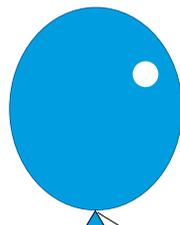


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PARISH NEWS
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FUN RUN
SUNDAY 13 JUNE

VILLAGE HALL 10.30 FOR 11.00 START

FUN DAY
12 NOON

BBQ, BEER TENT, LIVE MUSIC, KIDS' CRICKET,
BOUNCY CASTLE, MAGIC ROUNDABOUT
STALLS A-PLenty

BRING FAMILY & FRIENDS
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Letter from the Rectory

I am too young to remember the last Coalition Government of 1945.

It is not so often these days that I can say "I am too young to remember"; it is more likely to be "I am old enough to remember". Now that I am sixty I must renew my efforts to resist becoming an old bore. But I have to say that our new leaders look very young to me; Mr Cameron, Mr Clegg, are I think 44 and 43 respectively; and I am pretty sure that the new Labour leader will be just the same age. Of all the Prime Ministers of the 20th century before Tony Blair, I think that John Major (47) and Harold Wilson (48) were the youngest to be elected; but somehow they seemed older than they were. Generally they have been in their mid to late fifties. The great Winston Churchill was 77 when called to be PM again in 1951; but he was exceptional.

Although, like many 60-year-olds, I still feel reasonably fit and hungry for new tasks, and although there is a lot of talk about the increasing importance of older people in our society; when it comes to positions of power, we apparently like our leaders young. And given the stresses of post modern life, it is perhaps necessary to have energetic people at the top, who can adapt to rapid change quickly, be in touch with a younger generation, and not tire easily. Or maybe they just look more attractive! We are promised a new kind of politics; no longer will it be the old tribal allegiances. I am not yet convinced, but only time will tell whether it is new, or whether it will turn out to be much the same.

It is surely a good thing when different generations intermingle, relate to one another and perhaps more important, learn from one another. It is a good thing, but not always achieved. In the Church, as in every other institution, we struggle with the challenge of worshipping together across the generations. We still have the image of being led by old men, and not always wise old men either. We very often fail to listen to what different age groups are saying about God and faith and religion; and we are the poorer for it. The Church also knows all about tribal politics, with its divisions and hard held positions. Ideally the body of Christ, like the body politic, should be a wonderful whole; a rainbow coalition of all ages and all manner of persons. Worldwide it may indeed be so; but individually churches, like other communities, tend to be ageist in one way or another; and cling to their tribal positions. Yet we too seek, in this fast moving world, leaders with energy, vigour and youth on their side; we seek renewal.

So guys, it looks like a dose of anti-wrinkle cream for me, a bit of lyposuction, Grecian 2000, jogging round the villages in a lycra body suit and a daily shot of adrenaline from now on. Oh!... and stopping the clock ...

Or perhaps I should spare you the horrible sight, just grow old gracefully, and hope that experience might count for something, even in this brave, new, and neophilic world.

Chris Boulton

Thank you To my neighbours who recently gave so generously when I collected on behalf of the British Red Cross. Carmela

Helpers wanted for fun run Please get in touch folks if you can help with varying duties on Sunday 13th June, the day of the Little Hadham Fun Run. Tel. 466331 or email me, cam2403@hotmail.co.uk. Thank you to those who have already volunteered – I will be in touch soon!

Carmela

Parish Council News

Fantastic News For Village School Thanks to the developers at Ashcroft Farm Little Hadham Primary School will benefit from the donation of a parcel of land which will eventually be used as a much needed playing field. Plans have been submitted to East Herts Council relating to the change of use from agricultural land to playing field. Watch this space for more news on this matter over the coming months.

Ashcroft Farm Development The development was visited again by the Parish Council this month and we can report that all the houses are really taking shape now, thanks to the fair weather during April. We have learnt from East Herts Council that if you want to be considered as an interested party when it comes to renting one of the two affordable units then there is a procedure to follow; initially those interested must be included on the Housing Register; this can be accessed via the East Herts website. Those without internet access should telephone the Housing Options Team on 01279 655261 and register their interest with them. Please note these homes may not yet be included on the East Herts website. Interested parties need to keep abreast of their availability by checking the website or telephoning the above department on a regular basis.

Church End Farm The Parish Council is in discussions with East Herts Council & Herts Highways in conjunction with neighbours of Church End Farm who have expressed concerns over a track which has been excavated and runs along a field close to the boundary with Hadham Hall. We shall keep the community updated with any developments in the future.

Wedding Reception at Bury Green The Parish Council is very pleased to confirm that Mr & Mrs Mark Hills (as they will become!) will be celebrating their wedding reception on The Green, Bury Green later this year in July. Mark and Megan will be married at St Cecilia's church and then transferring themselves together with some fifty guests to Bury Green for the celebration. Mr Hills senior (Mark's father) who has lived in Bury Green for many years is very much looking forward to the couple's wedding day. We are hoping for wall to wall sunshine and send every good wish to the happy couple.

A Few Quickies - Verges & Green at Millfield Lane will be repaired at some point near completion of the Chasedene development. The PC is still in negotiations with the developer and is assured the repairs will be carried out soon. Telephone Kiosk at Bury Green has been cleaned and repainted; however more work is needed, in particular the PC is considering replacing the existing polycarbonate glazing. Westland Green Notice Board is up and running and duly covered in notices already!

FUN RUN/FUN DAY SUNDAY 13th JUNE - Last reminder folks: please support Little Hadham Parish Plan Group on Sunday 13th June and bring friends & family to the village hall to what promises to be a fabulous day! The Fun Run starts at 11am, don't worry you can walk it's not a race! Then when the Fun Run is over the real FUN begins . . . BBQ, beer tent, live music, cricket for the kids, magic roundabout, bouncy castle, stalls a-plenty . . . together let's make it a day to remember!

Final Word - Please, please, please everyone, keep your fingers crossed for good weather!

Thankyou

A huge thankyou to everybody who made my birthday celebrations so memorable; not only from Much Hadham, but also from Little Hadham and Albury.

I have been heartened and really touched by the warmth of the good wishes from so many people. Thanks to all who sent cards, including the multi-signed greeting cards from Holy Cross, the School staff, the Congregational Church and the children of St Andrew's and Holy Cross. I must have had over 100 cards in all.

I also received generous gifts of a digital camera, (which I used to record photos of the party), a plant, tokens for books and wine, books and cakes, wine in quantity!!! and tokens for gardening and gifts of money. So many so that I cannot quite remember who they all came from! In fact I'm thinking of making this a yearly event!!! So a public thanks to everyone.

But a special thank you to all who organised my birthday "surprise" tea, the childrens' activities and the reception at Albury after the service in the evening.

When one sometimes gets a little down about aspects of the Church in terms of growth and success, or about the value of one's ministry, occasions like this are a real boost and encouragement. Everyone likes to be valued. I am so grateful.

Chris Boulton

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Little Hadham School

Believing and Achieving

We all enjoyed our 'whistle-stop' tour of 'Around the World in Ten Days' recently and hope that the children now have a better understanding of the amazing world in which they live.

The Summer Term is really 'hotting' up with lots to look forward to. The Year 4/3 pupils are counting 'sleeps' until their residential trip to Mersea Outdoors later this month, whilst our younger pupils are counting down to their curriculum trip to the Sea-Life Centre at Southend.

Our Y5/6 Tag Rugby Team are really thrilled to be invited by Saracens to represent the area at the County Tag Rugby Finals in St Albans this month. This is the second year running that our little school has made the County finals; well done team!

The Friends Association is busy planning their next events, such as the BBQ at the Village Fun Run, a children's Fashion Show on June 16th as well as preparing for the Summer Fete which is now on Sunday 11th July at 12 noon. Hope to see you there!
Thank you for your continued support.

Liz Stockley, Head

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Nature Notes April / May

from Jonathan Forgham

A marked improvement in the weather this period (18th April – 18th May) saw temperatures touching 20C on certain days towards the end of April, but still cold nights and several frosts in May that damaged plants and vegetables in gardens.

New birds for the year continued to arrive throughout the period.

A highlight bird for the parish this month was a wheatear, (shown here). A migratory summer visitor, it was recorded on

passage from 23rd April, where 3 were observed on Ash Valley Golf Course and then again in Chapel Lane on the 25th. Other notable arrivals were lesser whitethroat (25th, Chapel Lane),

house martin (28th over Hadham Hall), swift (10th over the Ford) sand martin (Church End 16th) and cuckoo, (Westland Green area 17th).

Two special events took place this month; firstly a breeding bird survey for the BTO (British Trust for Ornithology) and secondly, a dawn chorus walk. The survey was of the area from Chapel Lane north to Albury End. In all 35 species were recorded as probable breeding birds. This is done by observing birds being territorial (singing, threatening other birds, etc.) or evidence of nesting such as carrying nesting material, broken egg shells, adult birds carrying food etc. Most expected breeding birds were present for this early survey, with whitethroats, blackcaps, willow warblers and chiffchaffs all in good voice. A second survey will be undertaken later in the breeding season.



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Volunteers get going on Historical Garden

A ten-strong volunteer team from across Essex and Herts has begun tackling an interim restoration project in the Italian Garden within the Gardens of Easton Lodge under the supervision of Writtle College horticulture student Robert Hanchet.

Two flowerbeds in the sunken garden designed by Harold Peto for Daisy, Countess of Warwick a century ago have now been cleared in preparation for planting with large, tender perennial plants in mainly reds, mauves and silvers. The idea is to create a transitional planting before a full restoration takes place. Most of the plants are being grown from seed and cuttings.

Some of the plants which originally featured in the Italian Garden, described in contemporary Edwardian gardening journals, including canna, dahlia and heliotrope will also be included in the current scheme in keeping with the spirit of historical accuracy.

The two new beds will be well-developed by late summer. In the meantime, visitors to the next opening of the Gardens of Easton Lodge on Sunday 20 June are in for a very special treat as the marvelous array of Old English roses elsewhere in the gardens come into bloom, notably the very special and much loved Belle de Crecy rose. The season then continues with Sunday openings on 18 July, 22 August, 19 September and 10 October.

Entry to the Gardens of Easton Lodge costs just £2.50 (children free). Picnics are welcome and home-made refreshments are on sale during opening hours (12 noon to 6pm). Further information is available from the recorded information service on 01371 876979, online at www.eastonlodge.co.uk or by emailing enquiries@eastonlodge.co.uk.

The Gardens of Easton Lodge are located just outside Great Dunmow in Little Easton, off the B184 (Great Dunmow to Saffron Walden road). Follow the brown heritage signs.

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Cricket Club News

Little Hadham Cricket Club's second match of the season was a home game against Chrishall. Batting first Hadham scored 205 for 6 wickets thanks mainly to an opening partnership of 120 between Martin Hallmark (who scored 32) and Paul Mason-Smith (77). In reply Chrishall scored steadily and eventually won the match with 6 wickets and just 11 balls to spare. The May Bank Holiday weekend brought wet and cold weather, which meant that Sunday's match against Stocking Pelham was cancelled. The Bank Holiday game went ahead against Ardleigh Green in bitterly cold conditions. The visitors batted first scoring 174 all out with Ollie Radley taking 2 wickets for just 16 runs. In reply Hadham reached 70 for 4 before an unbroken stand of 105 between Frank Jaynes (55 not out) and Neil Oxborrow (52 not out) saw them to victory off the last ball. The following weekend was also bitterly cold (more like February than May) and Hadham travelled to Rickling Green to play Manuden. Manuden batted first and only managed 109 all out with Frank Jaynes and Alex Pay each taking three wickets. The Hadham reply saw two wickets lost for just 1 run, but a stand of 67 between David Wheatley (26) and James Law (63) helped steer them to an eventual 6 wicket win.

The following Tuesday evening the short trip to Thorley was made to play in the first round of the Davis Cup, the local village 20-over competition. Batting first Hadham scored 128 for 7 with James Law scoring 49 off just 30 balls. In reply Thorley were always just ahead of the run rate and despite two wickets from David Wheatley eventually reached their target with 11 balls and 7 wickets to spare. Takeley were the next visitors to Bury Green for a Sunday afternoon friendly. Takeley batted first and were soon in trouble with the score on 3 runs for 4 wickets, with Ross Hart dismissing 3 of the Takeley batsmen. Takeley however eventually recovered to 158 all out. Little Hadham scored steadily but also lost wickets at regular intervals and with 1 over to go required 11 runs to win with 3 wickets in hand. 10 runs were scored off the first four balls before Frank Jaynes was caught off the penultimate delivery for 39. A run out off the final ball meant that the scores remained level and this very exciting match ended in an unusual result – a tie.

June Fixtures

Sunday 6th June	Stocking Pelham	Away	2.00pm
Sunday 20th June	Potter Street	Home	2.00pm
Sunday 27th June	Ardleigh Green	Home	2.00pm

On **Sunday 13th June** Little Hadham Cricket Club will be hosting cricket games and other fun activities after the Village Fun Run. This will be in the grounds of the village hall from midday and everybody is welcome.

If you are interested in playing cricket and therefore help support your village side, then please contact us on the numbers below even if you have never played before. 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 for more details. In addition the cricket club has its own website: <http://littlehadham.play-cricket.com>. The website contains details of all of the club's fixtures and will include club news as we go through the season.

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The 3rd dawn chorus walk of 2010 (photo of sunrise over the church) was a great success. Nine of us left the village hall car park at 5am, heading to Hadham Hall, Hadham Lodge and then through Cradle End, Green Street and completing the walk by following Hoecroft Lane back to The Ford. 39 species were recorded, with good views of yellowhammers, common whitethroat (shown here), lesser whitethroat, linnets as well as hearing



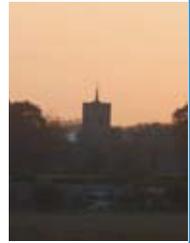
several blackcaps and a solitary garden warbler.

4 hares and 2 foxes were also witnessed. Many thanks to Ennis and Eric Rogers who invited us all in for coffee and biscuits at 7.45 in the morning.

During the hot days in early May butterflies began to show well, with the expected species being observed. Orange tip butterflies appear to be doing well, with plenty of garlic mustard growing in the hedgerow, its larval foodplant. Other butterflies in the form of peacock, small tortoiseshell, comma, speckled wood and large and small whites were observed.

Within the next month there will be the emergence of summer butterflies along with damsel and dragonflies at the local ponds, so time will be spent monitoring these species, as well as the continued search for the 100th bird species.

Please note, I am particularly interested in recording sightings and hearings of cuckoo this year. Please email me with details of where in the parish, when and what time so I can log these as the species seems to be having a hard time at present. jforgham@theprimaryworks.com. These can be old records from this year as they will stop calling within the next month. More details of my sightings at littlehadhambirding.blogspot.com or phone 07805571551.



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Little Hadham & Albury Garden Club News

Thank you to all who helped, donated plants, cooked cakes and to those who bought plants and ate cakes at our Plant sale and Coffee morning.

Our next event is an outing to RHS garden at Wisley on Saturday 5th June. We still have a few seats left and you don't have to be a garden club member to come along. Please ring Barbara on 771987 for further details. The coach will leave the Village Hall car park at 9.00am and let's hope for dry weather!!

Finally, please remember the Autumn show on the 4th September; it might seem ages away but get sowing now and you might win a prize. Schedules are available from the Post Office, the Nags Head, Karin Green 771532 and Barbara Taylor 771987. Anyone in the parish can enter, so come on give it a go!!!

Garden Tips for June

Flower Garden

Cut back Oriental poppies after flowering, unless you want them to self seed or form decorative seed heads.

Divide bearded irises after flowering

Sow spring flowers such as wallflowers or violas for next year

Prune spring flowering shrubs straight after flowering. Remove some older wood to encourage new growth

Dead head roses after first flush of flowers

Dead head hanging baskets regularly to help

continuous flowering

Veg Plot

Put straw matting around strawberries to keep the berries clean

Continue to sow salad crops every two or three weeks for a constant supply

Pinch out developing side shoots from cordon tomato plants

Watch out for slug and snail damage on vegetable seedlings

Net soft fruit to protect it from birds.

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Rural Ramblings

by Cherry Mardell

I started life as a caravanner some 20-plus years ago. At the time it seemed ideal. I could work, rest and play in it and, provided I didn't have to reverse it, I managed pretty well. Some years later, a motor home seemed a better bet. I bought one which appeared to have all the necessary refinements – except for the bed. This had to be made up nightly by pulling out a number of wooden slats to form the base. Evenings were not my best time. I had been working hard all day and I really needed to jump straight into bed without any effort. And, almost every night, I would tug those slats too hard, and they would disintegrate all over the floor. Tempers became frayed and, with regret, I moved onto a bigger, better motor home.

This French, left-hand-drive monstrosity had a “fixed” bed, so that cut out the ugly end-of-day tussle with slats. Trouble was that the bed was as wide as the motor home – consequently one had to climb aboard – literally. This was OK for the first few years, but as we became older and less agile, the climb became steeper!

French people are, as a race, smaller than us. This was never more obvious than when entering the bathroom. Its entrance had been made by cutting off the corner of the bed which – just - gave enough room for the door to open and me to get in. But, as my girth spread and my limbs became less agile, so this became a bit of a problem. Should any bedclothes hang off the corner end, or the towels on the bathroom door hang untidily, it became a major struggle!

And so, three weeks ago, we went to a motor home show. And, just as the show was closing, we bought a bigger one, this time, American and called an RV (recreational vehicle). It has a proper bedroom and bathroom plus lots more room. But complicated - that's the understatement of the year! I feel it should come with a DVD showing how everything works. Should we live long enough, we'll probably master it, but currently it is mastering us. So, as the song goes, “If you see us coming, better step aside . . .”

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What's on in June ...

in the Village Hall unless otherwise stated

1 Tue Cricket coaching at LHCC 10-3.30. Session led by Jonathan Forgham, ECB level 2 cricket coach. For details 07805571551 or jforgham@theprimaryworks.com

1 Tue Parish Council meeting, 8pm Come along and watch the fun.

5 Sat, Garden Club Outing See p10

5 Sat, Hunsdon Fete, 1-4pm See p16

8 Tue LH & A Social Club, 8pm Lynne Garner will speak to us of her experiences of becoming an author.

10, 24 Thur Mobile Library See p13

13 Sun, Bromley Hall Open Gardens Standon 2-5.30pm Proceeds to St Elizabeth's Centre. Refreshments, sale of plants.

16 Children's Fashion Show, LH School

17 Thur "Way Inn" coffee morning, 10-12noon, rear of village hall. See p13

18, 19 Village Players comedy production 7.45pm See next page.

19 Sat, Fire & Ice MH Playgroup Ball See above.

20 Sun, Tattoo at Haileybury, This is about supporting our lads and lasses currently serving and those who have served and are in need, they and/or their families. Come and enjoy a super evening at Haileybury! See ad on next page for details..

21-26, BS Camera Club Exhibition, Rhodes Centre. 10 to 5 Entry Free, finish at 3pm Sat.

23 Sun, Much Hadham Open Gardens, 12-5 Enjoy many unique and varied gardens in the village of Much Hadham. Tickets, guides & refreshments available from The Forge.

26 Sat, Farmers' Market, 8.30-11.30

26 Sat, Summer Fayre St Elizabeth's Centre, Much Hadham. 1-4pm with **Flower Arranging Competition** Three classes: A: 'Summer at St Elizabeth's', an alcove arrangement B: Table

arrangement to include candle(s) C: Novice arrangement: flowers in a jug. For entry form please email: fundraising@stelizabeths.org.uk or telephone: 01279 844355. Free entry.

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MUCH HADHAM PLAYGROUP BALL

SATURDAY 19TH JUNE 2010

£75 BEFORE 1ST APRIL, £80 THEREAFTER

Email for a booking form
muchhadhamball@googlemail.com

... and coming soon

2 July Madrigals 9-9.45pm This is the 70th year of Madrigals at the beautiful setting of Amwell Pool, Nr Ware. Performed by Haileybury Madrigal Society. Entry is free. There will be a collection in aid of Isabel Hospice. All welcome.

11 July School Summer Fete 12noon

11 July Fanhams Hall Open Garden 2-5pm

17 July Bury Green Wedding Reception

18 July Tandem Skydive 7-5pm. Take part for Isabel Hospice at Chatteris, near Cambridge. The jump will cost a minimum of £375, of which Isabel Hospice will receive £230. 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 first. For further information contact Lisa Seccombe on 01707 382542

24 July Jumble Sale - Thundridge 2-30-4.30

13 Aug Charity Golf Day See p16

20-22 Aug Flamstead Scarecrow Festival

4 Sept Garden Club Autumn Show



TATTOO AT HAILEYBURY

SUNDAY 20th JUNE 2010

FEATURING
 The Band of The Parachute Regiment
 The Royal British Legion Youth Band Brentwood
 The Harpenden Pipe Band

Gates open at 4pm and event starts at 5pm
 Bring folding chairs



Tickets are £6 at the gate (OAPs £5 and children under 12 FREE)

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

10th & 24th June Mobile Library

Nag's Head from 13.45 - 14.05
 The Smithy from 14.10 - 14.30
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This is a fortnightly service.

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LAST CHANCE! LAST CHANCE! LAST CHANCE! LAST CHANCE!

Little Hadham 'Village Players' comedy production and fundraiser for the Village Hall, 'We Found Love and an Exquisite Pair of Porcelain Figurines

On Board The SS Farnedale Avenue'

takes place on Friday 18th June and Saturday 19th June at 7-45pm in the Village Hall.

Make sure you DON'T MISS this RARE comedy event of the year and the opportunity to have an hilarious evening with a difference. Ensure that you are there by calling 01279 755650.

Reservations are £10 per person including a choice of fish/chicken/vegetarian supper.

Bar available. Whole tables can be reserved for parties of 8 or more. Hurry, as many reservations have already been made. All proceeds go to the Village Hall.

SSE Calendar – got any pics?

Stop Stansted Expansion is keen to hear from people locally with any good quality photos of houses, landscapes and landmarks across Herts and Essex and South Suffolk and South Cambridgeshire for its next Community Calendar and Christmas card.

Landscape format is preferred and high resolution is essential. Photos must be your own work and you must still own the copyright. Groups of pictures from the same village or town are especially welcome.

If you think you can help, please email digital pictures to info@stopstanstedexpansion.com with a short caption to describe the location and any relevant information, and remember to include your contact details. If sending prints (not negatives) from film, please post them to Peter Riding at SSE, PO Box 311 Takeley, Bishop's Stortford CM22 6PY and include your contact details so we can return them later.

For more information, please contact Peter Riding at the SSE campaign office on 01279 870558 or via the above email address.

Reporting aviation fuel smells

While many are aware of the system for reporting noisy aircraft using the Stop Stansted Expansion website, still more have been unaware that it's also possible to report strong smells of aviation fuel which occasionally drift across the community. The increasing frequency of reports about these odours means the campaign is keen to gather as much information as possible about who is affected and when so that appropriate action can be taken. As

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[continued] with aircraft noise, to log your concerns about fuel smells use the online form at www.stopstanstedexpansion.com (see link to 'complain about noise/fuel smells') which ensures that SSE receives a copy of your report to BAA and enables the campaign's technical advisers to make its own enquiries too.

Kyokujitsu Kyokushin Karate Club

Did you know that Little Hadham boasts the most successful Kyokushin Karate Club in East Anglia, England and Great Britain?!!! And the opportunity to be part of this thriving club is open to all! Having finished top of the medals table at both the English and the Great British Kyokushin Championships in 2009, we started off 2010 in style by finishing top of the medals table at the East Anglian Championship in March amassing an amazing total of eighteen trophies, including six Championship titles. In addition to all these notable successes, the club also prides itself on being very friendly, very disciplined and very spirited. We train hard so that we can fight hard! – but in the process we enjoy ourselves and receive so many benefits, both physically and mentally – if you want to get your summer pecs or bikini body into shape, there is no better way to do it! We train at the Little Hadham Village Hall on Wednesdays from 5.00pm-6.00pm (juniors / family session) or come along to Albury School Hall where we are now training on Mondays (6.30-7.30 for juniors / 7.45-9.15pm for adults & teenagers). The 'Barn Dojo' continues to play host to our Saturday morning 'Fight Club' (10.00am-11.00am) and on Wednesday evenings, 7.00-8.00pm, we meet there for a less formal, fight specific fitness session for adults / teenagers – anyone wishing to improve general fitness is welcome to this. Due to popular demand I shall also be starting a Friday morning Ladies Only Karate class as from 11 June – the emphasis will be on fitness training, bag and focus pad work and self defence as well as using exercises to improve balance, co-ordination and flexibility. These classes will be less formal, karate suits will not be required (unless desired!). For further information, please contact me on 01279 771636 / 07946484498 / catherinepetch@yahoo.co.uk or have a chat with me at the Little Hadham Fun Run where the club will be participating. I hope to see you soon!

OSU! Senpai Catherine Petch

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*The World Cup Starts at the
Hunsdon 2010*

**Village Fete and Dog Show
Saturday 5th June 1-4pm**

Tug of War 

Human Table Football 

Penalty Shoot Out 

Keepie Uppie 
competition for all ages

World Cup Quiz

with **Cash prizes** and a **signed Spurs T Shirt**
Entry available from the village shop, at the fete or
from the committee

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Face Painting, BBQ, Beer & Tea Tent,
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Dystrophy
Campaign** 

CHARITY GOLF DAY
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Coffee or Tea before play and Buffet
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STOP STANSTED EXPANSION? YES WE DID!

Stop Stansted Expansion is about to organise the biggest party in its history following BAA's humiliating climbdown over its plans for a second Stansted runway. BAA finally surrendered its position today, 24 May, formally withdrawing its planning application for a second Stansted runway which if approved would have made the airport bigger than Heathrow.

The second runway planning application had taken BAA more than four years to prepare and cost the airport operator some £200 million. However this is just a fraction of the cost to local homeowners in terms of the property blight which has plagued the local area for the past eight years, destroying the value of people's homes but worse still, destroying long established communities. Whilst SSE is delighted that BAA has finally faced up to realities and withdrawn its planning application, this is tinged with sadness and anger over the unnecessary damage which has been inflicted upon the area and the anguish that has been caused to so many local communities.

SSE will now be pressing BAA for three immediate actions:

1 BAA must sell back all the homes and other properties it acquired in connection with its second runway plans, offering the original owners the first option to buy back;

2 BAA should issue a public apology to all the local homeowners who were served with draft compulsory purchase orders in March 2008 and who having since been living under the constant threat of the bulldozer. The apology should then be followed by proper compensation;

3 Having needlessly, recklessly and irresponsibly created eight years of blight, BAA and any future owner of Stansted should be prohibited from building a second runway at Stansted for at least 50 years. SSE Campaign Director Carol Barbone commented: "This is a day to rejoice. It is not every day that a local community is victorious over powerful big business interests –

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Little Hadham & Albury Social Club News

At our May meeting Denis Rowley, from the Driving Standards Association, gave a talk entitled 'Arrive Alive'. It was intended for those who have been driving for a few years, reminding us of the new Highway Code and changes in driving generally. The talk was informative and amusing.

For our meeting at 8pm on 8th June, Lynne Garner will tell us of her experiences of becoming an author. Lynne has previously given a talk about her charity Hogline, when she brought with her a very tiny hedgehog she had rescued, plus copies of her first children's book.

Our Hertford Walk has been arranged for Tuesday, 29th June, meeting Peter Ruffles at 10.30am in Hertford. We will discuss details at the June meeting.

A garden is a lovely thing, God wot.

Now that summer is in sight, let us all think of our neighbours and keep the noise down in our gardens. No blaring radios or screaming children please!

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YES WE DID! *cont'd from p18*

and they don't come much bigger and more powerful than BAA. I would therefore like to pay tribute to all those who have fought so hard for so long to achieve this famous victory." She continued: "When we set up SSE in 2002, we were told by many that 'we couldn't stop a second runway; it was a done deal - we were wasting our time'. It turns out that it's BAA who's been wasting its time, as well as £200 million of its shareholders money. Our task now is to ensure that we never have to go through all this again. The Government will be producing a new long term policy for the UK's airports next year. SSE's final mission is to work with politicians, civil servants and others over the next 12-18 months to ensure that a second runway at Stansted forms no part of the long term plan for the development of the UK's airports."

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Parish Assembly: great success – best attendance ever!

Congratulations one and all. Forget the election, this was the place to be on the evening of Thursday 22nd April! The speakers were amazed at just how many parishioners turned up and as for Little Hadham Business People: they came up trumps too. Of course we knew all along the community would not let us down! We do hope you found the evening both informative and enjoyable. We now look forward to more events when the community can come together so don't forget Sunday June 13th Fun Run/Fun Day – together we will make it a day to remember. Thank you.

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Walkers' website gets better – and goes National

Walking in Herts www.walkinginherts.co.uk is a website packed with useful information for walkers.

With more than 150 walks to download and print, free, and details of around 100 guided walks every month, it also has books of walks, contact details for all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

Now, after three years' hard work local man John Harris has taken the concept Countrywide. Walking in England www.walkinginengland.co.uk has thousands of walks to download and print – and all free of charge!

John says, "There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in England has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home or away on holiday you will be able to find a walk suitable for you."

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

Did you know that walking for just 30 minutes a day can help you to:

- Feel good (you will feel fitter, your body will be more toned, and you will feel better about yourself).
- Have more energy.
- Sleep better.
- Reduce stress (have you ever noticed how it's difficult to walk and worry at the same time?).
- Reduce your blood pressure.
- Manage your weight.

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

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Is this Art?

Can anything be done about the white paint that's been poured on the fence next to The Paddocks (pink house), and on the wooden wall next to the St. Cecilia's church notice board? The paint has been there now for about 6 months and it makes the village look really untidy.

Stop hedging about; make a clean sweep of it.

Could residents in Albury Road please cut their hedges back where the pavements are narrow? It makes it very difficult for pedestrians, especially those of us with young children who need to hold onto the hand of a parent. On a similar note, there are several driveways along the road where gravel has washed out onto the pavement making it treacherous to walk on. Please sweep it back occasionally. Thank you.

That Cat Again – a follow-up

Following the article in the May issue regarding a cat attacking other cats in Cradle End (which I now understand has been castrated, so life should be calmer for cats and their owners), I write to remind all pet owners to have their cats and dogs neutered. If one cat is allowed to have kittens, which also are not neutered, within a very few months there could be hundreds of unwanted cats born, needing homes or being allowed to stray. The cost is minimal compared with the consequences. Also have your pet microchipped, again a small amount to pay to enable a happy reunion should it roam. Our pets give so much pleasure, please look after them with care – and take your poo bags home and dispose of them properly!

Ennis Rogers (RSPCA Volunteer)



We have been reading the

Parish News with interest since we moved into Bury Green in September. Please find attached a picture of a bird we saw in our garden on 18 April which may be of interest to your readers.

Joanne Frankham

Paul and Helen (Snelling) would like to thank our neighbours for putting up with banging and crashing at all hours over the last six weeks while we have refurbished the bathroom. Paul and Ros have only been here a few months and have been very kind and patient with all the noise and workmen coming and going. Thank you: we are finally ready to decorate - quietly!

Found

A key has been found in a field gate entrance in Acremore Street, Bury Green. If you lost a Yale-type key quite some time ago, please contact the editor: 771113

June diary for Little Hadham and Albury

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

6 Sunday	Trinity 1 (Proper 5)
9.30am	Sung Matins St Cecilia's, Little Hadham. Officiant and Preacher Clive Slaughter
3.30pm	Baptism of Christian McArthur-Muscroft, St Cecilia's, Little Hadham
12 Saturday	
2.30pm	Wedding of Roger Pyatt and Louise Witt
13 Sunday	Trinity 2 (Proper 6)
9.30am	Shared Communion at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham Celebrant and Preacher, the Rector Little Hadham Fun Run
5.00pm	Taizé Service at St Andrew's, Much Hadham
20 Sunday	Trinity 3 (Proper 7)
8.00am	Holy Communion at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham
9.30am	Family Service in the Village Hall
11.30am	Baptism of Thomas, George and Emily Davey at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham
6.00pm	Evensong at St Mary's, Albury
27 Sunday	Trinity 4 (Proper 8)
11.15am	Parish Communion at St Mary's, Albury, Celebrant and Preacher the Rector
6.00pm	Evensong at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham, Officiant and Preacher Canon Michael McAdam

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

The Register at St Cecilia's:

13 May:	Funeral of Kathleen Bentley, late of The Ridgeway
29 May:	Wedding of Jonathon Hagger and Aimee Gibson
12 June:	Wedding of Roger Pyatt and Louise Witt, 12.30pm

British Red Cross

A big thank you to everyone in the village who contributed to this year's house to house collection during Red Cross Week. Together we raised £160.57 which will help the Red Cross fund local services. Special thanks go to Carmela, Ruth and Caroline who helped with this year's collection.

If you think you may have an hour or two to spare during the first week in May 2011, please give me a ring on 771639. As well as helping a very worthwhile cause, it's fun to get out and meet your neighbours! I would particularly like to hear from anyone able to collect at Hadham Hall, Bury Green or Westland Green which are areas I've not been able to cover yet.

Thanks! Sandra Evans.

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