

*Little Hadham
Parish News
July 2011*



A postcard of Little Hadham School, dated 1894

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Letter from the Rectory

We are looking forward to the arrival of our new Team Vicar in the Ash and Quin Valleys Team. Stephen Fielding will be licensed in a service to be held in Braughing Church on Thursday September 1st at 7.30pm. His primary area of pastoral responsibility will be for Braughing, Furneux Pelham and Stocking Pelham; however, along with me and Clive Slaughter, he will share a wide range of duties across all six parishes, including Much and Little Hadham and Albury.

The origin of the word team lies in the agricultural field, literally. It was of a team of animals yoked together to plough. Remembering however that Jesus said "my yoke is easy and my burden light" (Matthew 11.30), I hope that our team will not be all hard work and drudgery, but creative and inspirational and also fun. It is also a team of more than the three clergy, but of a large number of parishioners who work together to further the life of the churches and communities we serve.

I read recently a slick acronym of team: "Together Everyone Accomplishes Miracles." That sounds quite a good mission statement for a Church.

Apparently in a good team "each member behaves professionally at all times; team members have, and outwardly show, compassion for one another. They trust each other, and make certain they can be trusted; they truly care about their people and recognize that the one they serve is their real boss. Members of a functional team have self-respect as well as respect for others. They seek help for their own issues, and confront issues with other team members. Great teams come to work with the attitude that the only thing that matters is accomplishing today's goal – whatever that is. Great teams know that if they focus on the results they want, they will achieve the results they want."

Millions of words have been written about Teams in all walks of life; quite a lot of it is pure jargon. Maybe the most important thing for our little team is to be faithful to the one we serve, and, doing our best, to take comfort in His words:

"Come to me, all you that are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

In Him we are very lucky to have such a great team leader.

Chris Boulton

Massive Second Hand Booksale for Stop Stansted Expansion

Thousands of 'new' secondhand books go on sale in aid of Stop Stansted Expansion on Saturday 2 July between 9am and 1pm at the Old School House by the Four Ashes Crossroads, Takeley. Books cost just 50p for paperbacks and £1 for hardbacks. More information is available from SSE on 01279 870558 or info@stopstanstedexpansion.com.

Parish Council News

Welcome to new Parish Councillors

Little Hadham Parish Council is delighted to announce the co-option of three new Parish Councillors; Robin Gregory (Hadham Hall rep.), Peter Wells (Bury Green rep.) and Wendy Woodgate (The Ashe rep.). We extend a warm welcome to them all!

Street Lighting

Councillor Mary Wilkinson provided us with a report on how Herts County Council plans to adopt a cost cutting scheme aimed at turning off street lights in residential areas during the night. The saving on CO₂ emissions will be substantial too. Streetlighting in town centres and busy traffic spots will remain on during night time hours for safety reasons.

Flashing Speed Sign outside School

Following an enquiry by a parishioner regarding the possibility of the installation of a flashing speed sign outside the village school the Chairman contacted PC Tracey Feagan to discuss the matter. The Chairman was told that the area outside the school would not normally be considered for such an installation without a consultation being launched and that the consultation would be costly and long drawn out and even then the village may not automatically qualify for such a speed sign. PC Feagan did, however, mention the scheme where handheld speed indicators could be used by local residents. Apparently this is a useful piece of kit which can be used to make motorists aware of the speed they are driving at and hopefully re-educate and get them to slow down! The Parish Council is aware of those of you in the community who would like to get involved in this scheme. Other volunteers should contact Carmela Piccolo 466331.

Bus Shelter Repairs

The Parish Council is still considering the

quotes it has received for refurbishment works to the bus shelters – watch this space!

Fun Run

A HUGE pat on the back to everyone involved! Despite the weather the community stepped up to the mark once more and “spirits were not dampened”! Thank you to the organizers - Little Hadham Parish Plan Group and all the helpers without whom the event could not have taken place.

The Green, Bury Green

Little Hadham Parish Council is to work with the residents of Bury Green in trying to set up a committee of members who will liaise with the Council on matters concerning the mowing of the areas of land in Bury Green known as The Green. Ultimately the Parish Council is responsible for the mowing of the grass at Bury Green. The Council's responsibilities form part of a covenant of a lease granted to it by the Cascoynes Estates back in the 1980s. Presently LHPC is thankful to Romehold who keep The Green cut thus keeping expenditure down for the whole community of Little Hadham. Some residents feel that the grass is not being cut regularly enough; it is hoped that a resolution can be reached with regards to keeping The Green tidy and in keeping with its natural rural surroundings. We will keep all our parishioners informed of any news arising from this matter.

New Bench for Bury Green

The Parish Council has agreed to give £50 towards the reinstatement of a bench (original bench damaged beyond repair) on The Green at Bury Green.

Broken Glass in Playground

The Parish Council respectfully asks that glass bottles are not taken into the playground area. We have received reports of broken glass

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The Third Great Little Hadham Fun Run 2011

The morning of Sunday June 12th opened to bright sunlight, but this soon disappeared as the sky clouded over, and later we were treated to bursts of light rain throughout the late morning and most of the afternoon. Despite this, the enthusiasm and dedication of everyone remained undiminished, and we all had a successful day. The morning conditions were excellent for the run, which was supported by **218 adults and under-12s**, including that **Dame from the pantomime of "The OK Corral"**.

The first runner over the 10K finish was **Tom McKardy**, followed by **Adam Davey**, and then **John Steadman**. First lady home was **Alice Beckley**, followed by **Sandra Morris** and then **Lisa Sunner**. Two juniors also finished this gruelling run. Coming joint first were **Jenson McDermott** and **Kian Northcote**.

In the 5K run **John Ockenden** was followed by **Larry Mangelshot**, and **Chris Senior**. The Ladies were **Isabel Howe**, followed by **Sarah Sewell**, and then **Kimberley Mangleshot**. The under 12s also showed good form, and **George Cook** was followed by **Piers Martin** and then **Colin Stockman**.

In the afternoon the rain caused some of the events to be transferred into the village hall. However, despite the wet many stayed on to enjoy the Beer Tent and the Burger Stall. The highlight of the afternoon was the live music provided by two bands "**Rachel Gill**" and "**DC Effect**", both scheduled to appear later at **The CAZFEST Music Festival on 2nd July 2011**, in **Sworders' Field, Bishop's Stortford**.

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The Third Great Little Hadham Fun Run 2011, continued

Finally, The Fun Run/Fun Day Committee extends **A VERY BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who participated in this event, especially all those who helped with the run. The police did a fantastic job at our two major danger spots (the traffic lights, and the War Memorial); our many proficient local stewards ensured that conditions were safe at all times, from the car park and start, to the finish back in the field; and also to those who provided water on the way round. Last but not least, a big thank you everyone who provided and manned the stalls, and provided entertainment.

Mike Smith

Village Hall News

July sees your last chance to buy good-quality teak furniture from Jo Alexander Ltd. when they come back to the village on Saturday 22nd and Sunday, 23rd July.

Want to keep fit?

How about joining the Badminton Club - every Monday evening from 8pm until 10. All ages (from 12 years up) and abilities are very welcome to join this nice friendly club.

Keep Fit classes for ladies are run by Catherine Petch, also circuit training and weights for ladies; why not ring for details 771636.

FOUND - car keys. Toyota car key with camper van fob, found at the Village Hall. Please ring Angela, 771697. All lost property is put in the cleaning cupboard at the Hall and whilst all the clothes have now gone to a charity shop there are still two pairs of reading glasses and other bits and pieces awaiting their owners.

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Cantate Youth Choir 2011 Appeal: *a message from our Music Directors*

Cantate Youth Choir has been singing its heart out for 16 years and is one of the finest youth choirs in the UK (for example, we were the only UK choir to win a gold medal in the recent international Choir Olympics in Graz, Austria). Uniquely for a choir of this high standard we are completely open access. We try and bring the joy and discipline of top class choral singing to as many young people as possible. Unfortunately we are facing a funding challenge. Government grants and business sponsorship have dried up completely for most arts organisations, including ours, so we have decided to launch our first ever appeal.

Please support us by going to www.cantate.co.uk, or you can send a cheque made out to Cantate Youth Choir to Cantate, Suite 5, Glen House, Bishop's Stortford, CM23 3XB. Any amount is welcome and will help us to achieve our goal of £100,000, which will guarantee the future of this world-class choir for the next 5 years. We are offering special consideration for donations of more than £500 and you can find out more about these on the website, or call Pascale Bozzi on 07710 996297.

Neighbourhood Watch Update

Folks please be aware. I have recently had a couple of reports of parcels being stolen from front doorsteps. Take extra care when ordering goods for delivery to your home - ask a neighbour to look out for your parcel if you are going out - let's beat the thieves together!

I can also report this month that I have received some good news: the police recently arrested a man who was responsible for many, many local thefts (some in Little Hadham). He has been prosecuted and is now serving his sentence in prison.

Carmela

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Down at the Doctor's

A practical lesson for you all this month on how to order your repeat medication via our fledgling website, www.muchhadhamhealthcentre.co.uk

Bring a form of ID to the receptionist who will then print out your registration letter along with your personal password and PIN numbers which you will need in order to access your medication details on the website

To order your medication you need to do the following:

- Go to our website
- Select "order repeat prescription"
- The first time you access this service click "create your account here"
- Enter the codes from your registration letter and click submit
- Once you have registered, sign in as an "existing user"
- Your repeat medications will be displayed
- Select each item and choose where you wish to collect them from.

Easy as that!

Some patients have already registered and successfully ordered their medication, so it does work. There are future plans to allow you to make (and cancel) certain appointments in advance but we have decided to take one step at a time.

Talking of steps; I have written this, on 12th June, having just recovered from running (actually walking!) the 5 km section of the Little Hadham fun run in full pantomime Dame dress (minus the heels) AND in the rain. Oh yes I did!!

Dr Paul Haimes

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Little Hadham School

Believing and Achieving

Just about caught up on sleep after our busy residential trip to Kingswood, West Runton near Cromer. A great time was had by all and I lost count of how many different sporting activities they took part in!

Our FRIENDS PTA are busy preparing for our annual Summer Fete on Sunday 3rd July from 12-3pm. Do come along and hopefully enjoy the sunshine!

Another date for your diary is the weekend of 16th/17th July when our local Silver Leys Polo Team will be hosting the Little Hadham School Summer Cup up at Bury Green. Tickets are available from the School Office at £10 per family for entry all weekend. Do come along and share in this fantastic opportunity. Not many primary schools can boast of their own polo team!

Our Senior Citizens are warmly invited to the Dress Rehearsal of this year's KS2 Production of 'Hoodwinked' – a modern version of the Robin Hood story. Do join us on Monday 11th July at 10.00am and enjoy a cup of coffee afterwards.

We have also organised a visit in to school for the Mother and Toddler Group to join us in the EYFS Unit for a Teddy Bears' Picnic on the morning of 13th July. We look forward to seeing you all.

Another year gone – where did that go?

Thank you for your continued support.

Liz Stockley (Headteacher)

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Little Hadham & Albury Social Club

Plans were changed for our social evening meeting in June as Jonathan kindly offered to talk us through the fantastic Bishop's Stortford Tour of 7th June. He showed us photographs and reminded those who attended the tour of the vast amount of information given to us. On the day, 15 people gathered at St. Michael's Church and after a comprehensive tour inside, we made our way to the Corn Exchange for coffee (Hosts), taking in The Boar's Head, Tissimans and the George Hotel on the walk down Windhill, plus the buildings within the crossroads. Next the Market Square, Devoils Lane, the Bishop's Palace(!), Water Lane, North Street and finally the Castle Mound. It was very interesting and we all learnt so much about our local town, plus the weather was excellent. Further walks will be arranged in the future. The Korean talk will be included in the 2012 programme.

The Social Club Book Stall, held at the Fun Run Fete, was able to donate £10 to the CRY Fund.

The outing to Euston Hall has been booked for Thursday, 8th September, leaving the village hall car park at 12.45 and returning at approx. 6.30 p.m. If we fill the coach the cost will be £17.20, but this will increase depending upon empty seats! Everyone is welcome, whether you attend the Social Club or not. Phone Ennis on 658585 to add your name to the list.

At 8 p.m. on 12th July Margaret Rogers, from Much Hadham, will take us on a journey from The Isles of Scilly to Lindisfarne. Old and new friends always welcome and we look forward to seeing you there.

Barbara, Binnie and Ennis

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Much Hadham Afternoon WI

The June Meeting started with a delicious Ploughman's Lunch attended by over 40 members. It was a very friendly social occasion and was followed by a fascinating talk on The Strickland Sisters. Their lives, between 1802 and 1890 had been researched by our speaker, Christine Noble. She acted as narrator with two others who read the actual words of Susannah and Catherine both of whom were prolific writers. They were brought up in great comfort at Reydon Hall near Southwold in a large family of six sisters and two brothers and were related to Catherine Parr. Both sisters married and went out to Canada to join their brother on the shores of Lake Ontario. They were in no way prepared for the hardships which lay in store for them as Susannah wrote that "She would not sit at table with the maid" even though she was in a one-roomed cabin occupied by five people. They lived through bitter Canadian winters, illnesses including cholera, scarlet fever and amazingly malaria, near starvation and several house fires but Susannah had seven children and Catherine nine. Their husbands were not very successful in their various attempts to earn a living but the women continued to write and publish books, pamphlets and poems. These did not pay very well and there were times when there was hardly enough money to pay for ink and paper. However Susannah's book "Roughing it in the Bush" outsold "Uncle Tom's Cabin" and Catherine's "Canadian Settlers Guide" also sold well. It is to their credit that some of their books are still in print one hundred years after their deaths.

Our next meeting will be on July 6th starting at 2pm in the Village Hall with a speaker and followed by a visit to Elizabeth Clarke's garden at The White House.

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If there is one good thing about a few days away in a caravan, it's coming home and appreciating just how lucky we are!

Firstly, we don't have to worry about how much water we use. Although caravanners usually have water nearby, it is a matter of carrying it all the time. I'm a born worrier, so I don't sleep for fear that when I wash my hair, the dratted tank will empty just as I have put on the shampoo. And, with us, it's trying to get the temperature just right. Our temperature was set when the vehicle left the factory – and it can't be changed. So you either scald yourself or have an icy experience! Then there is the unmentionable (though here goes) subject of the loo. Do you only allow one kind of motion? Then what happens if you are taken short during the night? I remember my very first outing, when I staggered through a dark field to find the one and only toilet because anything other than liquid was strictly taboo!

And why is it that at home, a thin duvet will suffice. Away, we freeze at night and require a mountain of bedclothes. Men's eating habits don't change, be it at home or away. So now we have to cook on a mini stove with our cast-off saucepans and second rate utensils. We carried a portable BBQ for years – and never used it. The Rainman has only to see me coming to let rip a month's worth of the wet stuff! I suppose the thing which gets to me the most, though, is lack of space. All this squeezing past in the aisle is all very well and maybe great for the young lovers among you...but for us old fogeys it's often the trigger for a few well chosen snide remarks! OK, so we arrived home last evening and I'm still luxuriating in the space, the warmth, the sheer luxury of a decent shower...but chances are we'll be off again soon, sure that this time all will be well.

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What's on in July . . .

in the Village Hall unless otherwise stated

1 Fri, Madrigal Concert, 9pm by Amwell Pool, near Ware. Collection for Isabel Hospice.

2 Sat, SSE Book Sale, 9-1pm, Old School House, Four Ashes, Takeley. Details page 2.

2 Sat, CAZFEST Music Festival, Sworders' Field, Bishop's Stortford.

2 Sat, Midsummer Concert, 7.30pm, St Cecilia's, Little Hadham. Details 771688.

3 Sun, School Summer Fete 12-3pm.

5 Tue, Parish Council meeting, 8pm.

6 Wed, Much Hadham WI, 2pm in MH Village Hall with a speaker, followed by a visit to Elizabeth Clarke's garden at The White House..

7, 21 Thur, Mobile Library, see next page.

10 Sun, Trip to Helmingham Hall Gardens, coach leaves the Village Hall car park at 9.45am – for tickets and details telephone Barbara Taylor on 771987.

10 Sun, Open Garden, Fanhams Hall 2-5pm.
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10 Sun Henry Moore Foundation, Open Garden, Perry Green. Details on website: www.redcross.org.uk/opengardens.

11 Mon, School Dress Rehearsal, 10am. Senior Citizens are invited to join us at 10.00am and enjoy a cup of coffee afterwards.

11 Mon, The Hadhams History Society. 'Convicts transported to Oz', a talk by Ken Griffin, at Little Hadham School Hall. Doors open 7.30pm for an 8pm start. Between 1784-1866 several men from Much and Little Hadham were sentenced to be transported to Australia for various crimes such as murder and stealing a pair of shoes! Information on these local men will be included in Ken's talk. Membership £7.00 per annum, £2.00 for non-members at any talks. Contact Mike Smith 771568 or Barbara Green 842352.

12 Tue, LH & A Social Club, 8pm. Margaret Rogers, from Much Hadham, will take us on a journey from The Isles of Scilly to Lindisfarne. Old and new friends always welcome and we look forward to seeing you.

16,17 School Polo Event, see page 8.

21 Thur, Way Inn Coffee Morning, 10-12 noon. See page 13.

21 Thur, Cheese and Wine plus Quiz evening MH Horticultural Soc and Allotment Club, 7pm-9pm in the Long Barn, Hopleys, High Street, Much Hadham. Free admission to Members, £2 Visitors. Come along and bring a friend for a very enjoyable evening.

30 Sat, Farmers' Market, 8.30-11.30am.

. . . and then?

Sept 3 **Garden Club Autumn Show**. Show schedules will be available nearer the time.

Sept 8 **Social Club Outing**. Details on page 9.

Sept 10 **Midnight Walk**, 80s theme, for Isabel Hospice. katie.robertson@sabelhospice.org.uk.

Sept 11 **Open Garden for Red Cross**, Alswick Hall, Buntingford, includes Plant Fair.

Sept 30 **Charity Golf Day**, See ad on page 17.

Oct 27 **Red Cross Christmas Fair**, Fanhams Hall, Ware.

Bishop's Stortford Police Station Opening Times

Monday:	12.00pm-4.30pm
Tuesday:	CLOSED
Wednesday:	CLOSED
Thursday:	2pm-11pm
Friday:	7am-Midnight
Saturday:	7am-Midnight
Sunday:	10am-8pm
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being left very close to the childrens' apparatus - please be considerate to your neighbours and other users of our wonderful playground, let's enjoy the space together in safety.

Thank you

– to our loyal attendees! Sorry if you were disappointed at not being able to meet the new Councillors at the June meeting. Do come to the July meeting (no meeting in August) when this time you will be introduced to them! 8pm Village Hall Tuesday 5th July.

Calling all 4 to 8 year olds! Would you like to win a book? Do you love to colour in?

Then why not have a go at this fun and easy to enter colouring competition. Pop into Waterstones book shop in Bishop's Stortford (12 South Street) and pick up a colouring page, from Lynne Garner's new book 'Dog Did It.' Return your entry (with your name and contact details) to the store by Wednesday 13th July. The winner will be notified on Friday 15th July and the prize of a copy of 'Dog Did It' will be awarded in store on Saturday 16th July.

If you would like to meet Lynne and hear her read 'Dog Did It' then she will be in Waterstones book shop between 10.30am and 2.30pm on Saturday 16th July.



The 'Way Inn'

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

7th & 21st July Mobile Library

Nag's Head from 13.45 - 14.05

The Smithy from 14.10 - 14.30

Bury Green from 14.45 - 15.05

This is a fortnightly service.

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Little Hadham & Albury Garden Club

July should see gardens at their flowering peak. The salads and summer vegetables are flourishing; harvest vegetables as soon as they are ready so they taste their best. Herbs can be cut and frozen. Visit some open garden events to give you ideas and inspiration.

Water, feed and regular deadheading will extend the life of container plants and those in the borders will benefit from it as well. Raise the cutting height of the lawn mower blades during the hot, dry weather to keep the grass greener.

When you are preparing for your summer holiday, give a thought to your garden, for security reasons. If you have any containers at the front of your house make sure someone is looking after them or it will be obvious you are away when your plants die and even if they suddenly disappear to the back of the house. Make sure your lawn is freshly cut before you go, pack the garden tools away and secure sheds, garages and side gates.

There is a trip to Helmingham Hall Gardens, on Sunday 10th July, the coach leaves Little Hadham Village Hall car park at 9.45am – for tickets and details telephone Barbara Taylor on 771987.

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Rambling, down at the rural tree-doctor's

Nick Bickel

People fear the Millennium Wood is neglected and dying, because there are dead branches up to eye level. Nearly all woody plants grow upwards, reaching for the light, and successively shade out their own younger branches which die and drop. If you see a naturally-formed, ancient oak in a field, it will be wider than it is high - a rotated half-moon on a plinth - because it is maximising the potential light in every direction; whereas, an acorn from the same parent sprouting in mature woodland might become an eighty-foot column with a few 'tenderstem broccoli' branches above - which surely inspired medieval cathedrals' rib and fan vaulting! As it soars heavenwards, the forest oak might produce doomed branches every foot or two, the expanding trunk concealing the traces of their knotty remnants. Modern practice is to plant densely so that, when saplings venture from their tubes, they at once create a sheltered microclimate and shade out the competing herb layer. In the nursery stage, there was a proliferation of undesirables, such as dandelions, thistles, nettles and goosegrass, but, with the lower end of the wood already under closed canopy, nuisance herbs are in retreat. A significant leaf layer is developing too, forming a mulch, and soon, the most vigorous trees will be taking up nutrients so rapaciously that only specialist woodland herbs will thrive. The reason for the 'unhealthy' number of visible dead branches is twofold, 1) the planting density forcing trees vertically, and 2) few animals, including humans, brushing past them: While retrieving tubes, I learnt just how brittle, in particular, lime branchlets are - they drop almost as readily as autumn leaves. In short, or tall, the wood's in rude health but, starting this autumn, it will require some degree of management.

Next month - nature or nurture?

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Nature Notes, May/June

Jonathan Forgham

A month of dampness and cooling temperatures following on from the excess of early May. As soon as a drought is announced the guaranteed rains come, with very heavy downpours towards the middle of June. A period highlighted by several new finds, especially in the insect department.

A walk to the lagoon east of Hadham Hall proved worthwhile, with my first turtle dove of the year seen along with a superb male yellow wagtail. Only my 2nd parish record. Also, on the lagoon, 7 tufted duck were recorded whilst overhead yellowhammers, linnets and a solitary reed bunting were observed. Butterflies were out in force, with new year records of common blue, large skipper, small skipper (pictured) and meadow brown. Dragonflies were in small numbers, with a black tailed skimmer being the first of 2011 along with several hundred common blue damselflies.



A planned whole parish boundary walk was planned for the 17th June, but abandoned at Westland Green due to increasing rainfall and little in the way of butterflies. A single ringlet was recorded but little else. Birds were in good numbers, especially around Harvey's Wood, with plenty of whitethroats, garden warblers and blackcaps.

However, the real highlight of the period was purchasing my first moth trap. In the three weeks

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Christian Aid Collection

Very many thanks to all the collectors who gave up their time for those in need. This year's total is £588.47 so a big "thank you" to all who gave so willingly to such a good cause.

Christian Aid has become more selective about who they help, always supporting existing projects to ensure any money given is not siphoned off by greedy governments. I know there are many calls on your generosity so we are particularly grateful for your donations.

Angela Fardell.

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Dystrophy**
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since it was delivered I have recorded over 70 species of moth in the garden. Nothing as yet



uncommon, but all the same, some spectacular specimens, including privet hawk moth (1st photo, in hand), poplar hawk moth, pine hawk moth (2nd photo), eyed hawk moth and lime hawk moth (3rd). The heavy rain on the night of the 11th shattered the mercury vapour bulb. A new one is now installed but it has rained every night since so only a few records.

As usual, please feel free to report any interesting sightings to 07805571551 or jforgham@theprimaryworks.com. Plenty of moth photos can be seen at littlehadhambirding.blogspot.com.

Finally: if anyone has an elm tree in their garden then please check for a small brown butterfly. This may well be a white letter hairstreak, which is always found near elm so I would be pleased to hear of any within the parish. Alternatively, please contact me and I will be happy to come around on a sunny day to check for them.

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News from the Gardens of Easton Lodge

A large injection of volunteer enthusiasm and healthy dollops of grant aid from Essex's Life Raft Trust and Business Link have enabled the Gardens of Easton Lodge to move ahead with regular openings, replanting and restoration work in recent months, as well as the creation of a new user-friendly website.

The Gardens of Easton Lodge, near Dunmow, were one of the most important creations of the Edwardian designer Harold Peto. His commission in 1902 came from "Darling Daisy", the Countess of Warwick, who regularly entertained society guests there including the Prince of Wales before he acceded to the throne as Edward VII.

Designed in Italianate style around Warwick House which is set in the grounds, the gardens were maintained until 1950, after which time nature took over. Tantalising glimpses of those designs have been resurfacing since 1993, when restoration work first began. Today's visitors can see Peto's Italian Sunken Garden amongst other examples of his work.

Much loved by people across the region because of its beautiful setting, sense of history and unusual plantings, the gardens' 2011 summer Sundays programme features something for everyone. Sunday 17 July sees a visit by the Chelmsford Croquet Club to show how the game really should be played, with plenty of opportunities to 'have a go' on the famous Edwardian croquet lawn designed by Harold Peto for Daisy, Countess of Warwick. Harold Peto will himself be the subject of a talk at the opening on 21 August, while the 18 September opening will boast a birthday party for Daisy who would have been 150 this year. The final open day of the

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The past month has seen Little Hadham Cricket Club draw its four afternoon matches and lose a match in an evening cup competition. On the 22nd May Little Hadham entertained a team from London called Bow Green and on a lovely afternoon for cricket the visitors batted

July fixtures

Sun 3rd	High Beech	Away	14.00
Sun 10th	Barley	Away	14.00
Sun 17th	Potter Street	Home	14.00
Sun 24th	Albury (Ron Oxborrow Cup)	Away	14.30
Sun 31st	Manuden	Home	14.00

first scoring 205 for 4 wickets, with Paul Mason-Smith taking 3 wickets for 24 runs. The match ended up in a very tense finish as five Hadham batsmen got into the 20s only to get out. In the end Hadham hung on for a draw, finishing just 9 runs short but with only one wicket remaining. Spring Bank Holiday weekend saw the club play two matches. The first on Sunday was an away match at Nazeing Common, where batting first Little Hadham scored 192 for 7 with Neil Oxborrow top scoring with 43. The Nazeing reply saw Little Hadham's bowlers take wickets at regular intervals, but they could not get the last two wickets as Nazeing hung on for a draw on 177 for 8. The Monday match was a home game against local rivals Thorley. Thorley batted first scoring 230 for 3, but the Little Hadham reply was cut short at 25 for 1 as heavy rain meant the match being abandoned. The following weekend saw an away game at Stocking Pelham, with Hadham batting first and scoring 237 for 3. Paul Mason-Smith top scored with 105 not out and along with David Wheatley (84) they put on 166 for the

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Cricket Club News, continued

second wicket. The Stocking Pelham reply saw the Hadham bowlers restrict the batsmen's run scoring. But stubborn resistance from the Pelham lower order saw the match end in a draw with Stocking Pelham on 87 for 8. Little Hadham also competed in the local village 20-over cup competition (the Davis Cup) during the last month. Batting first Little Hadham's total of 103 all out was never enough against a strong Hockerill team who reached their target with 7 wickets and 5 overs to spare.

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 even if you have never played before or wish to take up the sport again after a break from playing. 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 Martin Hallmark 771033 or Neil Oxborrow 506062 for more details.

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season is on 16 October when the gardens assume their marvellous autumn mantle. More details on the openings, volunteering opportunities and other initiatives are online at www.eastonlodge.co.uk, by emailing enquiries@eastonlodge.co.uk or leaving a message on 01371 876979. The Gardens 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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July is the month when we invite all existing members to renew, and all potential new members, who we are always delighted to welcome, to join music@stansted. Next season's programme starts on Saturday **15th October** 2011 at 7.30pm, when the English Chamber Orchestra comes to St John's in Stansted; their programme will include Vivaldi's "Four Seasons". On Sunday **11th December** at 3pm we welcome Katy Bray, mezzo-soprano, and William Vann, piano. The fast-emerging Piatti String Quartet come to Stansted on Sunday **29th January** 2012 at 3pm; and on Saturday **17th March** at 7.30pm we are pleased to be welcoming back to Stansted one of the most compelling young violinists on the concert platform, Jack Liebeck. Please put all these dates in your diaries now!

music@stansted continues to thrive, not just because of the quality of its concerts, but because of the support that you give. The more memberships we have, the better we can plan exciting, high quality programmes. The big attraction of joining for the season is a discount equivalent to at least a third off the 'door' ticket price of £12. You can do even better by taking advantage of our early payment deal and joining or renewing before **31st July**. The cost is the same as for the last three years, Individual £32, Concession (over 60's and university and college students) £30. If paid before July 31st, £30 and £28 respectively.

To join or re-join, please send a cheque payable to Music at Stansted, together with a note of your name(s), address, telephone number, and email address (if you wish to be placed on our mailing list for information) to: The Membership Secretary, c/o 25 Chantry Road, Bishop's Stortford, Herts CM23 2SD. For more information about us please visit our website – www.musicatstansted.com. or email us at info@musicatstansted.co.

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For Art's sake !

I was most impressed to read last month that five-year-olds had been studying famous artists at the school. Not wishing to take the Pissarro out of the project, I was thrilled to see, amongst the Emin-ent names listed, that of the sole exponent of the highly imaginative Figmentation School, 'Lawrie'. Unless, of course it was John Laurie, i.e. Private Frazer in 'Dad's Army' (presumably his works were all Doom paintings !). I'll bet my prized Van Dyck the artist in question was L.S. Lowry ! Also, I was disappointed that the Headteacher didn't finish her thought on how the Impressionist period affected 'Pointillism'. Whilst she probably does know her Titian from her Klimt, from now on could those clever five-year-olds please proof-read her Giott-ings ?

Nick Bickel

p.s. I'm reminded of when the prep. school where I first taught sent out a letter advising that from the next school year fees would have to go up to whatever-it-was "per anum". A quick parent wrote back imploringly, "If it's all the same to you, could I carry on paying through the nose?"

New arrival in Acremore Street

We send our warmest congratulations to Jane, Steve and Callum on the safe arrival of Saskia on Tuesday 7th June, weighing 6lb7oz. A beautiful baby daughter for mum & dad and a gorgeous, long awaited little sister for wonderful Callum.

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July diary for Little Hadham and Albury

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

2 Saturday

7.30pm *Midsummer Concert at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham.*

3 Sunday

Feast of St Thomas

9.30am *Sung Matins at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham.*

2.00pm *Baptism of Tilley Jessica Goodwin at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham.*

7 Thursday

7.00pm *Wedding rehearsal at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham.*

9 Saturday

4.00pm *Wedding of Thomas Stewart and Megan Kane at St Cecilia's, Lt Hadham.*

10 Sunday

Trinity 3 Proper 10

9.30am *Shared Communion and Sunday School at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham.*

5.00pm *Taizé Service in St Andrew's, Much Hadham.*

17 Sunday

Trinity 4 Proper 11

8.00am *Holy Communion at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham.*

9.30am *Service in Little Hadham Village Hall.*

6.00pm *Compline at St Mary's, Albury.*

Workshop for singers at 2.45pm led by Derek Harrison, tea for singers and open to all at 5.15pm.

Service at 6.00pm.

24 Sunday

Trinity 5 Proper 12

11.15am *Parish Communion at St Mary's, Albury.*

1.30pm *Baptism of Alfred Arthur Pressland at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham.*

6.00pm *Evensong at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham.*

28 Thursday

8.00pm *LH PCC meets in St Cecilia's, Little Hadham.*

29 Friday

6.00pm *Wedding rehearsal at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham.*

30 Saturday

3.00pm *Wedding of Stephen Richards and Sarah Cowler at St Cecilia's, Lt Hadham.*

31 Sunday

Trinity 6 Proper 13

9.30am *Team Service at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham.*

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