

*Little Hadham
Parish News
November 2011*



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Letter from the Assistant Priest

My dear friends,

As Chris wrote in his last month's letter he is, at the time I'm writing, cruising in the Adriatic sunshine on a well earned holiday, and by the time you read this he'll be back again bronzed and refreshed we hope to the autumn mists and dark evenings of England in November. What a special time of year this is. We've just come to the end of October, the "thanksgiving" month with all our village harvest celebrations and our churches beautifully decorated with the fruits of God's blessings.

And now we are in November, the 'remembering' month, which starts with All Saints and All Souls Days, when we give thanks for those whom we have known and loved and who have gone before us. And then, on November 5th, Guy Fawkes Night, the annual commemoration of the night in 1605 when the Houses of Parliament were nearly blown up. Our remembrances culminate on Remembrance Sunday at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month when we stand with gratitude and pride, giving thanks for all those who gave, and continue to give their lives in armed conflicts that we and others might enjoy the freedom we do.

We've recently had a South African cousin staying with us, and as we showed him around our villages and he saw the loveliness of this corner of Hertfordshire, and the churches always open, he was bowled over by it all. And his reaction made me realise again how many causes we have for thankfulness, and how many blessings we can take for granted or allow to be overshadowed by anxieties in the face of continuing 'bad news' from the media. It took a visitor from another country to make me determine to count my blessings more often, and rejoice in them.

This is not to deny the reality or seriousness of our personal, national or global situation, but a continuous vague feeling of apprehension can blind us to the 'eternal' things with which we are surrounded and which are always 'good news'.

Clive

Parish Council News

Bury Green Seat: Councillor Peter Wells is still seeking responses from carpenters in the community who would be willing to design and quote for a new bench to be installed at Bury Green. Please send designs/quotes via email: peterwells@theemc.eu. (This is a community-led project – LHPC has pledged £50 as a starter fund for the replacement bench.)

Westland Green Road Dangers: Following a request from a parishioner who was concerned about the danger for children walking along and crossing the road, especially

at busy times in the mornings and afternoons when speeding cars are rat-running through Westland Green, the Parish Council has written a letter to Herts Highways requesting that the "SLOW" markings on the road in the hamlet be inspected and re-coated. We await a reply from Herts Highways.

Road Closures: We remind parishioners of the on-going road closures along the A120; these will be in force until at least the middle of November. Road closures are at night between the hours of 8pm and 5am.

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Speed Monitoring exercises took place in our village on Tuesday 11 October; a one hour session took place on the road outside the Village Hall in the morning and a one hour session took place near the War Memorial in the afternoon. Over forty speeding drivers exceeded the 30mph maximum speed limit. On average the drivers travelled at between 10–25mph over the limit. It is hoped that our local bobbies will be back to try the scheme in other parts of our village – watch this space for more updates. (This is a community-led project).

Refurbishment of Bus Shelters: The refurbishment continues and it is hoped that before winter sets in the three shelters will be complete. An extra £200 has had to be added to the final cost as more roof shingles were required than anticipated. We thank Mike Foskett for his continuing good work.

Contract Negotiations at Surgery: The Parish Council is to write a letter in support of Dr Haimes' and the Health Surgery's plans to expand the centre. Parishioners may be aware that there is an on-going dispute over the expansion between the leaseholders and the surgery.

Westmill Incinerator: Last month we reported on proposals in the pipeline to build a massive incinerator plant in Ware, the implications of which would be quite serious for the surrounding towns and villages. The Chairman is to invite 'Burning Issues', the group set up in opposition to the plans, to give a talk on the subject. We will of course try to invite Herts County Council to give their version of the argument.

Parish Plan Group News: Exciting news for next year folks. Get ready for a double celebration on the day of the Fun Run

because the Queen's Diamond Jubilee is to be celebrated on the same day! Watch this space for more news in the coming months.

Chairman's Charity: The Chairman has announced that he intends to organise events, together with the Parish Plan Group, to raise funds for the Willow Foundation and will give a talk on the subject to parishioners in early 2012. Watch for more news in the coming months. (This is a community project led through the Parish Plan Group.)

East Herts Rural Parish Conference: In September Councillor Mrs Piccolo attended an upbeat and very informative conference.

Superfast Broadband: Amongst the speakers was a representative from BT who explained how BT is to upgrade broadband delivery to businesses in our area the cost of which would be £1m. The superfast broadband is to be delivered via fibre-optic cables (at the moment mostly delivered via copper cabling). Unfortunately villages like ours will have to wait a very long time before we get some of the same! Also on offer from BT via the CVA Broxbourne was the free installation of broadband in the Village Hall; this would be offered with one year's running costs for free too. **Funding:** Funding is available from Europe for setting up small businesses. **East Herts Community Funding:** There are still pots of money available for any community run projects via East Herts Council. **On-line Community Events Calendar:** East Herts have set up an on-line community events calendar where community groups can advertise their events to the wider community free. Do let Mrs Piccolo know if you are interested in any of these schemes 01279 466331.

Planning Law Changes: The Parish Council is keeping itself updated on all aspects of the

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changes in planning laws; there is little more to report this month other than the changes already afoot in that planning laws are to become relaxed in an effort to encourage housing development, the implications of which we know could be serious for small villages like ours. We do have some encouraging news, though, from Jon Fardell (our representative on the SLAA) who kindly attended a meeting at East Herts Council Offices on our behalf. Up for discussion were the areas of possible

development in our village (offered up in the 'call for sites' exercise run by East Herts two years ago) – none of the sites was deemed suitable for development currently. Rest assured any updates will be reported to the community via the Parish News as and when they arise.

Want to know more? Join us 1st Tuesday of each month in the Village Hall at 8pm – next meeting Tuesday 1st November – look forward to seeing you there, everyone is welcome!

Village Social Club – a great evening out! - Folks I have only recently started going to our village Social Club, but may I through the Parish News highly recommend it? A warm welcome always awaits, with interesting & varied speakers, a fantastic raffle, days out, delicious tea, coffee & biscuits; what more could you ask for? Do try to make time to go along to this wonderful community group held at the Village Hall 2nd Tuesday of each month at 8pm - it's a great way to catch up with neighbours and friends too! Carmela

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Rural Ramblings

Cherry Mardell

I write this while the computer still works. Shortly our electric may be turned off due to our choosing not to pay our latest bill. It is for something over £1,000. Our normal bill would be around £300.

It has all occurred since we were forced into having a new Smart meter fitted.

Things have not been the same since. As the Smart meter whirrs away, showing complicated readings, so our apparent usage has whirred away too – to the tune of an additional £700+.

When we received our bill this week, we were appalled to find it was £750. We phoned British Gas (who also supply our electrics) and, after an appallingly long wait, spoke to a fellow who seemed sympathetic and told us to read the meter. We did so while he gave us instructions, told us it didn't seem right and he would organise someone to come out and check it.

The following day we received another letter from BG which didn't make sense. I called and talked to a hard-bitten, unfriendly woman who told me there had been a mistake and that our bill was now £1095. When I tried to explain what had happened the previous day, she didn't want to know. An hour and a half later, and still on the phone while she kept disappearing to talk to 'someone else', I was no better off. My protests that I needed to speak to a manager went unheeded. Eventually I got the name of someone from the Smart meter firm who also told us to read the meter while he gave instructions. Something is not right, he told me. A specialist would come out and check the meter. When? Perhaps in two weeks' time. Meantime our bill will become overdue and we will probably be cut off.

The case continues...as they say!

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Life on the Run

Les Williams

It was a cold and frosty morning early one Saturday and I was running out near Cradle End. My Tesco's carrier bag (the third that morning) was nearly full of litter. And then I saw it, lying on the grass verge beside the road. Laid out as if on display in a shop was a set of bright pink ladies' underwear complete with basque. I stopped in my tracks and looked around.

Now if this had been a James Bond film then a beautiful Catherine Zeta-Jones look-alike would have appeared from a gap in the hedgerow and beckoned me seductively. But Daniel Craig I ain't so back to reality. I stuffed the said garments into my carrier bag and carried on running looking for a suitable place to rid myself of my now overfull bag.

Then I heard a radio playing in the distance. It was coming from some stables. I could see a dustbin but nobody was in sight. I followed the sound of music coming from an open door. Two men were standing there and they looked up in surprise at this vision in black and hi-viz yellow lycra. Here's where I need you to use your imagination to picture the scene and the conversation that was about to ensue. First think of two big guys who have a passing resemblance to Antonio Banderas with a Spanish sounding accent (at least to this ex-Londoner) akin to Manuel from Fawlty Towers. "Hello, I've been picking up litter

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Down at the doctor's

Paul Haimes

I am pleased to announce that our airport-style check-in screen has been installed in the waiting room and has been generally met with approval, although there have been some concerns expressed over hygiene issues when touching the screen. Given that most people have already opened the door and breathed in the virus-ridden air of the waiting room before even reaching the screen, we honestly feel that these concerns are minimal. We will, however, be supplying hand cleansing gel for those who wish to use it.

Sadly, we have had to say goodbye to Dr Roisin Brown and one of our nurses, Liz Brades. Roisin has been with us for just over a year, covering Dr Macbay's maternity leave, and is keen to help us out again in the future, should the need arise! Liz had been a part of our nursing team for seven years and has, in that time, contributed significantly to the development of the practice. She has left to take up a full time post elsewhere and she goes with our very best wishes. My red triangle (see parish mag passim) has been replaced.

Don't forget your flu jab.

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Little Hadham & Albury Social Club

I am pleased to say that our talk on South Korea was well received at the October meeting. Our 8th November evening should be well attended, as Jonathan will again be giving his yearly nature notes report, plus information about any trips he has made during the year.

Make a note in your diaries too for Tuesday, 13th December. when we are hosting a Wine/ Beer Tasting in association with Waitrose, Bishop's Stortford, in time for Christmas purchases. Admission will be £5.00 on this occasion and everyone is welcome; a good time to make a first attendance as we shall all be particularly jolly! Barbara, Binnie and Ennis 658585.

Family Portrait Day

*The Friends of Little Hadham Primary School are holding a Family Portrait Day on **Saturday 12th November between 9am and 5pm.***

Photographer Hannah Blair will be offering families the opportunity to have a 20 minute shoot of informal photographs for a booking fee of £10 which will go directly to the school.

Photographs can be chosen and a suitable package of prints selected on the day, a percentage of this cost will go to the school too.

The photos should be delivered back to the school within 3 weeks, just in time for Christmas - they make great presents!

Please call Janine on 07808 808815 if you wish to book a time slot.

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Little Hadham School

Believing and Achieving

It was good to see some of you at our 'Archive Afternoon' last month. Seeing all those wonderful photos from the past makes you realise how much learning has gone on within these walls over the past 150 years! Thank you to all those who so very kindly lent us photos etc. and I hope they have all made their way back to you!

The children once again demonstrated their choral skills at our Harvest Celebration in St Cecilia's and also raised over £200 in donations to 'Save the Children'. This is really special for us, as a member of staff will be actually presenting the donation personally to the 'Save the Children' Team in Kenya in December.

Talking of December, I hope you are all able to join us at our very special Annual Christmas Bazaar on Sunday 4th December from 12-3pm.

Similarly, put the 'KS1 Christmas Presentation' Dress Rehearsal and the 'Carols around the Tree' Rehearsal in your Christmas diaries- 6th and 12th December respectively, as we look forward to seeing you then.

Thank you for your continued support.

Liz Stockley, Headteacher

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Nature Notes, Sept/Oct

Jonathan Forgham

The weather still continues to be most unseasonal, with temperatures reaching into the low 30s as the month changed. Consequently, nature is somewhat confused, with both primulas and poppies flowering in the garden whilst red admiral and white butterflies continue to feed on nectar. However, a sharp early morning frost on the 15th October probably put an end to the summer insects and certainly cut down the moth numbers dramatically.



Locally, a quiet period with the highlight being the expected arrival of both redwing and fieldfare. These birds will have migrated from Scandinavia and are always a welcome sight throughout the parish. Other birds of note were little owls and tawny owls beginning their courtship calling on Brick Kiln Hill opposite The Ford and a large party of linnets taking up winter residence in Chapel Lane. Buzzards are now a common sight and it is amazing to think that only 15 years ago they were virtually extinct in Hertfordshire. A red kite has been reported locally to the south of the parish whilst bullfinches, goldfinches and greenfinches are gathering into their winter parties. A bird to be on the lookout for over



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Little Hadham & Albury Garden Club

Firstly I must mention what a great day our Autumn Show was – the entries were fantastic and as well as those exhibiting it was lovely to see others coming to enjoy the show. The children's section, which was sponsored by The Primary Works, saw increased competition. The children looked like they had been inspired and their imagination allowed to flow – well done Tom, George D, Emily, Poppy, George W, Luke, Grace, Carys, Jessica, Noah, Maya, Jaz, Holly and Joel. Eileen Booth was presented with a cup for the 'Best Domestic' for her beautiful knitted baby's cape, Toby Wynn (on his debut) won the Men's cup for his tasty cake and Molly Gough collected the most silverware for all her excellent vegetable, flowers and domestic entries. Our October meeting 'Up close and personal' by Mrs B. Kain gave us a tasty demonstration which was thoroughly enjoyable. 'Fruit in the Garden' by Mrs T Barrett is on Tuesday 15th November 7.45 for 8pm in Little Hadham Village Hall. Our Club Supper is on Saturday 26th November, this is a ticket only event and they are available from Barbara Taylor (telephone 771987).

As for the garden it is now the turn of the evergreens which come in such striking colours and of course there is the big tidy up of all the other leaves blowing around. Watch out for little creatures – mice, squirrels and pigeons, damaging your stored fruit, tubers, newly planted bulbs and winter greens. Check the whole garden over for anything that's likely to be at risk from cold, wind or waterlogging. In the vegetable garden you can plant out garlic, harvest leeks and Brussels sprouts and harvest all your remaining carrots and parsnips by the middle of the month and store.

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What's on in November ...

in the Village Hall unless otherwise stated

1 Tue, Parish Council, 8pm. Everybody welcome, please come and join us.

5,6, Albury Art and Craft Show 11-4pm, Info: Pam, 771999. See p13.

6 Sun, Hanbury Manor Christmas Fair 10:30 - 4:30 in aid of Isabel Hospice, to be held in the Garden Court, Hanbury Manor, Nr Ware, SG12 0SD. Come and purchase your Christmas gifts and crafts early and relax over delicious refreshments. For info: contact Renee Friend on 01279 755320.

8 Tue, LH & A Social Club, 8pm. Jonathan will again be giving his yearly nature notes report, plus information about any trips he has made during the year.

10-12, Sawbridgworth Players "Pack of Lies" 8pm, Victoria Hall Theatre, Old Harlow, CM17 0ED, Tickets 07752 161 802.

10, 24 Thur, Mobile Library, see right.

11 Fri, SSE Community Quiz, 7.00 for 7.30pm, Henham Village Hall, High Street, Henham. Tickets £10 including supper. (Licensed bar). Teams(6/8) or individuals from local communities are invited to compete in this fun quiz. Reservations: SSE 01279 870558 or info@stopstanstedexpansion, or Gerry on 01279 850373.

12 Sat, Jumble Sale - Thundridge 2:30 - 4:30 for Isabel Hospice, Thundridge Village Hall. 20p entry. Come and grab some bargains. Details 01920 462992.

12 Sat, Medley of Meals, Tickets £7.50 from Tony 771688, Angela 771697 or Linda 842094. More details on p13.

12 Sat, Family Portrait Day See p8.

14 Mon, Hadhams History Society 8pm at the school. "The Newce Family." See p13.

15 Tue, LH & A Garden Club, 8pm. 'Fruit in

the Garden' by Mrs T Barrett.

17 Thur, Way Inn Coffee Morning, 10.30-12 noon, rear of Village Hall. Meet and make friends over a cuppa.

22-26 Sadleir Drama Club "Rumours", Standon Village Hall, 8pm. Tickets £6 from Standon Post Office. See p13.

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

26 Sat, Christmas Bazaar, 12-4pm at St. Elizabeth's Centre. This is a popular annual event for early Christmas shoppers who are looking for gifts! Bring your children to meet Santa and try their luck on some of the many game stalls. Get together with friends and enjoy some of the homemade refreshments that will be on offer.

26 Sat, Garden Club Supper. This is a ticket only event, available from Barbara Taylor (telephone 771987).

10th and 24th November 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

... and coming soon

3 Dec **Braughing Music Society** See p13.

4 Dec **Reflections at Christmas** 4pm St Elizabeth's Centre.

9 Dec **St Elizabeth's Santa Dash** 11am start.

13 Dec **Social Club Wine/Beer Tasting** See p8.

20 Jan **Haileybury Jazz Evening** for Isabel Hospice. Contact Katie Robertson on 01707 382500 for more details.

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Monday 14th November

Little Hadham School

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Part one.

Doors open 7.45pm for an 8.00pm start.

Membership is £7.00 per annum with a fee of £2.00 for non-members at any talks. For membership contact Mike Smith 01279 771568 or Barbara Green 01279 842352.

Albury Art and Craft Show

5th and 6th November

Albury Village Hall

11.00 - 4.00 both days

Raising funds for: Isabel Hospice,
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In our fourth year

Plenty of paintings by local artists and fabulous local crafts for sale, just in time for early Christmas shopping!

Delicious cakes and refreshments

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Sat 12 Nov 7pm courtesy of

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Tickets £7.50 from
Tony Skidmore 771688
Angela Fardell 771697
Linda English 842094

• The "Way Inn" coffee morning •
Come along and meet friends and neighbours over a cup of tea or coffee.
Third Thursday of the month
10.00am until 12 noon in the Village Hall
(Rear entrance of village hall, by Post Office)

• SADLEIR DRAMA CLUB •

"Rumours"

By Neil Simon

(Produced by special arrangement
with Samuel French Ltd)

Directed by Penny Taylor

**Tuesday 22nd—Saturday 26th
November**

8.0pm in Standon Village Hall

Tickets £6.00 available from
Standon Post Office

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along the lane,” say I with a sheepish grin. “Layan?” came the reply. “Road” I explain as I point outside and, for some inexplicable reason, imitate someone driving a car. “Leeter?” one of the men replies.

At this stage I thought it best to use visual aids so I pulled objects from my carrier bag. Crisp packet. Empty beer can. Cigarette packet. The men (who I later realised were Argentinian polo players) shake their heads in bemusement. “Aha, this will make them smile,” I thought as I proudly held up the ladies pink basque. Big mistake. The two men look at one another and look back at me shaking their heads furiously. “No, no, not ours” they say with a look of great alarm. They start to walk towards me.

Realising that they thought that I was asking if the ladies’ underwear belonged to them I decided to do the sensible thing so I turned and ran, swiftly dumping the bag in the dustbin. Lesson learned you would think, but no. Next time I will tell you about the naked man and the chickens . . .



If you could write a short piece about past life in Little Hadham to go on this page the editor would be pleased to hear from you.



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Do you Remember...

... the Silver Jubilee in 1977? Were You in Little Hadham for the Celebrations of that Event?

Do you have any Memorabilia of the occasion? Such as posters, photographs, local newspaper cuttings, cine films, mugs.....?

Although at a very early stage in their planning, Little Hadham Parish Plan Group are hoping to celebrate the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II with events during 2012, especially in June. These will start in January, with an evening exhibition of memories in the Village Hall. Why not enter your items? Then come along to discuss the plans, and tell us what you would like the village to do in the lead up to June, and beyond. All suggestions are welcome. Come along and help shape your 2012 celebrations.

If you do have any memorabilia which you would like to display at the Village Hall in January, please contact Mike Smith on 771568.

Precise date to be arranged and announced later. WATCH THIS SPACE!!!

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Much Hadham Afternoon WI

The October meeting of Much Hadham Afternoon WI was a very special occasion as we celebrated the birthdays of four members. We started with a very interesting illustrated talk on The English Country House by Pam Wright. She explained how the needs of the time influenced the development of buildings from castles to homes as we know them to-day and how travel and fashion led to changes in both internal and external design. Two important factors in improved comfort in the home were the invention of glass and the indoor flush toilet.

At tea time the party began with us all drinking sparkling wine to the health of the four nonogenerians who are aged between 90 and 98 years. The celebration continued with smoked salmon and egg sandwiches and we all sang "Happy Birthday" as they cut the cake which had been made by Elizabeth Clarke in the form of a 90. It was a very happy afternoon.

The next meeting will be on November 2nd and will be a talk by Brian Smalley on "Our Poppies". The competition is "An item connected with uniform".

A Date for your diary - Following the success of the Midsummer Concert at St. Cecilia's church in July the **Herts and Soul Community Choir** accompanied by the **Martyn Stogden Jazz Trio** will be performing their **Christmas Concert** at the United Reform Church in Bishop's Stortford (next to Waitrose) on **Tuesday 20th December**. More details in the December Parish News. See you there!

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Dear Dame...the diary of a pantomime Dame

You know I'm so excited this year because I've been asked to join the latest voyage of my nephew Sinbad, as ship's cook.

When Sinbad told me he needed my culinary expertise on this treasure-seeking voyage, I couldn't help but think of that other famous ship's cook, Long John Silver.

Now there was a cook; he was nicknamed Barbecue by the crew and how he managed to serve up all those meals with one leg is beyond me. I have 2 legs and I'm a bit worried about their seaworthiness!



The ship is called the Vindaloo and I'm told she has plenty of wind power! The captain is called Sam Oza and I think he fancies me so I shall have to watch him very carefully especially up and down the companionways, round the capstan and on the poop (you see, I am already learning these nautical terms).

I'll keep you informed over the next couple of months how the cruise goes with particular reference to Sinbad's quest for some special jewel, how me sea legs are and, of course, Cap'n Sam. So watch this space and; FAREWELL ME 'EARTIES!!

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the next month will be the spectacular barn owl. One gave superb views recently at the old aerodrome between Allens Green and Green Tye.

On the moth front the outstanding record was of a buff ermine taken in my garden trap. A summer species, usually only having one generation per year during July, this specimen was most unexpected and reported to the county recorder. Now, the latest record of this species within the county, beating the previous date by a month. Certainly a sign of the weather we are enjoying.

At the turn of the month I spent a few days in North Norfolk. Most surprising to see the beaches full and people swimming in the North Sea on the 1st October. Although a "non-birding" break, I managed to pop out for a few hours, recording over 75 species, including rarities such as yellow browed warbler and Lapland bunting. A short eared owl over the beach at Cley early one morning was superb. Photo above of pink footed geese arriving on the Norfolk coast, having flown from Siberia. A wander around Holkham Hall gave the view of the fallow deer stag, also shown above.



Lastly photo of a reasonably common moth, a blood vein taken in the garden on 4th October.

I shall be giving my annual illustrated talk at the Village Hall on Tuesday 8th November. All welcome, entry £1.50. The talk will be an overview of the parish's local sightings, plus a chat on the birds of The Eastern Algarve, a place I visited back in April. Be

wonderful to see some new faces. 7.45 for an 8pm start.

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Gardens of Easton Lodge Calendar

We are really pleased to announce that the Gardens of Easton Lodge Preservation Trust have produced a beautiful, limited edition calendar for 2012 and that it is available by mail order via the forms on our website www.eastonlodge.co.uk. It features stunning photos taken over the course of the last year and is a bargain at £5.00 + p&p; it would make an ideal Christmas present and all profits go towards the future upkeep and running of the gardens.

Useful phone numbers

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Environment Agency Incident Line:
0800 807060

Smell Gas? Call free on 0800 111 999

Mobile Library info: 01438 737333

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

Power cut helpline: 0800 7 838 838

Road or Pavement problems, call Highways
on 01438 737320

Stansted Airport Noise Complaints:
0800 243788

Traveline: 0871 200 22 33

Village Hall bookings: Mrs Fardell, 771697

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

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Regular events

Badminton: 8.00pm Mondays

Brownies: 4.30–6pm Tuesdays, term-time. Judi Wheeler 654624

Carpet Bowls Club, Social and League: 8–10pm Fridays, Eileen Booth 771426

Farmers' Market: 8.30–11.30am, last Saturday of month. Geoff and Jan Williamson 771272 www.lhfm.org.uk

Garden Club: third Tuesday of the month.

Karate: 5–6pm Wednesdays, Catherine Petch, 771636

Parish Council: first Tuesday of the month (except January and August) at 8.00pm.

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

LH Post Office: 9.00–11am Tuesdays and Thursdays, rear of the Village Hall in the Doctor's Reception Room.

Social Club: second Tuesday of the month: 771580 or 658585 for information

Sunday School: second Sunday of the month
9.30am at St Cecilia's church.

"Way Inn" coffee morning: third Thursday of month, rear of Village Hall, 10–12 noon.

Whist Drive: Last Thursday of the month, 7.30pm start. Ross Barron, 07732 370923

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If you've ever wondered about the coal-tax markers that stand at the side of some of Hertfordshire's roads, or perhaps about the roads themselves and how old they are, we have answers for you. Do you know where to find medieval graffiti, or ice houses, or the sites of ancient settlements in Hertfordshire? – we can show you.

Almost every aspect of the county's history is explored in the *Historical Atlas of Hertfordshire*, edited by David Short, now available from University of Hertfordshire Press, price £25.

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The Macmillan Coffee Morning in September raised £550.00.
Thanks to everybody who supported this worthwhile cause.

Brenda Kain

Christmas Grætings – *or* bah humbug?

The response for Christmas Grætings has been overwhelming – not. If ANYbody would like to save money and support The Parish News by donating £5 we will happily publish your Christmas Grætings to your local friends in the December issue. That's next month, everyone, so do it NOW. Save yourself a fortune and protect the future of The Parish News. We made quite a loss last year, so do please help us to keep ahead of the production costs. e-mail: htfp@clocktower.co.uk Jan

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November diary for Little Hadham and Albury

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

6 Sunday

3rd before Advent

9.30am

Sung Matins at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham, preacher: Michael McAdam

13 Sunday

Remembrance Sunday

10.50am

Service at the War Memorial conducted by the Rector

5.00pm

Taizé Service at St Andrew's, Much Hadham

16 Wednesday

7.15pm

Little Hadham PCC in Church

20 Sunday

Feast of Christ the King

8.00am

Holy Communion at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

9.30am

Service in Little Hadham Village Hall

6.00pm

Evensong at St Mary's, Albury

23 Wednesday

Deanery Service at St Andrew's, Much Hadham

8.00pm

Preacher: Bishop John Gladwin

27 Sunday

Advent Sunday, the beginning of the Church's new year

11.15am

Parish Communion at St Mary's

6.00pm

Team Advent Carol Service at St Andrew's, Much Hadham

(No service in St Cecilia's)

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

**St Cecilia's
Church**

Carol Service

**Wednesday
21st December
7.30pm**

ALL ARE WELCOME

REFRESHMENTS & MINCE PIES AFTER THE SERVICE

It's that time again when we brace ourselves ready for the Christmas period! St Cecilia's Church will offer its traditional Carol Service – Wednesday 21st December – but before then there will be two or three rehearsals starting on a date yet to be decided in early December. Those who wish to join the choir are very welcome and should contact Rosemary Smith (771711) or Karin Green (771532) for details.

Harvest Supper

Karin and Hilary would like to thank everyone who helped to make the Harvest Supper such a great success. From the sponsors of the raffle, the apple crumble cooks, the band and the bar, to the young ladies doing the washing up, it was a wonderful evening raising £116.50 for the charity Cambodian Hope Organisation. Thank you too to everyone who bought tickets and supported us.

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