

Little Hadham
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Celebrating Sixty Glorious Years

AND 6 GLORIOUS YEARS . . . AS EDITOR

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Letter from the Rectory

May 17th.

I awoke this morning to celebrate the Ascension of our Lord; a somewhat strange and mysterious doctrine, often portrayed with a literalism that borders on the ludicrous.

There used to be a time when I would get up before dawn to climb the tower of my church and sing defiantly with the blackbird: "hail the day that sees him rise." Age has dimmed my sense of adventure and limited the enthusiasm for early morning exercise. So I slept a little longer, reflected upon the relentless predictability that today, for the first time ever, I was sixty two years of age; (sixty glorious years!) and, equally predictably, tuned to Radio 4.

Expecting to hear the gloomy descending cadences of bad news, bringing me back down to earth, I was surprised by an unashamedly good news story. The interviewee would not let the negative questioning deter him from the simple statement that here was a piece of good news: and it came from the brother of one of my parishioners. I knew about the matter already, but it is always a surprise to hear someone on national radio connected to your familiar friends. He was the oldest man so far in this country to donate a kidney for transplant. He was well, the recipient was fine. It was an act of altruism.

You may be aware that theories about altruism abound. Adam Smith considered its place in economics; others have applied theories to sociology and biology; and more recently to Game Theory and the Evolutionary Mathematics of Altruism. We can demonstrate the advantages of cooperation, even though it is complicated. But here was a simple act of decency, prompted by sympathy for the suffering of another, who was not even a relative. Of course before I could shave, we had reverted to the crisis of the euro and ethnic killings in south Sudan. Nevertheless for a moment I was uplifted and rejoiced in the potential goodness of my fellow man and woman.

We need good news, and we need uplifting experiences. Selfishness does not necessarily reign supreme; and for a Christian faith which is founded upon the selfless life of a man from Galilee, it is good news that altruism can have a sound scientific basis. So let us enjoy this month as we celebrate the Queen's Jubilee and prepare for the Olympic Games; and in the Church at Much Hadham luxuriate in a fabulous Flower Festival.

Chris Boulton

• **BREAKING NEWS – BIG CAT SPOTTED IN LITTLE HADHAM** •

Turn to page 10 for exclusive picture!

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Parish Assembly

LHPC sends a big Thank You to all the parishioners who attended this year's Parish Assembly, we hope you had an enjoyable and informative evening.

Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Carmela Piccolo is still looking for parishioners from both business and residential sections in our community to come forward and join this steering group. It is important that a wide spectrum of parishioners come forward with their view of how our village should develop over the next twenty years. Our Neighbourhood Plan will sit along side the Local Authority's Local Plan and will have a bearing on how much and what type of development will take place in Little Hadham, without a Neighbourhood Plan our influence will be severely limited. To find our more do please contact Carmela via email: cam2403@hotmail.co.uk Thank you

Meeting with Planning Officers

Six members of our community; three Parish Council members and three parishioners met with Planning Officers at EHDC offices in late March, up for discussion were the complex planning matters in relation to Church End Farm. We all found the meeting useful, in that, we now have a better understanding of the history of the planning permissions granted in the past. We discussed all current retrospective planning applications too, we now have a better insight into all the applications we have had to consider. We were all much encouraged with the response from Officers at EHDC when they confirmed they are there to help with advice and guidance on all future Church End Farm planning applications. Planning applications, both residential and business, can be viewed on line at either the East Herts or Herts County Council websites depending on which type of

application it is - for more advice on how to view applications do feel free to contact LHPC, we are here to help.

Damage to War Memorial

After quite a long period of time without damage the War Memorial had to be repaired again when it was hit by a vehicle last month. LHPC sends grateful thanks to Mr Gibson; he came to the rescue this time with materials and tools and we are glad to say the repairs are almost invisible!

New Councillor

LHPC is still seeking to replace Cllr Peter Wells who left us in March due to work commitments. If anyone is interested in joining LHPC please contact the Parish Clerk Bev Evans 01279 842803 for more information.

Road Signs

LHPC confirms that the road signs, two in Bury Green and two in Westland Green, have now been installed - we send our grateful thanks to Mr Noades at Herts County Council for all his help with this matter.

Bulb Planting

The Chairman, together with volunteers, is to arrange for the planting of daffodil bulbs later this year at various locations in the village - we all hope to enjoy the colourful flowers next spring.

Bury Green Seat

It was agreed at the PCM in April to place the order for the new seat. Mr Foskett, of Bury Green, will take care of the installation.

Adult Outdoor Fitness Apparatus

LHPC is to consider purchasing and installing up to four pieces of outdoor fitness apparatus aimed at the adult section of our community. The idea has worked well and been very successful in parks and open spaces throughout the country. The total spend would be in the

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region of £5k, we can assure the community that we have costed the proposals and we are fortunate, due to past prudence, to be in a position to afford the project. We do, however, want to know the community's point of view on the matter please, do get in touch and let us know what you think. More information is available from Bev Evans (01279 842803) or contact any Councillor - your point of view is important.

Thank you

As always LHPC says Thank You to all those who attended last month's meeting. Do please make the time to come along to meetings, it would be great to see more parishioners. In June there is a change in day and date so please mark your calendars:

Monday 11th June at 8pm in the Village Hall.

Little Hadham School

Believing and Achieving

Once again, singing in the Royal Albert Hall was just an amazing experience for our Year 6 children last month – one that I am sure they will never forget! They joined up with other Hertfordshire school children to create a choir of over a thousand children and sang, accompanied by the County Youth Orchestra. The sound was fantastic!

Back in school, we have had great fun during our Design Technology fortnight based on 'Structures'. Key Stage 1 children visited The Gibberd Garden and Key Stage 2 children visited The Henry Moore Foundation as part of their studies. It is great that we have such wonders practically on our doorstep!

This month sees our talented Cheerleaders and a Y4 pupil performing at the Watford Colosseum, alongside some of the Britain's Got Talent Finalists- never a dull moment for our Little Hadham pupils!

Thank you for your continued support.

Liz Stockley, Head teacher

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Neighbourhood Watch Update

In the past two weeks there has been a significant increase in reports of burglaries in rural areas, the locality of Braughing and Albury in particular; it could spread to Little Hadham in the next couple of weeks, so please be alert. Offenders are targeting sheds and outbuildings as they often contain high value items such as lawnmowers, chainsaws and bicycles. The nature of these offences often results in the crime going un-noticed for a period of time making it a lot more difficult to identify the offenders.

Please check your sheds and outbuildings regularly making sure they are secure. High value items, where possible, need to be secured, e.g. lock and chain. If this is not possible place item in a position that is not easily accessible, perhaps place heavy less valuable items in front.

Make sure items of value are insured and that you have copies of receipts and more importantly, serial numbers. This will make it much easier for us to re-unite you with any recovered property. Certain companies also offer property marking and registration, for example www.immobilise.com. The use of shed alarms are also an effective yet inexpensive deterrent.

Remember never approach a suspect but please do gather evidence and pass on to police.

I am here if you need me 07825 177322

Carmela.

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The Hadhams' History Society

There have not been any meetings since the last report, so I am taking this opportunity to highlight some of the Society's future events in 2012. You may already have read in this magazine or the local Observer of the Society's plans for a "Big Dig" in September, similar to that on Channel 4's Time Team. The plan is to carry out a number of one metre square archaeological digs in various locations in Much and Little Hadham, so we are looking for local people who would be willing for such a "dig" to take place in their garden or paddock. You would gain first hand experience of the work involved and, who knows, the results of your "dig" might add to the existing knowledge of our area's history.

For more details please contact: Amanda Holliday (01279 842462) Richard Maddams (01279 842096) or Caroline Baigent (07981 145823).

Our programme will also include:-

- 13th June – Much Hadham Walk, guided by Steven Ruff (Forge Museum – start 7.15 pm)
- 16th July – Evening for identification of your "finds" or interesting objects (MH Green Room)
- 15th August – Talk on Hertfordshire Puddingstone by Jane Tubb (LH Village Hall)
- 10th October – Talk on The Newce Family (Part 2) by Cristina Harrison (LH Village Hall)
- 14th November – Talk on the Iron Age Mint at Braughing by Mark Landon (LH Village Hall)
- 3rd December – Christmas Social Evening (MH Village Hall).

All meetings start promptly at 8.00 pm (unless otherwise stated) and finish with complimentary tea and biscuits (gossip optional!) New members are always very welcome, so why not come along?

For further information about meetings or membership please contact Barbara Green (01279 842352) or Gordon Cliffe (01279 842912). Gordon Cliffe HHS Committee Chairman.

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Little Hadham & Albury Social Club

The information given to us at our May meeting, by the representatives of the Hertfordshire Branch of the British Red Cross, was very comprehensive and enlightening. The Red Cross symbol is something that we have grown up with as somewhere you could go to for help, but it was extremely interesting to learn of the organisation's history and its involvement globally. Rosemary and Helen are also keen to arrange a free simple first aid session locally, enabling all of us to feel we could respond to a crisis – hopefully this will be organised shortly.

The club outing this year is to Bletchley Park, on Saturday, 4th August. The total cost is £28, which includes travel and driver's tip, refreshments on arrival and guided tours. We will leave the Village Hall car park at 9 am and return at approximately 6 pm. Tickets will be sold on a first come first served basis. Everyone is welcome, tel 658585 for information.

For our Jubilee meeting on 12th June our speaker is a retired Det. Chief Superintendent from Scotland Yard, who has seen service in many parts of this country and the world. On the two previous talks he has given, he has spoken about contract murder investigations, the shooting of a Detective, use of a painting to trap another murderer and a year's secondment to the Caymen Islands and Jamaica. This time his subjects are less frightening, but will open our eyes to the dangers, excitements and amusing times experienced by our Bobbies. This could be his last appearance, so don't miss it! We would also like to celebrate the Jubilee and you are welcome to display Royal memorabilia, bring your crown, tiara or posh hat out of the vault, drink the Queen's health and eat cake. Again, all welcome - the Club is organised for the entire village. There is no joining fee, just £1.50 monthly admission, which includes refreshments and meeting friends and neighbours.

Barbara, Binnie and Ennis

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Slowdown in Cheap Flights Gives Boost to British Economy

New figures published by the Office of National Statistics show that the British are taking almost 20 per cent fewer overseas holidays compared to three years ago, whilst the number of foreign tourists visiting the UK is virtually unchanged. This means a major boost for the UK Balance of Payments and shows that the Government's policy of increasing Air Passenger Duty (APD) is actually benefitting the UK economy, contrary to the claims made by the UK's major airlines.

The latest statistics show a decrease in overseas leisure trips by UK residents from 60 million to 49 million between 2008 and 2011 leading to a reduction in the UK's tourism trade deficit from £20 billion to £13 billion. Inbound tourist numbers fell by just 300,000 over the same period.

The figures are a powerful endorsement of the argument long put forward by Stop Stansted Expansion (SSE) that the boom in cheap leisure flights and the generous tax breaks given to the aviation industry actually harm the UK economy and damage traditional tourist destinations in the UK such as the Cotswolds, Norfolk Broads and Lake District.

The figures also demonstrate the fallacy of claims by British Airways, Virgin Atlantic, Easyjet and Ryanair that increased levels of APD are driving away foreign tourists. It is now clear that the real impact is to dampen the demand for overseas leisure flights by UK residents and

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Little Hadham & Albury Garden Club

Our annual Plant Sale and Coffee morning last month was very well supported, thank you to everyone who helped out, provided plants and also to all those who came and bought something. Our talk last month on Hyde Hall was very interesting. Unfortunately our trip to Abbots Ripton Hall & Gardens has had to be cancelled – sorry to those who were looking forward to this. Our next event is the Annual Show on Saturday 1st September – please pick up an entry form (– some at the post office) and see if you can join in. After that we have a talk on Tuesday 18th September 'Up close and personal' by Brenda Kain which will be one of her tasty cooking demonstrations. Don't forget to try to incorporate red, white and blues in your hanging baskets, containers and beds to help the village celebrate the Jubilee

In the garden all sorts of amazing things are happening. The roses are in full bloom and it is well worth scouring around to find a favourite to plant in your garden. Clematis are stars of the summer with many flowering through until early autumn. Philadelphia (mock orange) are popular shrubs with fragrant white flowers, there are many varieties which vary in size so get the right one for the space you have. The short appearance of bearded irises is spectacular. Hostas are looking great if the slugs and snails have been kept away – their leaves are their attraction but the summer heat will affect them next month. The Cytisus battandieri or pineapple broom is an exotic wall shrub which needs plenty of room, its large yellow, pineapple-scented, cockade-shaped flowers are well worth the space. Other plants worth looking out for are Potentilla fruticosa (rosette-shaped flowers on a small bush shrub), Buddleia alternifolia (variety of the butterfly bush, grows into a sweeping dome), Alchemilla mollis (perennial with clouds of yellow flowers), various Euphobias, and the list goes on.

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there has been a negligible impact on inbound tourism to the UK.

Stansted, once the UK Mecca for cheap leisure flights, has seen passenger numbers fall by more than a quarter since its 2007 peak and last year it handled fewer passengers than in 2003.

SSE Economics Adviser Brian Ross commented: "The cheap flights boom was always going to be unsustainable for the UK economy and exempting airlines from fuel duty and VAT simply encouraged more and more British people to spend their money in other countries. At least now, with increases in APD, we're moving in the right direction but APD would need to increase four-fold to compensate for the fuel duty and VAT exemptions enjoyed by the aviation industry."

COVER STORY: confirmed sighting of big cat in Little Hadham.



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Websites

Birdwatching	www.littlehadhambirding.blogspot.com
Chat Room advice	www.herts.police.uk/chatright
Easton Lodge	www.eastonlodge.co.uk
Farmers' Market	www.lhfm.org.uk
Feed the hungry	www.thehungersite.com
Fireworks & pets	www.petfireworkfear.co.uk
Greyhound rescue	www.greyhoundhomer.org.uk
Hadhams website	www.thehadhams.com
Isabel Hospice	www.isabelhospice.org.uk
music@stansted	www.musicatstansted.com
Potholes	www.hertsdirect.org/highwayfaults
SSE	www.stopstanstedexpansion.com
Support your school	www.thegivingmachine.co.uk
Walking groups, etc	www.walkinginherts.co.uk

Can you think of any others?

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What's on in June ...

in the Village Hall unless otherwise stated



2 Sat, Jumble Sale, 2.30 - 4.30pm, for Isabel Hospice, Thundridge Village Hall. 20p entry. Come and grab some bargains. Details 01920 462992.

4 Mon, Jubilee Celebrations, see p14.

7, 21 Thur, Mobile Library, see p13.

8 Fri, Charity Golf Day. The Rotary Club of Hertford is holding a Charity Golf Day in aid of Isabel Hospice, Herts Young Carers and Royal Anglian Regiment Benevolent Fund. For more information please contact Dave Littleford on 01992 511212.

11 Mon, Parish Council, 8pm. Please note change of day.

12 Tue, LH & A Social Club, 8pm. a retired Det. Chief Superintendent from Scotland Yard will relate the excitements and amusing times experienced by our Bobbies. No joining fee, just £1.50 admission, which includes refreshments.

17 Sun, Open Day, Easton Lodge, 12-5pm.

17 Sun, Open Gardens, 12-5pm, Much Hadham, SG10 6BU. Enjoy many unique gardens in Much Hadham, with new gardens taking part and historical tours around the village also available this year that will enhance your enjoyment and visit to one of Britain's prettiest villages. Opened on St Elizabeth's behalf, tickets, garden guides & refreshments will be available from The Forge on the High Street.

20 Sun, Open Gardens, 2-5.30pm Bromley Hall, Standon, SG11 1NY. As part of the National Garden Scheme Mr & Mrs Robarts are once again kindly opening their garden. All the proceeds from the refreshments and

sale of plants will go to St Elizabeth's Centre. Come & enjoy a peaceful afternoon in this idyllic garden.

21 Thur, Way Inn Coffee Morning, 10.30 - 12 noon, rear of Village Hall. Meet old friends and make new ones over a cuppa. See p13.

23 Sat, Midnight Walk – new Ware start venue! 11:55pm. Awesome 80s theme. Starts at Fanshawe Pool and Gym, Ware (SG12 0DP), at the stroke of Midnight. Entry is £15 for adults and £12 for children and includes a free t-shirt on entry. Deelys, glow items and BBQ on sale. For more information contact Katie Robertson 01707 382500 or sign up on line at www.isabelhospice.org.uk

24 Sun, St Elizabeth's Summer Fayre, Perry Green, nr Much Hadham, Hertfordshire SG10 6EW, 12-4pm. Bring your family & friends along to enjoy this popular annual event. With around fifty stalls and a huge variety of refreshments, the crowds will be entertained by The Harlow Brass Band and the Jacqui Ison Theatre Group and there will be an array of classic cars on view.

24 Sun, Teas in Gardens 2-5pm, The Rookery, Benington Park SG2 7BU, open as part of The National Gardens Scheme. Proceeds from the teas will go to Isabel Hospice.

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

30 Sat, Garden Club Outing (771532).

... and later

11 July **Talk on Olympic Games** by Stuart Storey, for Isabel Hospice. 01920 467194.

21 July, **A Summer Celebration - A Supper Dance** with Opus One, for Isabel Hospice.

12 Aug, **Bark in the Park** – sponsored dog walk for Isabel Hospice. 01707 382500.

1 Sept **Garden Club Annual Show.**

NOTICEBOARD

Easton Lodge Open Days 2012

17th June * 15th July * 19th August * 16th September * 21st October. Entry from noon – 6pm (last entry at 5pm) with tickets priced at £2.50 for adults and children still free of charge. Refreshments will be on sale ranging through bacon rolls (using local Sweetlands bacon), delicious vegetarian soups and a wide range of homemade cakes.

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

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David, Samantha and little Gracie would like to thank Helen and Paul and everyone on Ford Hill for their warm and friendly welcome.

7th & 21st June
Mobile Library
Nag's Head from 1345 - 1405
The Smithy from 1410 - 1430
Bury Green from 1445 - 1505
A fortnightly service.

Computer recycling

Thank you again to everyone who has donated their old computers for reuse through Computer Aid International. I currently have a couple waiting to take in, so if you would like to clear out an older system...
Andrew Macpherson
843147



LITTLE HADHAM
JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS
MONDAY 4TH JUNE

Little Hadham Parish Plan Group is pleased to present the following events:

12.30pm: Participants gather at the Village Hall to form parade of decorated bikes, wheelie bins, push chairs etc. Fancy dress optional, but please add red, white and blue colours.

1.00pm: **PARADE** to leave Village Hall and tour around Lloyd Taylor Close, The Smithy and The Ridgeway before returning to the Village Hall. Children to be accompanied by an adult.

1.30pm: **VILLAGE PICNIC** in Village Hall playground. All welcome. There will be a Pimms Bar. Please bring own picnic and refreshments. Coconut shy, face painting, bouncy castle etc. will be available.

3.00pm **TRADITIONAL GAMES**: three-legged race, egg and spoon race etc., plus egg-throwing competition. Volunteers please to help organise.

7.30pm **ROYAL JUBILEE GALA DINNER** in the Village Hall. Menu in May Parish News, £16 per head, details from Jonathan Forgham: 07805571551

For further details of the celebrations, contact Mike Smith: 01279 771568

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News from the Cricket Club

Neil Oxborrow

Following an unusually warm March and news of a drought, the cricket season began in freezing cold weather, with Little Hadham's first game of the season at home against County Hall. County Hall batted first scoring 199 for 6 wickets with all six Hadham bowlers taking a wicket apiece. In reply Hadham collapsed to 10 for 5 before a stand of 76 between Alan South (9) and David Wheatley (53) put some respectability into the score line. However the remaining five wickets then fell for the addition of just 32 runs and Hadham lost by 81 runs.

The following week saw another home match, this time against Craven, a team from East London. The visitors batted first

scoring 148 all out and were indebted to Khan who scored 94 of them. David Wheatley was the pick of the Hadham bowlers taking 3 for 29. In reply only Martin Beedell (23) and David Wheatley (39) made double figures as Hadham were all out for 92 thereby losing by 56 runs.

June Fixtures

Sun 3rd	Away	Nazeing Common	14.00
Mon 4th	Away	Thorley	14.00
Sun 10th	Away	Stocking Pelham	14.00
Tue 12th	Home	Molehill Green	18.00*
Sun 17th	Home	Hatfield Broad Oak	14.00
Sun 24th	Home	Potter Street	14.00

* (Davies Cup – 1st round)

With the pitch waterlogged it was three weeks before the next match, a home game against Manuden. This time Little Hadham batted first amassing 241 for 5 with Martin Hallmark (67 not out) and Neil Roberts (39 not out) putting on 123 for the 6th wicket. This meant Hadham won by 174 runs as Manuden were all out for 67, with Neil Oxborrow taking 5 wickets for 9 runs.

The following Wednesday saw a 20 overs Hertfordshire Village Cup match against local rivals Thorley. Little Hadham made 86 all out but only managed to bat for 18 overs, with Thorley reaching their target for the loss of just three wickets, thereby progressing to the next round.

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This period seems to have been continuous rain and cold, maybe the wettest May on record and consequently the local wildlife has suffered. Only towards the end of the period (April 18th – May 18th) do birds seem to have got into raising young, with fledged goldfinches, robins and blue tits in the garden. However, most migrants were considerably late in arriving: blackcap being the latest recorded date in the parish since 2008 (8th April), cuckoo (9th May), swift (16th May) also being later than average. Reports from Portland Bill bird observatory show birds arriving over the channel, resting a while and then heading back to France! Can't blame them, really.



However, all in all, a good birding month, beginning with a 4 day trip to The Algarve where I recorded over 70 species, including these chough at Cabo de Vicente, the most south westerly point of Europe. A wonderful 4 days where I actually got to record a bird I had never seen before, something quite rare after 45 years of birding. This was a blue rock thrush, as shown on page 20. Upon my return I discovered that it had been constant rain and so it continued to be until the start of the week beginning 14th May. Notable birds around the parish were few and far between, but all migrants appeared to have arrived by the 17th, including willow warbler, common and continued on page 18

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Where's my bike? Sometimes, just sometimes, I am the innocent party. A few weeks before the 'super hero' incident I told you about last month, I was running through Much Hadham. As I approached a roadside bin ready to off-load a carrier bag full of litter a front door opened. A very senior citizen with a very senior dog on a lead emerged. "Good morning" I called out cheerfully, partly to warn her of my approach. "Good morning" she replied. She looked me up and down inquisitively. "Are you a cyclist?" she asked. I found myself looking down for the bicycle that I had obviously forgotten I was riding. To my great relief, no bicycle appeared. "No", I'm a runner," I replied meekly. "Oh," she said, as she tottered off. If I had been a mugger I would never have been caught because the police would have been looking for a cyclist wearing tights and a bright yellow woollen hat carrying a Tesco's carrier bag! As it was, I carried on with my run, safe in the knowledge that a visit to the surgery for a psychiatric check-up may not be required just yet.

Alien life? I come across some strange things discarded in our leafy lanes. Finding underwear (both men's and women's) has always been a regular occurrence. But what is an even more amazing and increasingly common sight nowadays are plastic bags containing doggie waste. It seems that some dog owners are picking up the waste but then throwing it into the verges (often high up in a tree or bush) on their way home. I can't quite decide what the reason for this is. Either the dog owner is worried about being challenged for not picking up the waste but then throws it when they are confident that nobody is watching, or that aliens are abducting said dog owners and their dogs and leaving behind the plastic bag of dog poo. The more I think about it, the more inclined I am to think that it must be alien abductions. It stands to reason; surely no right thinking individual would take the trouble of picking the waste up and then throwing it elsewhere? Yep, it must be aliens.

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lesser whitethroat, swallows, martins, swifts and garden warbler. Only 2 records of singing cuckoo so far, thanks to Jackie and Anne for these records. Let's hope we hear more, so please keep the records coming (jforgham@theprimaryworks.com)



On the moth front the cold, wet nights meant very few captures, with many nights giving up nothing at all. However, several new ones for my parish records, including muslin moth, waved umber, (shown here) and several pug species (Freyers, double striped and brindled).

Plants continue to flower and now is the time to begin looking for the selection of orchids that can be found in grassy places within the parish. Soon we should be seeing pyramidal and bee orchids in particular, with footpaths around the golf course being particularly good for these 2 species. I have yet to record any dragon or damselflies in their usual habitats and butterfly numbers have been severely hit by the weather. So far, several brimstones (the bright yellow ones) and lots of orange tips are the only insects on the wing at present. With a good warm week there should be all the expected species flying (small tortoiseshell, red admiral, peacock and the whites) however, I fear that the early breeding of these species has been badly

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Useful phone numbers

<i>Citizens' Advice Bureau, East Herts District:</i>	08744 848 9700
<i>Environment Agency Incident Line:</i>	0800 807060
<i>Smell Gas? Call free:</i>	0800 111 999
<i>Mobile Library information:</i>	01438 737333
<i>Police non-emergency phone number (local rate):</i>	0845 3300222
<i>Power cut helpline:</i>	0800 7 838 838
<i>Road or Pavement problems, call Highways:</i>	01438 737320
<i>Stansted Airport Noise Complaints:</i>	0800 243788
<i>Traveline:</i>	0871 200 22 33
<i>Village Hall bookings: Mrs Fardell:</i>	771697
<i>Water/Sewage problems, call Thames Water:</i>	0800 376 5325

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hampered and consequently the second generation will be in disappointingly low numbers.

A dawn chorus walk was eventually fitted in on 6th May and several brave souls turned up for a wander around Hadham Hall, Millfield Lane and Brick Kiln Hill. In all 31 species of bird heard and seen, including common buzzard, 4 greylag geese (3rd parish record) common whitethroat, willow warbler and reed bunting. We also discovered a barn owl roost, so barn owl pellets were examined. A good list of birds for the walk, all things considered.

I am planning another walk on Sunday 24th June, meeting at the Village Hall at 10.45, all welcome, including children but no dogs, please. Please let me know if you wish to join in so we don't depart without you. This will be primarily to find what butterflies are on the wing, so let's hope for a warm day. Another walk I am



Blue rock thrush

leading is for Bishop's Stortford camera club. Meeting at the Nag's Head on Thursday 12th June at 7.30pm, returning to the pub by 10pm. If you would like to join in, please let me know and bring your camera along.

Hoping for a change in the weather and a much needed blast of warm sunny days and pleasantly warm nights. Further photos of all records can be seen at <http://littlehadhambirding.blogspot.com>. Feel free to view and leave comments or any records of sightings you come across, especially cuckoos and dragonflies. Many thanks.

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Down at the doctor's

Paul Haimes

I hope that by the time you read this the weather will be warmer and drier, the lawnmowers, golf clubs and tennis racquets out of the shed, the hay fever tablets and sun creams acquired, and that the wasps are not being too troublesome!

We've had a busy month at the health centre. Eventually, the rain eased enough for us to fix the pot holes and water problems at the entrance to the car park. In addition, we have had a soakaway dug and this will, hopefully, prevent or reduce future problems. The flooding at the other end of the car park will be addressed during the building of the extension.

We did have another mishap due to the heavy rain and flooding, however, when one of our medicine delivery vans got stuck in the ford after, apparently, being forced down Watery Lane by the pressure of water. Our supplies were ruined but the driver was unharmed, although he may need to get a new Satnav!

Thanks to funding from the Jack May Trust we have recently taken delivery of all the equipment required to enable us to offer a cryotherapy service (freezing of warts, veruccae, and some other skin lesions). There are some health and safety issues surrounding the storage of liquid nitrogen, (which is also great for making ice cream according to a well-known celebrity chef!) but I hope the clinics will start soon.

Happy Jubilee!



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Rural Ramblings

Cherry Mardell

We took our rescue dog, Sandy, to the seaside recently. I suppose really we took ourselves but, much like needing to borrow a child to see a kids' film, we needed Sandy as an excuse. She didn't let us down. The beach was almost deserted and I still grin at the thought of the dog cavorting around in the waves – on a long lead - while Himself rushed along the shore line trying to avoid becoming sodden.

Once we decided she was not going to swim away, we let her loose and threw seaweed into the waves believing she would bring it back. She didn't. Someone needs to tell her Labradors retrieve! She did, however, do a good imitation of a bumper car, circling us at a mad gallop and hitting us every now and then, very wet and ultra excited. Someone needs to tell her that Labs, past their first flush of youth, are normally fairly genteel dogs!

We had brought a large towel so we could sit in some comfort. Sandy had other ideas. She landed on it centrally, proceeded to shake, and draped herself against our increasingly damp bodies. Finding somewhere to eat is not easy when the season hasn't officially begun, especially with a wet and worried Lab in tow. Let's face it, she's a farm dog and had never walked down a high street before! So when we spied a pavement table we grabbed it. The dog looked on in bewilderment. Now Sandy has had her problems with strangers. When we first acquired her she would have taken the arm off most of our callers - the postman in particular. But, with the aid of dog treats and patience she has now decided Posties are among her favourite people! Unfortunately she attracted a deal of attention from passers-by – all fairly elderly folk – while

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we tried to down our egg and chips. By the time I had launched into my "Please be careful... she is not 100%..." she was being patted and petted, fortunately without loss of limbs!

And so we made our way home. Normally this super-charged animal frets and fidgets all the time in the back of the car. But, blessed relief, she was obviously so exhausted she just slept. She stayed remarkably quiet the following day too...maybe middle age is catching up with her.

We should be so lucky!

Care 4 a Cuppa

Individuals or groups are invited to hold tea or coffee parties in aid of Isabel Hospice throughout the summer from June - September.

We have a handy information and fundraising ideas pack full of ideas. It's a lovely way to meet up with friends or stop for a break at work and still raise money!

For more details contact Maria Alexander on 01707 382500.

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June diary for Little Hadham and Albury

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

3 Sunday

Trinity Sunday

9.30am

Morning worship to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee
Giving thanks for her sixty glorious years.

8th – 10th

Flower Festival Weekend at Much Hadham, "Sixty Glorious Years"
Friday and Saturday 10.30am – 6.00pm
Sunday 1.00pm – 6.00pm (Ends with a short act of worship)

10 Sunday

Trinity 1 Proper 5

9.30am

Shared Communion at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

6.00pm

Service of Compline at St Andrew's, Much Hadham

17 Sunday

Trinity 2 Proper 6

8.00am

Holy Communion St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

9.30am

Service in the Village Hall, Little Hadham

6.00pm

Evensong at St Mary's, Albury

24 Sunday

Trinity 3 and Feast of the birth of John Baptist

11.15am

Shared Communion at St Mary's, Albury

6.00pm

Evensong at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

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

The Register: There are no entries in the register this month.

Prayer Chain: Within our congregations we have a network of people who will receive prayer requests. Whatever the problem, worry, anxiety or personal need, when received, will be forwarded to the people on the chain who will pray immediately for each request for a period of time. All requests will be confidential.

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