

# Little Hadham Parish News August 2012

Little Hadham and Albury Gardening  
Club's



## Annual Show

**At:** Little Hadham Village Hall

**On:** Saturday 1st September  
2012

**Public viewing:** 2.30 until 3.30pm.

**Sale of produce at end.**

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## Letter from the Rectory

*Should I or should I not take my bicycle to Bromley?*

*The machine is a lovely old sit up and beg Raleigh, but in need of renovation; in particular new tyres for the wheels. I have not ridden it as much as I should. The bike is a bit too slow for today's priest as I rush around the parishes and to Diocesan meetings. I have clocked up 64,000 miles in my car since 2004, though some of course was personal travel. I think most of my predecessors would have been amazed by my peripatetic ministry: they lived in altogether more leisurely times. In Bromley I shall be in a town, and so will use my car less, public transport more. My experience of outer London traffic is that it can be very dangerous to the intrepid cyclist. However I would be fitter and leaner if I were to cycle more.*

*I have noticed in the last few years a considerable increase in cyclists through our country lanes; mainly on a Sunday. More people are enjoying cycling as a sport and recreation. It is surely a healthier option than sitting in the pew (though I might hope that some would do both on Sundays). Maybe the increase is connected to the fact that we have a potential winner of the Tour de France in Bradley Wiggins and former Olympic gold medal winners in Sir Chris Hoy and Victoria Pendleton. It is good to see people keen to improve their health, and in a world concerned about climate change the bicycle offers a greener form of transport. Maybe also, as in the case of Mr Polly, it can provide an escape from the treadmill of our sedentary and humdrum lives.*

*I will therefore take my bike to Bromley, equipped with new wheels.*

*Like the wheels on the bike, time moves round relentlessly; and seemingly faster (an illusion of course). Nevertheless frenetic activity is the hallmark of our time. We need to find that still small centre which is the hub of the wheel. Being still is not about doing nothing; and we should do all we can to give work to the unemployed. Being still is about retaining that inner core of stillness amid all the rush and pressure of life; a life that nothing can disturb and nothing affright, for all things are passing (St Teresa).*

*"I will arise and go now, for always night and day  
I hear lake water lapping with low sounds by the shore;  
While I stand on the roadway, or on the pavements grey,  
I hear it in the deep heart's core."* WB Yeats: "Innisfree"

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## Parish Council News

### **LH Neighbourhood Planning Group**

Cllr Mrs Carmela Piccolo is delighted to say that the group had its first meeting on Tuesday 3rd July; over twenty of the thirty signed-up members attended the meeting which was held, in the main, to determine whether or not Little Hadham should start work on preparing a Neighbourhood Plan. The consensus on the evening was unanimous and so now Carmela will steer the group towards eventually presenting the plan the group produces, on behalf of all LH parishioners, to East Herts District Council. If you are interested in this matter, whether you are in favour or not, do please get in touch; as a group we rely on engagement from all parts of the village the ethos of the group is to be one hundred percent inclusive. Our second meeting will be held in early September – parishioners are invited to come along and listen to matters discussed by the group. For further info contact Carmela 01279 466331/07825 177322 or email [cam2403@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cam2403@hotmail.co.uk)

### **Replacement Councillor**

LHPC is pleased to report that it has received

some interest from applicants who wish to join us in our work. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a Parish Councillor then please get in touch with the Parish Clerk: Bev Evans 01279 842803. Thank you.

### **Damaged Aerial Runway**

LHPC is to contact SMP, the installers of the playground equipment, in an effort to try to resolve the problems with the damage to the aerial runway. We hope to have more news on the matter in September.

### **Trim Trail**

Following LHPC's consultation of parishioners in respect of the proposed installation of adult fitness apparatus in the village playground it was generally felt that funds would be better spent on apparatus that both adults and children could make use of. Cllr Mrs Carmela Piccolo is now to look into costings for the installation of a Trim Trail. LHPC assures the community that, at this moment in time, it can afford to deliver a reasonably priced project - watch this space for more news in the near future.

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## Little Hadham & Albury Social Club

The skies looked very challenging as we met at the Green Tye Greenhouses for our July meeting and the heavens broke whilst we were on our tour. Fortunately we were undercover at the time! John took us on an extensive tour of his tomato world, explaining the growing system of the plants, that looked so healthy and the intricacies of the modern heating technology. We even viewed the fruit that was stocked piled ready to be macerated to create the power to heat the huge greenhouses. Finally, we went into the sorting shed, where tomatoes are sorted for their colour and size and then boxed for market. What a lot of hard work – we will all appreciate our shop bought tomatoes in future!

All the tickets have been sold for our trip to Bletchley Park on 4th August and we sincerely hope for better weather by then.

Our 10th August meeting, at 8 pm is programmed as a social evening and we have decided to make this a coffee evening, bring and buy in support of the Macmillan Cancer Charity. Do come along and support this worthwhile cause, plus meeting old and new friends – everyone is welcome.

*Barbara, Binnie and Ennis*

**Road Repairs and Hedge Trimming**

LHPC is keeping on top of reporting any road repairs which come to light from time to time -parishioners too can report road repairs via Herts County Council website or by telephone - 0300 1234047. We are also grateful to home owners who are doing their best to keep hedges and verges clear of overgrown vegetation.

**Damage to War Memorial**

LHPC has agreed to pay £235 to in order to carry out repairs to the War Memorial which was damaged this time by a huge lorry – no compensation is being sought as the lorry driver, on this occasion, was Polish and cannot be traced.

**Bury Green Seat**

LHPC is pleased to report that the bench is

now on order soon to be installed by Mr Mike Foskett.

**Bury Green Pond and Fence**

The pond and surrounding fence at Bury Green (opposite the telephone box) is to have a facelift. Over the past few years the area has become overgrown and neglected, it is hoped that the clean up will encourage more wildlife to visit the area. Jonathan Forgham is hoping that parishioners will turn up on **Clean Up Day Sunday 23 September.**

**Millennium Wood Bioblitz & Picnic**

Jono will be in touch re. this item.

**Next Parish Council Meeting**

LHPC next meets on Tuesday 4th September @ 8pm @ Village Hall - as always we look forward to seeing you - everyone is welcome!

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## Rural Ramblings

Cherry Mardell

*I am planning to find myself a new car. I currently drive, and love, an ancient sporty model but as the years roll by, my limbs complain as I edge myself into the low seat. Time to update, I tell myself.*

*Unfortunately no current car hits the spot, so I start my search with a blank canvas.*

*To help me with my quest my sister, older and bossier than I, descended. Not for her a gentle drive to various dealerships, but a full scale campaign was waged, complete with pre-printed sheets listing the various questions we should ask.*

*Two elderly, slightly scatty women descended on those unsuspecting salesmen. I doubt they will ever be the same again. We grilled them on everything from air bags to reversing beepers (her idea, she's terrible at reversing!). I tried a few cars. They were all nice but nothing leapt out and said "That's for me".*

*Eventually I found a second hand one which seemed to fit the bill. However, on testing it I found the automatic tended to lurch in slow gears. . . could it be because I was used to a sporty model? However, even the salesman had to agree that buying a 'lurch' didn't seem to be a good start to a relationship!*

*So here I am, exhausted, perplexed, and disappointed. All I have for my four days of searching is a file containing the answers to various odd questions. And I am no nearer to finding my new travelling companion.*

*What I will say is there are a lot of very nice, easy to drive, cars out there. But where is the one that rings my bell?*

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## The Most Important Police Reform In 150 Years

*Folks in line with the Government's Localism Bill big changes are afoot for Police Constabularies; the most important police reforms in 150 years, in fact. Kate Belinis, an eminent speaker on the subject, has agreed to give a presentation at September's Parish Council Meeting so we hope to see you there. As always everyone is welcome and, as is customary now, tea coffee and cake will be served! More on page 10.*

**Tues 4th September @ 7.00pm @ Village Hall**

## An appeal

*Our 19 year old daughter, Alexandra Clarke, has given up 24 months of her life to volunteer with organizations, in order to make the world a better place, (2011 in the U.K 7 months at St Elizabeths Perry Green, and 2012/2013 in several African countries) She is currently, on a 3 month stay at the 'Childrens Garden', (<http://www.childrensgarden.or.ke/>), an orphanage for street kids on the outskirts of Nairobi. The charity, run by Daddy Moses, a man who has dedicated his life to rescuing children, is in desperate need of help. Our daughter, would like to decorate the barren corrugated iron classrooms, (if you can call them that), and rather than paint them in African themes, would like to paint inspirational global themes which the children will never visit, but no doubt may build a dream of inspiration to further themselves in life. I implore you to print an appeal in our monthly newsletter, for donations, to help this most worthy cause. whilst helping abject poverty at grass root level.*

*Trevor Clarke*

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## Think Big – A social action programme from O2

### What is Think Big?

Setting up a local football team. Painting a community centre. Running a campaign to educate young people about knife crime. Young people are full of great ideas, energy and enthusiasm. But they need support and money to make it all happen. Think Big is a programme aimed at young people aged 13-25 who want to make positive changes in their community. If they've got a great project idea, we'll help them get going.



Think Big aims to harness the incredible talents of young people to bring people together in their communities. We want to help young people make the most of their potential, and inspire others. To change the way young people think about themselves and their communities. And change the way people think about them.

Initially young people can apply for £300 (Think Big), for their community project. If they successfully complete their Think Big project they will have the opportunity to apply for £2,500 (Think Bigger).

For more information or to apply for ThinkBig please visit the O2 Think Big website - [www.o2thinkbig.co.uk](http://www.o2thinkbig.co.uk).

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## Little Hadham & Albury Garden Club

Make sure you are in it to win it by entering some of your produce into our Annual Show on Saturday 1st September – please pick up an entry form from LH post office. Also coming up on Tuesday 18th September there will be a talk and demonstration: 'Up close and personal' by Brenda Kain which will be tasty.

August is here and hopefully the weather is now turning hot and those lush well watered gardens are a riot of colour. If they are then these are the some of the flowers showing their best: the old faithful Dahlias in all their different forms from dinner-plate sized to spiky 'Cactus' Flowers and on to tiny tight pompoms will last through to October when the frosts will finish them off. Other plants flowering that will last through until October are the Sedums (or ice plants), delicate Japanese anemones, Fuchsias in all their forms – some being hardy but many not, Salvias, also not hardy but are very rewarding and Phygelius or the cape figwort which is an exotic looking plant with bunches of flowers that hang down in tubes, they come in a range of colours from yellow, orange to pink. Phlox loves the summer's warmth (don't we all) when it flowers at its best, Persicaria affinis (ornamental knotweed) has its pink poker flowers standing up straight above its ground-covering foliage, hardy Hibiscus bring a bit of the tropics to the garden, Helianthus (sunflowers) now comes in many forms from giants to dwarfs, yellows, reds and bronze, single and multi heads there is one for every garden (just watch out for slugs when they are first planted out). The list goes on and on as we could also include all the bedding plants that make our patios and hanging baskets look so spectacular, the rock plants that are coming into their own and of course all the climbers such as Clematis, Jasmine and Lonicera (honeysuckle) which fill the air with their scent and look amazing.

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## Down at the doctor's

Paul Haimes

*This month I would like to report on our latest patient satisfaction questionnaire, conducted independently by PCTs across the country. Although not quite as good as last time, our figures are very good, showing 90% patient satisfaction overall and keeping us top in the Bishop's Stortford locality. (As Brian Clough once said; "I wouldn't say I was the best but I'm in the top one".) We are also in the top 20% in Hertfordshire and top 25% nationally.*

*I would, however, like to ask a favour of you all. Our dispensary now regularly dispenses over 8000 items a month; 2000 per week, 400 per day and 40 per hour. That's an item every one and a half minutes of every working day (if my O-level maths is correct). We are proud of this, and of our very low error rate, but ask you one thing; please try your best to give the girls 3 working days when ordering your medication, longer if you need extra for holidays or if you know the medicine is a special order.*

*The liquid nitrogen has been delivered and I have used it on my first guinea pig (you know who you are!!). Hopefully we will have set up a regular cryotherapy treatment session by the time you read this (especially if you live in Widford, which doesn't have an August parish magazine edition!).*

*Alas, the builders have not yet returned. I wonder if they've been abducted by aliens but am assured by Mr Spock that they are merely delayed by all the rain. However, as I sit in my study writing this article, I see blue sky up above (a rare sight, indeed) and I am ever hopeful.*

*I hope you all have a good summer break.*

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## **Most Significant Police Reform for 150 years could and will affect YOU!**

### **Your chance to Vote on policing!**

The introduction of elected Police and Crime Commissioners is part of the Government's localism agenda. In "Policing in the 21st Century: Reconnecting Police and the People", the Government set out its intention to address the disconnection between the police and communities and put the public 'back in the driving seat'.

...making sure everyone plays their full part in cutting crime in Big Society – wider criminal justice and community safety partners, the voluntary and community sector and individuals themselves.

Locally elected Police and Crime Commissioners actively engaging with local people to identify priorities for policing and crime, are seen as the key mechanism for this. The Police Authority that currently holds the Police to account will be abolished from November 2012. CDA for Herts, as the Lead Body for Herts, is working to ensure that the local diverse communities are empowered to influence local community safety policy to address local issues and concerns.

The elected Police and Crime Commissioner will be responsible for creating a police and crime plan based on local community safety needs.

**Kate Belinis, an eminent speaker on the subject, has agreed to give a presentation at September's Parish Council Meeting about how this most significant Police Reform for 150 years could and will affect YOU! Your chance to Vote on policing!**

**We hope to see you there. Tuesday 4th September @ 7.00pm @ Village Hall.**

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## Book launch, 1st August

*With the awful weather we're having, reading about garden history may be a better option for garden enthusiasts than trying to get outside. Just in time, University of Hertfordshire Press are publishing a new volume of Hertfordshire garden history: Gardens pleasant, groves delicious. The book's overall theme is how Hertfordshire's historic estates and gardens reflect the social and economic history of their time. Looking in detail at the Renaissance gardens of the Bacons, Cecils and Capels, as well as those of Georgian, Victorian and Edwardian entrepreneurs, it considers how money made in London was spent in Hertfordshire on these highly visible symbols of wealth. Lancelot 'Capability' Brown played a role in shaping the Hertfordshire landscape whilst in the 19th century the Arts and Crafts movement brought contributions from famous designers Lutyens and Jekyll at Knebworth and Mawson at Berkhamsted and Bushey. There are also chapters on the nursery trade in Hertfordshire including the Lea Valley.*

*With around 100 illustrations, the book is an attractive and engaging read and has been written by garden historians under the aegis of the Hertfordshire Gardens Trust. Contributors include Anne Rowe (author of Medieval Parks of Hertfordshire) and Tom Williamson, Professor of Landscape History at the University of East Anglia.*

*The book will be launched at an event at Waterstone's bookshop, 8 St Peters Street, St Albans AL1 3LF, at 7.30pm on Thursday 23 August – all welcome. Please book your place on 0843 2908601 or call in to the bookshop.*

*Buy it direct from UHP (call Gill Cook on 01707 284654) or order it from any bookshop, price £16.99 (paperback). For more information, see our website, [www.herts.ac.uk/uhpress](http://www.herts.ac.uk/uhpress).*

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# What's on in August . . .

in the Village Hall unless otherwise stated

## No meeting of the Parish Council in August.

**2 Thu, Networking Lunch** 12:30 - 2pm, LUSSMANN'S restaurant, 42 Fore Street, Hertford SG14 1BY. A monthly networking lunch run by Isabel Hospice Corporate Relationship Manager, Julie North, working in association with Marketing Kinetics and Lussmanns. We welcome companies from all over Herts & Essex offering an opportunity to network both inside and outside your own areas. Cost £15 includes buffet, glass of wine, soft drinks, tea and coffee. Would you like to sponsor a 1st Thursday? £100 sponsorship includes promotion on website and email invites, display of literature & banners at the event and a 10 minute presentation. For more details contact Julie North 01707 382547.

**4 Sat, Social Club Outing** to Bletchley Park.

**9, 23 Thur, Mobile Library.** Details p13.

**12 Sun, Bark in the Park** – 10-2pm. We invite you and your pooch for a 3 mile walk around beautiful Barclay Park in Hoddesdon EN11 8NH. If you don't have a dog join in the fun by dressing up or getting your face painted. £6 adults £4 children under 14. It's going to be a real Doggy Day with lots of pooch inspired calls and Most Handsome Dog, Perfect Pup and Prettiest Female Dog Show. Proceeds to Isabel Hospice. Go to [www.isabelhospice.org.uk](http://www.isabelhospice.org.uk) or call Katie Robertson for details on 01707 382500.

**14 Tue, LH & A Social Club**, 8 pm. A coffee evening and Bring and Buy in support of the Macmillan Cancer Charity. Do come along and support this worthwhile cause, plus meeting old and new friends – everyone is welcome.

**15 Wed, Hadhams' Historical Society**, 7.45 for an 8pm start. Jane Tubb will speak about the geology, archaeology and legend of

Hertfordshire Puddingstone.

**16 Thur, The Way Inn coffee morning**, Meet and make friends over a cuppa, p13.

**19 Sun, Easton Lodge Open Day.** To celebrate the Olympics we will be having a sports theme. Children can take on a series of challenges based loosely on Olympic events and when they have completed them they can collect their gold medal. See article, p22.

**23 Thur, Ladies' Golf Day** for Isabel Hospice. Why not join our supporters for this great day of golf and fundraising? This will be the 16th year of the event, run at different courses. This year it is at Brocket Hall Golf Club (Welwyn, Herts AL8 7XG). It's a 4 BALL BETTERBALL STABLEFORD, played on the Melbourne Course. £130 per pair (includes refreshment on arrival, Green Fee, Summer Buffet Lunch and Hospice Donation). Limited to 100 Players. Handicap Max. 36.

**25 Sat, Farmers' Market**, 8.30-11.30am. Everything you could possibly want, including a cooked breakfast.

## . . . and later

Sept 1, **Garden Club Annual Show.**

Sept 8, **Autumn Show**, MH Hort Society

Sept 8,9, **History Soc.** "Big Dig Open Weekend" Forge Museum garden.

Sept 10, **Forge museum launch evening.**

Sept 14, **Medley of Meals**, Bury Green.

Sept 16, **Easton Lodge Open Day**

Sept 18, **Garden Club, 'Up close and personal'** by Brenda Kain

Sept 23, **Clean Up Day**, Bury Green pond.

Sept 28, **World's Biggest Coffee Morning**. See p13.

# NOTICEBOARD

Make time on Friday 28 September 2012 for some coffee and a piece of cake to help people living with cancer. Get together with friends, family members and colleagues, have fun and raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Register now at  
[www.macmillan.org.uk/maketime](http://www.macmillan.org.uk/maketime)  
Or call 0845 602 1246

Every day in the UK another 822 people are diagnosed with cancer. We want to be there to reach every one of them and we need your help to do this.



Macmillan Cancer Support, registered charity in England and Wales (011017) Scotland (SC039907) and the Isle of Man (054)

## Much Hadham Horticultural Society & Allotment Club Autumn Show

Saturday 8th September  
2.30pm - 4.30pm

Much Hadham Village Hall

*Come along and enjoy the displays of cut flowers, floral art, vegetables, the domestic and children's classes plus pumpkin competition*  
*Free Entry Raffle & Refreshments All Welcome*

*Entry slips or email entries must be submitted by 8pm Wednesday 5th September*  
*all exhibits to be on display in hall by 10.30 morning of the show*  
*doors open from 8.30am.*

## 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)*

9th and 23rd August  
**Mobile Library**  
Nag's Head from 1345 - 1405  
The Smithy from 1410 - 1430  
Bury Green from 1445 - 1505  
A fortnightly service.

## Thank you

*We only said the other month what a lovely village we live in, and how that has proven to be even truer over the past few weeks. We would like to thank everyone in the village for all the kindness, generosity and friendship shown to us through this difficult time. We really appreciate your kind thoughts and actions.*

*Barbara and Dennis.*

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*On a rare dry evening in June, about thirty members gathered at the Forge Museum in Much Hadham for a guided walk along Much Hadham High Street. The walk was led by Stephen Ruff and Richard Maddams, who related stories about happenings and previous occupants of the buildings they passed in the course of the evening. An enjoyable and informative time was had by all, and at the end of the tour the members split into three distinct groups – those who went home, those who stayed at the Forge for a welcome cup of tea and those who repaired to the Bull for a different sort of drink.*

*The next meeting will be held at Little Hadham Village Hall on Wednesday, 15th August, when Jane Tubb will speak about the geology, archaeology and legend of Hertfordshire Puddingstone. Doors open at 7.45 pm for an 8.00 pm start.*

*Advance Notices for September:*

*1. For a number of reasons it has been decided to postpone the "Big Dig" of local residents' gardens until Spring 2013. However, we will be holding a "Big Dig Open Weekend" in the Forge Museum garden on September 8th and 9th, when members and residents of both villages can come along and see first hand what is involved in the digging and recording of a test pit. We hope that as many people as possible can attend this demonstration Dig and perhaps register their interest in taking part in the wider Spring digs.*

*2. Changes are afoot at the Forge Museum thanks to the efforts of our Curator and other members in making a successful bid to East Herts Council for a grant of £992.04 to create*

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## **The Hadhams' History Society**, continued from previous page

a local resource room in the entrance area to the museum. This will provide increased access to our existing Much and Little Hadham resources and hopefully encourage others to donate further material. The shop will be moved to the museum cafe. The necessary works will be completed during August, and Society Members will be given the first opportunity to view the new arrangements at a launch evening on September 10th.

Please add these dates to your diary.

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

## **Useful phone numbers**

**Citizens' Advice Bureau, East Herts District:**  
08744 848 9700

**Environment Agency Incident Line:**  
0800 807060

**Smell Gas? Call free on 0800 111 999**

**Mobile Library info:** 01438 737333

**Police non-emergency phone number:** 101

**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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## Toastmasters

Are you aware that Ware has its own branch of the Toastmasters organisation? Taking place above Waggars in Kibes Lane every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month, starting at 7:30pm we are actively looking for new members to join a lively, entertaining evening with great company. What is Toastmasters, I hear you ask?

Toastmasters International (TI) is a non-profit educational organization that operates clubs worldwide for the purpose of helping members improve their communication, public speaking and leadership skills. Through its thousands of member clubs, Toastmasters International offers a programme of communication and leadership projects designed to help men and women learn the arts of speaking, listening, and thinking.

For more information take a look at the official Toastmasters website: <http://www.toastmasters.org/>

We have our own website at <http://warespeakers.blogspot.co.uk/> and like many other organisations we have facebook (search for Ware Speakers Club) and twitter (@warespeakers) pages. We look forward to meeting you on Tuesday 7th August.

**Read all about scams in this useful little online book:**

[http://www.met.police.uk/fraudalert/docs/mps\\_little\\_book\\_big\\_scams.pdf](http://www.met.police.uk/fraudalert/docs/mps_little_book_big_scams.pdf)

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## **Implementation of part-night streetlighting in East Hertfordshire**

As you may be aware, in November 2010, the county council's cabinet approved changes to the county's streetlighting policy, designed to reduce both carbon emissions and the council's energy bill.

The decision was made to convert the majority of the county's streetlights to part-night operation. In the future, most lights will be on from dusk until midnight and, during the winter, during the morning rush hour. They will be switched off between midnight and 6.00am, when road and pedestrian traffic is significantly lower.

Work to convert the streetlights in East Hertfordshire to part-night lighting will begin in the first week of July 2012 and is expected to take about two months.

Most lights will be converted to part-night lighting which means they will be turned off between midnight and 6.00am. However, there will be exceptions, for example in town centres, along the main A roads and where there are traffic hazards. We have been working closely with the police to develop the best approach to any areas of particular concern.

We are consulting the local county councillor on the detailed plans for each division, allowing them to feed in their local knowledge.

Where it is known that streetlights are maintained by the county council, but owned by district, town or parish councils, we will contact the relevant council to discuss the appropriate option for those lights.

Our executive member for highways and transport will be writing to the local press before the works start to make sure that residents are made aware in advance of the conversion.

More information on the project, frequently asked questions are available on our dedicated web pages at [www.hertsdirect.org/streetlights](http://www.hertsdirect.org/streetlights).

*Received from Rob Smith, Asst Director, Transport Management, Hertfordshire County Council.*

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## Time for the 'Greenest Government Ever' to honour its promises

The Government's long awaited new aviation policy framework was published in draft form today [12 July]. Stop Stansted Expansion (SSE) will now need to consider this in detail and formulate a response to the Government in due course.

SSE's key message to the Government is that future aviation policy must be built around quality of life and climate change considerations and that the Government should not pander to the vested interests of the aviation industry who simply argue for expansion at all costs. We expect the Prime Minister to honour his promise that this will be the "Greenest Government ever."

A key aspect of this will be to keep aviation emissions in 2050 at the 2005 level of 37.5 million tonnes of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) as recommended by the Government's own Committee on Climate Change (CCC) and to include aviation emissions in the UK's national carbon budgets. SSE Chairman Peter Sanders commented: "This will inevitably mean that unbridled expansion will no longer be the order of the day for the aviation industry."

SSE will also expect the Government to fulfil its promises at a local level by adopting policies to reduce the impacts of airports upon the local environment and local communities.

Peter Sanders added: "Stansted Airport is located in what is otherwise a tranquil rural area and so it is not surprising that aircraft noise is the main issue for most people, particularly aircraft noise disturbance at night. We will therefore be pressing the Government to implement a much stronger noise policy – including clear progress towards a total ban on night flights."

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## Nature Notes: June/July

Jonathan Forgham

Well, not much to say about the weather that has not already been said! However, I hope that by the time parishioners are reading this (written 18.07.12) that the rain will be a distant memory. With such poor conditions most nature has suffered. Insects in particular have had a hard time, breeding birds will have suffered from waterlogged nests, plants have had their buds turn rotten before blooming and, more importantly, setting seed. Slugs and snails have had a field day as any gardener will testify to. Personally, all my lobelias disappeared overnight, along with a few dahlias.



Walks have been few and far between, but a most successful walk was taken on 25th June. I headed off around Hadham Hall and was fortunate enough to observe a spotted flycatcher (left) feeding over the ponds around the old stables. Only 3rd parish record and 1st summer one. Previous two have been of autumnal migrating birds. At the

lagoon the local yellow wagtails were still evident, along with the barn owl. On the 12th July, I was lucky enough to see what could have been a young barn owl's maiden flight. Fine until landing in an adjacent tree! The first signs of ornithological autumn have been noted, with a large increase in gulls overhead in the evening. These have finished breeding, feed locally and roost at Amwell Reserve near Stansted Abbots. 60+ lesser black backed gulls headed Amwell way on the 14th July. Other signs of the end of breeding have been a new goldcrest and coal tit taking up autumn residence within my garden. From this vantage point I recorded a red kite over on 1st July, carrying and feeding in flight. Photo here.



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## Nature Notes, continued from page 19

Moth wise, the list continues to grow, with a good crop of new moths to the garden light trap. Garden total now 218. With luck will be in excess of 250 by the end of October. Photo here



of a selection of hawkmoths that were trapped one evening and placed upon the shed wall before flying off. The privet hawk at the top has a wingspan of some 11cm! A butterfly session on Westland Green on 16th July proved fruitful, with the uncommon marbled white (below) being seen, along with a



selection of other expected butterflies. My butterfly walk to Standon on 24th June, whilst dry, was overcast. Consequently, a most pleasant walk but precious few butterflies observed.

This walk was made especially pleasurable by the fact we were joined by Leia and her mum, Jane. Leia is not yet 5 and covered all 8 miles, enjoying the nature that we did find. I am planning another butterfly walk on Sunday 26th August. Meet at the Village Hall car park at 10.30am for a wander to The Bull at Much Hadham. Hope for a bright, sunny day. Please text 078055721551 if you plan on joining us so we don't leave without you. I have recently overhauled my blog site <http://littlehadhambirding.blogspot.co.uk> so do please visit and see the photos of all forms of natural history that can be found around our village. Things to look out for throughout August and early September will be large numbers of swifts, swallows and house martins heading south in the evenings. If you're lucky, these swarms can be up to 250 strong and may be followed by a falcon with scythe shaped wings and red undercarriage: a hobby (*Subbuteo subbuteo*). This is where the table football game derived its name as it became a hobby!! The falcon will follow the martins etc. all the way to sub saharan Africa, picking off any that begin to struggle with the long flight.

## News from the Cricket Club

Neil Oxborrow

The unseasonably wet summer has curtailed much of the cricket but during the past month a few matches have been possible albeit in rather damp and soggy conditions.

The club made a rather brief foray into the Davis Cup (the local village 20 over knockout competition) again this year, losing to Molehill Green by 86 runs. Molehill Green batted first scoring a massive 205 for 2 off their allotted 20 overs. In reply Hadham were always struggling to maintain the required run rate, eventually finishing on 119 for 8, with James Law's score of 41 and David Jones 23 off 14 deliveries being the highlights. Due to the weather only two Sunday matches have been possible in the past month, the first of these was a home game against a team from Harold Wood, who batted first and scored 243 for 4 wickets. In reply Hadham lost two early wickets but a partnership of 133 for the fourth wicket between Keith Wheatley (116) and Martin Beedell (41) kept Hadham on course for a win. However

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## News from the Cricket Club, *continued*

a flurry of wickets in the run chase at the end saw Hadham finish on 223 for 8, eventually holding on for a draw, just 21 runs short of the target. The other Sunday match in the last month was played on a very wet pitch at home to FM Arthurs XI. Arthurs batted first scoring 205 for 9 on a difficult pitch to bat on. The pick of the Little Hadham bowlers being Alan South who took 4 wickets for 28 runs with his off spin. In reply Hadham never looked like reaching their target and the game ended in a draw, with the home side on 123 for 8, with Paul Mason-Smith top scoring with 51.

### August Fixtures

Sun 5th	Furneux Pelham	Home	14.00
Sun 12th	Great Canfield	Away	14.00
Sun 19th	TBA		
Sun 26th	Little Hallingbury	Away	14.00
Mon 27th	High Beech	Away	14.00

The club is always looking to attract new members, so if you are interested in playing cricket and therefore help support your village side, 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. We are a very friendly club and 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 01279 771033 or Alan South 01279 651603 for further details.

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## News from the Gardens of Easton Lodge

*In May and June we had music in the gardens provided by the Saffron Walden Town Band and Braintree Music School respectively; both went down extremely well with visitors and we hope to have them back next season.*

*Guided tours are becoming ever more popular and we will continue to have them for the rest of the season with two on each open day at 1pm and 3pm. We also have a new marquee housing books about the history of the gardens for visitors to browse through at their leisure.*

*In August to celebrate the Olympics we will be having a sports theme to our open day on the 19th where children can take on a series of challenges based loosely on Olympic events and when they have completed them they can collect their gold medal. The winners of our July photographic competition will be announced at the open day on September 16th with the overall winner becoming the July photograph for our 2013 calendar which will be launched on the same day. All winning entries will be on display in Dunmow library from Tuesday 18th September.*

*At all the open days there will be the opportunity just to relax and take in the wonderful atmosphere of the gardens, play croquet on the lawn and enjoy drinks and homemade refreshments from our tea pavilion.*

*We are always keen to welcome new volunteers and anyone interested in joining our team for open days or to help with our regular Thursday gardening sessions should email [enquiries@eastonlodge.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@eastonlodge.co.uk) or leave a message on 01371 876979.*

*Further information about the openings is also available from these sources as well as on the website at [www.eastonlodge.co.uk](http://www.eastonlodge.co.uk).*

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Folks please remember when visiting Tesco's or Sainsbury's during the summer holidays to please pop a tin of cat or dog food into the BIG ORANGE BINS usually found at the front of the stores. Just one tin a week from a few of us can make a huge difference to the rescued animals. If you can't get to the store or remember the animals after arriving home don't worry you can always drop your donation in to me at White Cottage, Cradle End, I promise to deliver the goodies on my next visit. May I pass on a big THANK YOU to all parishioners who have helped with the cause in the past? Thank you very much, Carmela 01279 466331.

**Reverend Chris Boulton**

We are very sad to report, and many of you will already know, that our Rector, Reverend Chris Boulton will be leaving the Parish in September after giving nearly nine years of devoted, valued and cheerful service to the community. We shall miss him at breakfast at the Farmers' Market, the Harvest Supper but above all at St. Cecilia's Church where his warm personality and short sermons were much appreciated.

The Parochial Church Council, congregation and his friends would like to express their gratitude to Chris for all that he has done for us in that time and if any residents of Little Hadham would like to contribute to a parting gift, please contact Don Gibson (771325) or Frank Green (771532) - Cheques should be made payable to "Little Hadham PCC".

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# August diary for Little Hadham and Albury

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

## 5 Sunday

### Trinity 9 Proper 13

9.30am Sung Matins at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham  
11.15am Parish Communion and Sunday School at St Mary's, Albury  
6.00pm Team Evensong at St Mary's Braughing

## 12 Sunday

### Trinity 10 Proper 14

9.30am Shared Communion and baptism at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham  
Baptism of Lily Rose Gibson  
6.00pm Team Evensong at St Mary's Stocking Pelham

## 19 Sunday

### Trinity 11 Proper 15

8.00am Holy Communion at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham  
9.30am Village Hall Service at Little Hadham  
6.00pm Team Evensong at St Mary's, Albury

## 26 Sunday

### Trinity 12 Proper 16

11.15am Parish Communion at St Mary's, Albury  
6.00pm Team Evensong at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

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

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**There have been 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.

**Please ring anytime: Janet: 842671, Karin: 771532**

## Medley of Meals

Our village "get-togethers" have proved very successful and once again Mr. & Mrs. Middleton of Bury Green have very kindly offered to host the September one. This will be on Friday evening, 14th September and tickets will be available nearer the date.

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