To my brickwork; insulates my faulty wiring;
Laughs at my dryrotten jokes; remembers
My need for gloss and grouting; which keeps
My suspect edifice upright in air,
As Atlas did the sky."

During these long days of Summer, I hope we can all, with God's help, and the love and support of those around us, keep our suspect edifices upright. For my own part, I am conscious of the words of psalm 127: "Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain."

Little Hadham Fun Run (pix on pages 12 & 13)

What a scorcher!

Success beyond our wildest dreams sums up the first-ever Little Hadham Fun Run. More than 240 runners took part in scorching heat to complete either a 5 kilometre or 10 kilometre course around the village.

With money still coming in, the event has already raised more than £1,500 to be shared between CRY (Cardiac Risk in the Young) and starter funds for future Parish Plan events. A raffle with top prize of a football signed by Rod Stewart raised over £200.

The event was run in memory of Caroline Johnstone, who lived with her parents, Lesley and Johnny and brother Ross, in Chapel Lane. Caroline died tragically a year ago. Many of Caroline's friends and school mates from Bishop's Stortford High School took part to help promote Cazfest, an all day summer music event on Sunday July 5 in memory of Caroline, who was known as Caz to her friends (www.cazfest.com).

Official photographs of the event including fantastic action shots of all finishers of the 10k event, the winner of the 5k run, the mass start and informal shots at the Village Hall and the Nags Head, were on sale at the June Little Hadham Farmers' Market. Details of how to order prints are on The Hadhams website (www.thehadhams.com) or Mike Fairchild (771302).

Lesley Johnstone started the race and she and Johnny handed out specially printed certificates to the finishers. Serious runners with stop watches were joined by budding marathon contenders, quite a few walkers and a host of fun runners in a mix of attire ranging from a chef's hat, fairy wings and ballet skirts to an inflatable Sumo costume. Members of our local Karate Club showed their fitness by running in their Gi's.

Despite the heat, first across the line in the 10 kilometre run finished in just 40 minutes, while the fastest runner in the 5k event took less than 20 minutes. In line with the aims of our Parish Plan, the routes linked up all the hamlets in the village.

"The support we had for the event exceeded all our expectations," said Mike Smith, chairman of Little Hadham Parish Plan's organising committee. "For a first event it was an outstanding success and we had many requests to run it again next year." He thanked Paul Arkell and staff at The Nags Head who donated free drinks to the finishers and coped with a multitude of thirsty runners, and Stephen Stigwood, who mowed a footpath and picnic area in fields opposite the pub. Special thanks to all helpers and particularly the marshals whose efforts earned tributes from experienced runners about how well the Fun Run was organised.

Fun Run photos

There are more than 150 photographs from the Fun Run. If you would like to order one of those in this edition of the Parish News, note the number and call Mike Fairchild (771302).

If you missed the display of all the pictures at the Farmers' Market, call Mike anyway. Prints are £3 for 5"x 7", £4 for 6"x8", all proceeds to Cardiac Risk in the Young (CRY).

Parish Plan Project – Family Nature Walk and Picnic



I am planning a midday nature walk on **Saturday 18th July**. I plan to begin at the village hall car park at 10.30a.m. and wander (very leisurely) towards Millennium Wood where participants can enjoy their picnic before wandering back via Hoecroft Lane and Brick Kiln Hill, arriving back in the village at around 2.00pm.

If you would care to come along and perhaps permit me to show you what nature has to offer in the way of birds, plants, butterflies, dragon and damselflies along with other insects, then please contact me to register your interest. I will then forward you a proposed route (no more than 3 miles). It would be particularly pleasing if whole families found the time to join in, so book the date in your diary and I shall look forward to meeting some new faces.

This is part of my remit with the parish plan committee in as much as the committee is offering opportunities for village residents to get out and about along the footpaths and bridleways. More details can be found in the recently distributed parish plan pack.

Finally, if it is raining, I shall postpone it and contact all interested parties with a proposed new date.

Contact me at jforgham@hotmail.com or on 07805571551.

Jonathan Forgham

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PUPPIES!!

*Have you just acquired a puppy?
Isn't it sweet, the way it rushes
around, chews your shoes and chases
the cat?*

*Discipline and training will give you a happy
dog and a happy owner so why not try the
puppy and dog training classes down at
the Village Hall on Wednesday evenings. A
well-socialized and friendly dog is welcome
everywhere and you can't start too early. All
dogs must have had their inoculations and
be house-trained and ready to meet other
dogs. Laura Shambrook is a qualified vet.
nurse and dog trainer and makes training
fun for everyone. You can contact her on
email: laura@pawfectfriends.co.uk or by
'phone: 079 444 90493 (mobile) or 01279
722550 to book your place.*

Silence is Golden

*Seated one day in my garden,
From over the fence came a din,
A radio, played at full volume,
Forced me to jump up and rush in.*

*Now don't get me wrong, I love music,
And children, and dogs, by the way,
But we do like to sit in our gardens,
After toiling at work all the day.*

*So why not consider your neighbour,
And turn down the sound just a bit,
Encourage your children to whisper
And maybe we'll all benefit!*

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Nature Notes May/June

by Jonathan Forgham

A month of mainly glorious weather brought out the best that Little Hadham parish has to offer. Migrant birds continued to arrive and pass through during the recording period (18th May – 18th June) including a single turtle dove. This was a new record for me within the parish, being heard on the 27th May south east of Bury Green on the footpath that leads south to Danebridge. A good record as this is a seriously declining species in England.

Other notable birds this month were: bullfinch (26th and 27th), common buzzard (27th and 6th) reed bunting (27th), grey heron (27th) cuckoo (2nd), garden warbler (a pair near Cradle End 2nd), red kite (14th) and lesser whitethroat (18th June)



However, the highlight for the period was a huge invasion of migratory painted lady butterflies, (left). Literally millions have moved north from their breeding grounds in the Atlas mountains in Morocco, arriving all along the south and east coast on the 22nd – 24th of May. Large numbers passed through the parish on the 28th, where I recorded in excess of 1000 heading north

west. At one point I counted a minimum of 3 per minute travelling quickly through our garden in Chapel Lane. A magnificent sight. The migration had been triggered by perfect breeding conditions in North Africa in February, where a recorder counted over 150,000 pupae in one field alone! Along with the painted lady, a small copper butterfly was a first for me within the parish whilst the butterflies to be recorded for the first time this year were: red admiral and small heath (28th) and meadow brown (6th). Another migratory species, this time a moth, was also a first for me. This was a solitary silver y moth [not a misprint], discovered in long grass towards Hadham Hall. Azure damselflies also made the most of the hot weather towards the end of May, being seen near most ponds.

A plant recording wander on the 28th May realized over 40 flowering species. These were witnessed along the footpaths from Cradle End through Bury Green and Acremore Street. Examples of cut leaf cranesbill, bird's foot trefoil, bladder campion, wood avens, hop trefoil and tufted vetch were flowering most successfully.

The invasive harlequin ladybird was first recorded for the year on the 18th June, along with many examples of the regular 7 spot ladybird. Other notable insects included a colourful bug, miris striatus (right), nettle weevil, green shield bug and scorpion fly, the latter shown below. With the birds continuing with their breeding it becomes a quiet time



for birding and so my attention is drawn to the insect world, with hopefully some good finds to come in the next four weeks.

Finally, an intriguing phone call on the 16th regarding a snake in a grass bin along Church End. Trying to identify it over the phone was not easy, but it was eventually recorded as a grass snake. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Collins for

taking the time to inform me. I am always appreciative of any sightings within the village and can be contacted on 07805571551 or at jforgham@hotmail.com.

More information and photos can be found at: <http://littlehadhambirding.blogspot.com>

Rural Ramblings

by Cherry Mardell

There's many a day when I read the newspapers, listen to the radio or watch the news, that I despair of being British. Not any more.

We've just returned from a trip to Russia. And while the cathedrals are amazing and the palaces quite splendid, the everyday Russian has little to smile about. Most of the folk in and around St Petersburg live in shabby apartments. A couple is lucky to be able to afford a one roomed studio. Often whole families cram into a flat which UK single folk would deem too small. Walls are paper thin; privacy doesn't really exist. Our tour guides told us of the hardships they take for granted. Women work; it is a necessity if they want to eat. Old folk are not so lucky. By the time they have paid the apartment rental, there is only enough left to buy potatoes and bread. Nobody smiles readily. There appear to be few children around. We never saw a motorbike. Push bikes were a rarity. Cars were old and shabby. When we went (chaperoned by a Russian guide) on the metro, (no photographs allowed) and to food markets, we were followed by a KGB agent at all times.

So you think we have hit bad times? You don't know the half of it! Yes, there are now plenty of millionaires in Russia, but this is a country of contrasts – those who have it all, and those who have next to nothing.

P.S. Ollie, our newly born alpaca, arrived just 24 hours after I had left on holiday. A press-ganged group of terrified 'midwives' were at the ready, but Laurel managed it alone.

This week we had the adults shorn – and a sorry sight they make now! It's all spindly legs and little bodies. Even Ollie did a double take when he was re-united with his mum! Now all is calm for a month while we make hay – if the sun shines –and await birth number two!

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Little Hadham & Albury Garden Club

We had an interesting talk from Mr Thorpe who is the Head Gardener at Trinity College Gardens, Cambridge and had an insight into some of the college grounds that the public don't see. Please don't forget the Autumn Show on the **5th September**; there are schedules available from the Post Office and Karin Green, Gouldburn Cottage, The Ford, Little Hadham.

Tips for July

Flower Border

Sow biennial seeds e.g. Foxgloves, Hollyhocks,
Plant Autumn flowering bulbs

Deadhead perennials and annuals to
encourage more flowers

Water containers and feed once a week

Veg Plot

Summer prune red and white currants and
gooseberries

Thin overcrowded fruit on apple & pear trees

Pick soft fruit

Harvest salad veg and sow more.

Harvest early potatoes

If the weather is dry raise the blades on lawn mowers slightly as this will help to keep the grass greener. And of course enjoy the garden.

Out2Play

The Out2Play team will be visiting us throughout the school summer holidays. Look out for posters on notice boards giving information about their visits at the Village Hall Playground every Wednesday from 1pm - 3pm - and don't forget it's FREE. Do please make as much use of this great facility as possible – that's how we secure its continuity.

Carmela 466331 - cam2403@hotmail.co.uk

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Little Hadham School

Believing and Achieving

I am writing this month's article hot from Kingswood Residential Activity Centre near Cromer, in Norfolk, where our thirty Year 5/6 pupils have been participating in a wide range of activities from Climbing to Archery to Quad-biking. Caving and Zipline (a 150m aerial runway looking out to sea) have proven to be the most popular so far, with Caving certainly being the dirtiest!



Meanwhile, back at school, plans are underway for our Enterprise Week where the children get a chance to demonstrate their 'Apprentice-style' talents to make items to sell at our Summer Fayre on Sunday 5th July from 12-3pm.

Finally, rehearsals are in full flow for our KS2 Summer production of 'Wind in the Willows'. Senior Citizens are invited to join us for the Dress Rehearsal (and refreshments) on Monday 13th July at 10am.

Hope to see you there!

Liz Stockley, Head Teacher

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What's on in July . . .

in the Village Hall unless otherwise stated

4,5 Teas in Gardens. Pump House, Coles Park, Westmill. Thanks to Lord and Lady Carter of Coles for opening their garden as part of the National Garden Scheme. Open on both Saturday and Sunday. The Teas in the Garden will be held at the Pump House in aid of Isabel Hospice. The gardens include a lavender walk, a double herbaceous border and a fine collection of old cedars. Extensive lawns and splendid views over parkland. Gravel paths and gravel access to garden. Admission £4, children free. Directions 3m S of Buntingford. Off A10, leave Westmill heading for Dane End & follow road for approx 1m. Farm on L, then drive in front of lodge through gate posts for Coles Park.

5 Sun Cazfest. All-day music event in memory of Caroline Johnstone. For details, log on to: www.cazfest.com

5 Sun Lee Valley 10K and 3K Fun Run 11:30
This is an off road fun run through the beautiful Lee Valley Park. The 3K is disabled friendly. Last year there were over 600 runners from the age of 6 to somewhat over! Why not organise a team and run in aid of Isabel Hospice.
Tel. Darryl Coffey 07973 868364

5 Sun Open Garden, Fanhams Hall 2-5pm An opportunity to look around beautiful gardens not often open to the public. (Opened by kind permission of Exclusive Hotels) Built in the Jacobean style and accompanied by original Japanese gardens, Fanhams Hall is set in 27 acres of beautiful Hertfordshire gardens. There is a great Eastern influence throughout. The Japanese Garden areas were laid out by Professor Suzuki in 1900. A Wisteria Walk, fountains, waterfalls, bridges, lakes, trees, and stones, each has a great significance within the garden. Come and enjoy Teas and home-made cakes. There will also be plants, books

and collectables as well as a tombola. Entry £3.00, all proceeds go to Isabel Hospice. Enquiries: 01920 462992.

7 Tue Parish Council meeting, 8pm Come and ask a representative from EHC questions about ARC, the new recycling system

9, 23 Thur Mobile Library (See page 11)

11 Sat Jumble Sale Thundridge Village Hall 2.30pm. Contact Details 01920 462992

14 Tue LH & A Social Club, 8pm
Laurie Kerr will be telling the story of 'Cricket, lovely cricket.' We look forward to meeting all neighbours at our meetings, only £1.50, including refreshments, plus a raffle. 771580 or 658585 for information.

16 Thur "Way Inn" coffee morning 10-12 noon. (See page 11)

18 Sat Middy Nature Walk, 10.30 with Jonathan Forgham. If you are interested in finding out what lives near you contact jforgham@hotmail.com or on 07805571551. (See article, page 4)

19 Sun Tandem Sky Dive, 07:00 - 17:00 at Chatteris, near Cambridge. The jump will cost a minimum of £375, of which Isabel Hospice will receive £230. Join our band of merry jumpers and help raise valuable funds in an Extreme way. If you wish to take part in this exciting event, you must be aged 18 or over (or 16+ with parental consent). Each jump will be undertaken with an instructor and training will be given prior to the jump. For further info or to register for the Sky Dive contact Lisa Seccombe on 01707 382542 or email lisa.seccombe@isabelhospice.org.uk

25 Sat, Farmers' Market 8.30-11.30am. Loads of lovely grub, including the cooked breakfast of your choice. Plants, crafts, pet foods in addition to locally grown produce.

... and later on

21 Aug **Charity Golf Day** (see advert below)

21-23 Aug **Flamstead Scarecrow Festival**

27 Aug **Ladies Golf** in aid of Isabel Hospice.

£100 per pair. Jan Leggetter, 01438 716079

5 Sept. **Annual Garden Club Show**

20 Sept **Great North Run** for Isabel Hospice. We have ten guaranteed places which we will be able to allocate on a first come, first served basis. Please contact Pam Shepherd for more information on 01707 382500.

20 Sept **Open Garden**, Moor Place, Much Hadham, 2-5pm in aid of Isabel Hospice.

24 Sept **Wine Tasting** 6-8.30pm in aid of Isabel Hospice at The Mixed Case, Little Hadham. Tickets £8 to taste eight wines with nibbles, Renee Friend. 01279 755320

26 Sept **Evening of Entertainment** featuring Jonathan Martin from Bury Green with his Yamaha Digital Piano, in aid of the Tall Ships Trust and the Little Hadham Village Hall Fund. Detailed information next month.

9th & 23rd July Mobile Library

Nag's Head from 1345 - 1405

The Smithy from 1410 - 1430

Bury Green from 1445 - 1505

A fortnightly service.

The 'Way Inn'

Come and meet friends and neighbours over a cup of tea or coffee. Rear of village hall, 3rd thursday of the month, 10 - 12 noon

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Brownies

We are working on our Campfire Badge this half term and have been out in the local fields collecting items to make our camp fire. On the 30th June we visit the local fire station to learn about fire safety from the professionals then in October we join all other Units in our District for a centenary Camp fire.

Our weekend camp is getting nearer and the excitement level is mounting. We hope for dry weather.

The Unit has strong membership and we always welcome new girls aged 7-10, please come along and try us out. Phone Judi 01279 654624



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Just to keep warm the Karate Club ran in their Gis.



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Relief! And a congratulatory hug from Lesley Johnstone.



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And they're off – only 10k to go

Little Hadham Fun Run



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Lesley Johnstone cuts the tape for the off



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More than a 100 thirsty runners cool down at the Nags Head



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A Sumo costume was just one of the fancy dress entries



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Andy Morris looks pleased with his time



A colourful runner in a close finish



Sandra Morris's big smile for a hot time...



Three younger runners in a close finish



Maybe the wings helped this runner to fly



... and daughter Charlotte was not far behind



First across the line in the 10k course finished in 40 minutes



Finish time was important for the serious runners



First across the line in the 5k course finished in under 20 minutes

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Cricket Club News

Little Hadham cricket club entered the Herts Village cup again this year and drew local rivals Furneux Pelham in the first round. Batting first Furneux Pelham scored 166 for 9 in their 20 overs with Paul Mason-Smith taking 5 wickets for 21 runs. In reply Hadham started well scoring 30 for 0 off the first 5 overs but then ran out of steam and ended up on 106 for 6, thereby losing by 4 wickets. The following Sunday Hadham played another local derby this time away to Albury. A strong all round bowling performance saw Hadham dismiss the home side for just 74 with Alex Pay taking 4 wickets for just 6 runs in 5 overs. Hadham won the match, passing Albury's score for the loss of just 1 wicket.

The next game was a Bank Holiday Monday match away to Thorley and batting first Little Hadham posted 206 for 4 with James Law top scoring with 67 not out. James Law's total included 5 sixes, one of which dented the door of a neighbour's parked Mercedes!! The match ended as a draw with the home side finishing on 177 for 6.

The club were on the road again the following Sunday, away to Nazeing Common. Hadham scored 202 for 4 with David Wheatley hitting 83 not out. The match however ended in a draw once again, with Hadham only taking 8 of the visitors' wickets, whilst conceding 185 runs.

The following Tuesday saw Little Hadham take part in their second cup match of the season this time in the local village Davis Cup competition. The game was played away at Newport and batting first the home side scored an impressive 193 for 4 in their 20 overs. In reply Hadham could only reach 97 for 9 and so ended their cup hopes for another season. After losing a local derby against Stocking Pelham to the weather, the next match was at home against County Hall from Hertford. County Hall (with a mixture of 1st & 2nd team players) scored 291 for 4, whilst in reply Hadham scored 142 for 9 thus ensuring that the match was drawn.

The club is always looking to attract new members, so if you are interested in playing cricket and therefore help support your village side, then please contact us on the numbers below. We are a very friendly club and would welcome new

members of all ages and abilities. We currently have a membership with an age range of 10 to 70, so you are never too young or old to play. Please contact either Martin Hallmark 01279 771033 or Neil Oxborrow 01279 506062 or come up and see us play on a home match day.

July Fixtures

Sun 5th	High Beach	Away	2.00pm
Sun 12th	Barley	Away	2.00pm
Sun 19th	Potter Street	Away	2.00pm
Sun 26th	Albury	Home	2.30pm

Activities for Kids survey

Hopefully by the time you read this I will have knocked on your door asking all the right questions regarding "what kids want in Little Hadham". Mums, dads and guardians: if for any reason I have not made contact with you do please contact me and I will collect your child's/ children's info. The information is required so that funding can be secured in order to set up activities such as a youth council, youth club, five-a-side footie, etc.

Kids – it's YOUR community too – have your say!

Carmela 466331 - cam2403@hotmail.co.uk

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Christian Aid

What a generous village is Little Hadham. Once again piggy banks have been raided, hands dug deep into pockets, cheques written - all in spite of a recession. And this year you raised £752.71 for which, many, many thanks. And thank you too, to all the collectors who gave up their time to traipse round the village (sometimes a thankless task) but who secretly enjoy it as it means many doorstep chats! Some of the hamlets were not covered again this year; Westland Green with its high fences, electric gates and entry 'phones yielded nothing, shame on you, and some people were on holiday, walking the dog etc., and missed us. If you would like to give, put your donation in an envelope and pop it in to Brook House, The Ford and it will be forwarded on. The news that UN and American donations are being illegally sold is very disheartening but Christian Aid distributes its aid to field workers to ensure it reaches the needy, so have faith.

Angela Fardell.

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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Isabel Hospice:

Would You Like To Join Us?

We rely heavily on volunteers to provide our service. We are fortunate to have over 600 volunteers who help us in many different ways but we are always in need of more.

Volunteers help us in so many different ways and we can utilise almost anything you have to offer. Driving, gardening, cake making, working with patients, working with patients' families, general office work, becoming part of a local fundraising group, working in one of our local shops, helping in our warehouse, the list is endless. If you would like further information on how you can become involved call Jane Hollowday on 01707 382500.

Little Hadham and Albury Social Club

For our June meeting our retired detective informed those present of more cases he had been involved with. He was helped by Bev Evans, whose computer display was excellent. Everyone was most impressed and those walking home were grateful for the lighter nights! A member of the audience identified the artist who painted the picture of the escaping boy mugger/murderer as John Godfrey Bernard Worsley, 1919-2000. He was also the creator of Albert RN in Colditz. The evening's fee was very kindly donated to Little Hadham Primary School.

For our July meeting, on 14th at 8 p.m. in the Little Hadham Village Hall, Laurie Kerr will be telling the story of 'Cricket, lovely cricket. If it isn't a practice evening, perhaps the village team will be able to attend? We look forward to meeting all neighbours at our meetings, only £1.50, including refreshments, plus a raffle. 771580 or 658585 for information.

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Rumble's tale

by Elaine

Rumble is the 100th dog that Greyhoundhomer has homed this year.

Rumble came to my Bishop's Stortford kennels in August 2008. He was a lovely handsome brindle boy, but on examining him I noticed that there was something wrong with one of his eyes, so I took him to the veterinary hospital in Rye Street to have it examined. After diagnosis they found out that it wasn't the eye that was the problem but that it was his immune system which was malfunctioning and causing this rare problem with his eye. Treatment was



needed at once because left untreated he would go blind. The vets said that steroids would suppress the immune system and the eye would improve, so that's what we did, and very slowly his eye improved. Unfortunately although the eye has stabilised he will have to stay on the steroids for the rest of his life or the problem will return. This worried me as I knew it would be hard to find a home for him with an ongoing medical problem. That would be such a shame as Rumble was a loving gentle-natured dog who would make somebody a wonderful pet.

Then a new dog arrived who was very nervous and just hid at the back of the kennels because he was so shy. I thought that because of Rumble's kind gentle nature he would be a good companion for Ben. After Rumble moved in with Ben his confidence grew and they became firm friends and were inseparable, which was wonderful to see.

In April this year I had a phone call from a lady named Lisa in Harlow who said that she was very interested in giving Ben a home. I was very pleased that Ben had found a home, but felt sad that Rumble had lost his friend. Weeks went by and then one day I had a phone call from Lisa to tell me that Ben was settling in well but was still a bit shy. She then told me that she and her partner would be interested in giving Rumble a home too. I was delighted and now the two best friends are back together again and as you can see from the photo are living quite happily together. If you are interested in homing a retired greyhound please visit my website at www.greyhoundhomer.org.uk

Thankyou

May I say a personal THANK YOU to all the parishioners who were asked for their help and gave it so generously at the Fun Run - this truly is a wonderful community and you have helped to make it so.

The event was a resounding success and made all the more so for your kindness and good spirit.

Thank you - Carmela

St Cecilia's Churchyard

Volunteers required to assist with grass-cutting

Many people who attend St Cecilia's church for services or go there to tend graves of loved-ones would have noticed how neat and well-kept the area appears. This level of excellence is due entirely to voluntary work undertaken by local people. Twice a year on a Saturday morning a 'clear-up' of the churchyard is arranged and anything up to 30 people assist; however, the 'few grass-cutters' who turn-out on a weekly basis during the summer months would be greatly obliged if their numbers were increased to spread the load of this task. The church provides a strimmer, three petrol-driven mowers and a sit-on grass cutter. Usually the volunteers meet on a Wednesday evening for an hour or so – weather permitting – and this seems sufficient to keep everything in shape. If you would like to assist please contact Peter English 842094.

'Surrounds and additions' to Grave Spaces at St Cecilia's

Sometimes the work of the grass-cutting volunteers is hampered by 'surrounds and additions' which have been placed over or alongside graves. Before any such addition is placed in the churchyard the permission of the Rector must be sought, just as, in the same way, his approval is needed when a properly constructed headstone is provided by monumental masons. An increase in the number of these unauthorised additions has been brought to notice and to ensure uniformity, fairness and as an aid to the grass-cutters, it is requested that all such additions, surrounds and other unofficial attachments to graves be removed by the end of this year. A note to this effect will be affixed to graves thought to be in these categories.

Right of residents to burials at St Cecilia's

Last year the Parochial Church Council passed a Resolution concerning new grave spaces in the churchyard. In simple terms it meant that only those who live, or in some cases, lived, in Little Hadham would have the right to be buried at St Cecilia's. This decision was brought about by a desire to save space for local residents. Some churches (St Andrew's in Much Hadham is an example) have posted a 'closure' to new burial space as their churchyard is full. In the recent past requests have been made, and agreed, for burials of those who have no connection whatsoever with this village and this prompted the adoption of the Resolution mentioned earlier. Anyone who has concerns about this matter should contact the church wardens –

Tony Skidmore 771688 or Don Gibson 771325.

Adverts removed

July diary for Little Hadham and Albury

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

5	Sunday	Trinity 4 Proper 9
9.30am		Sung Matins at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham
6.00pm		Songs of Praise at Stocking Pelham
11	Saturday	
10.00am -3.00pm		Team Quiet Day at Stocking Pelham
12	Sunday	Trinity 5 Proper 10
9.30am		Shared Communion at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham
5.00pm		Taizé service at St Andrew's, Much Hadham
19	Sunday	Trinity 6 Proper 11
8.00am		Holy Communion at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham
9.30am		Family Service in the Village Hall
6.00pm		Evensong at St Mary's, Albury.
26	Sunday	Trinity 7 Proper 12
11.15am		Parish Communion at St Mary's, Albury, Celebrant and Preacher Chris Boulton, Team Rector
6.00pm		Evensong at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

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

Congratulations to Simon Gover and Penny Ellis, married at St Cecilia's on June 27th.

We are sad to report the deaths of Julia Weaver, whose funeral took place at St Mary's Church Albury on Wednesday June 24th at 1.30pm; and of David Knight. (Further details to follow)

WOULD YOU like a few hours of peace and time to reflect and pray and make space for God? We are planning a Quiet Day for anyone in our parishes. You may not have been on one before – that doesn't matter. Everyone is welcome. There will be some worship, 2 short addresses, periods of silence when you can sit quietly in the church, read, or perhaps go for a gentle walk, and time to talk to others over lunch.

You will need to bring your own packed lunch (drinks provided), and a Bible. Some people find it helpful to bring a pen and notebook so they can write down any thoughts that come to them. We will meet in the Granary (the barn behind the church in Stocking Pelham), where there is a comfortable meeting room and toilets. You can park outside the Granary (go past the church and take the first drive on your right) or on the road near the church.

If you'd like to come or have any queries, please contact Chris Boulton (01279 842609, email: rectory@muchhadham.com) or Jeanette Gosney (01920 822619, email: vicar@braughing.org.uk)

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