

# LITTLE HADHAM PARISH NEWS

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Six-spot Burnet moth

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## Letter from the Rectory

*Dear friends in Little Hadham*

*Time to Rest a While*

*In last month's newsletter I wrote about St Swithin's day. Well I am pleased to say that it did not rain on July 15th, rather we had glorious sunshine. So we don't have to worry about 40 days of rain, which is especially good news for those of us looking forward to a break or holiday in Great Britain during August. Who knows, we might even be able to leave the waterproofs at home!*

*Having a holiday or break, however short, at some point during the year is important for both our physical and spiritual wellbeing. It often seems to me that an increasing number of people, from school children up to and including the retired are leading increasingly busy lives. Even when people retire from paid employment they often take on new voluntary activities.*

*When we are physically tired we usually know the signs, and have a rest. But often we are not so good at spotting when we are spiritually tired or exhausted, when we are in effect running on empty. A break from our usual routine can give us both the time and space to reflect on our lives and our priorities and to recharge physically and spiritually.*

*In chapter 6 of Mark's Gospel we read that Jesus was concerned that the apostles were exhausted by the mission he had sent them on to proclaim the good news. So Jesus says to them, come away to a deserted place by yourselves and rest a while, because we are told, many were coming and going and they had no leisure even to eat. Jesus knew that if the apostles did not rest and rather carried on being busy they would not be able to cope with all that was in store for them. And the same can apply to all of us; the issues we encounter in life are more difficult to deal with if we feel worn out and exhausted. So over the next month I hope that people will have the chance to rest a while, and be able to recharge their physical and spiritual batteries.*

*God Bless.*

Reverend Giles

## Polite request

*Often when motorists drive through Cradle End (and more than likely the remainder of of the route to the village), they feel the need to use their car horn when negotiating corners. This can happen any time of the day and night and can be very disturbing for the residents involved. It could be the 'rat runners' wanting to ensure their cars' safety, but if you do drive through the hamlets, which you have every right to do, please could you take corners at a slower speed to ensure safety, rather than hitting your horn.*

*Thank you, Ennis and Cradle End.*

# Parish Council News

## Westland Green Repairs to Byroad:

LHPC can report that funding has become available for repairs to be carried out to the byroad in Westland Green. We can confirm that we have been working with both HCC Footpath Officer Nicholas Maddex and our local PCSO Karen Broad for a number of months and at last efforts have paid off and the repairs will be carried out over the coming months. It is hoped that the repairs will deter 4x4 drivers from using the byroad as an "adventure trail" and that eventually the surface of the byroad will be in a fit state for the enjoyment of locals and visitors to the area.

## Bypass News

LHPC can confirm that there have recently been documents published by HCC concerning the A120 bypass. Parishioners might be interested in visiting the Herts County Council website where the documents can easily be found by typing "A120 bypass" into the search box; they make for interesting reading.

## Bishop's Stortford North

"Meet the Developers" Presentation.

Councillor Carmela Piccolo attended the presentation on Thursday 18th June at the Charis Centre, BS and can report that the community is no further forward as far as expecting the most important and necessary infrastructure being delivered. The developers' presentation sounded just as you might expect, some of it was most commendable, however when we got down to the nitty-gritty there were quite a few conflicting facts especially surrounding the delivery of a secondary school and increased traffic. When it comes to major infrastructure delivery it appears there is very little cohesion between the developers and the local authorities, inevitably this will lead to

dire repercussions for the community should the plans be passed in their present form. The developers have not included any provision for accommodating secondary education and HCC is not about to deliver a new secondary school any time soon. Increasing traffic problems are almost being swept under the carpet; the developers will make a minute contribution towards local "road improvements" and Herts Highways is seeking funding (not guaranteed) towards major road improvements. It doesn't take much working out that if the developers get the go ahead the increase in population over the coming years will have major implications for the whole of Bishop's Stortford and the surrounding villages.

**The community has until the 16th of August to make comments** – please make sure you read up on the outcome of this meeting and have your say as this will be your last chance before the matter is discussed formally by the Development Management Committee in the autumn.

## Cutting Westland Green

Weather permitting this should take place in August so as to allow "nature to do its thing".

## Flooding

The results of the multi-agency meeting held in June were hopeful – the representatives of all agencies present were told by local MP Oliver Heald to return in January 2014 with a joint plan to try to resolve the many issues surrounding flooding in our village. Watch this space for more news early next year.

## Local Community Events

Please lend your support! LHPC is to donate £250 towards Little Hadham Parish Plan Group's delivery of WWI commemorative celebrations next year, we look forward to this

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## Little Hadham & Albury Social Club

*Patrick Forrest, a Trustee and Warden of the Birchanger Wood, gave us a most delightful and informative talk in July. He has been involved with The Wood for most of his life and his dedication is absolute. He designed the new footpaths many years ago, necessary as walkers were not keeping to the original paths and the wild forest plants were being destroyed, and fought hard to acquire the funding. Most recently a compound and information room has been completed. We all left the meeting with smiley faces and plan to organise a visit to The Wood in the future.*

*On 13th August, Margaret Rogers is to talk us through another of her exciting holidays – Japan, a World apart. Everyone welcome, 7.45 for 8 pm.*

## Little Hadham School

*Believing and Achieving*

*Our end of term activities all went well as we said goodbye to our twelve Year 6 pupils. Their performance of 'Alice- the Musical' gave us something very special to remember them by!*

*Our Gymnastics Squads have, once again, put Little Hadham Primary School on the map, as they represented Hertfordshire Schools at the Eastern Region Championships recently. Out of ten regional teams, our KS2 Squad were just pipped into fourth place but our KS1 Squad won the Silver Medal – we were so very proud of them!*

*As we break for the summer, we would like to wish everyone a great holiday and see you in September! Thank you for your continued support.*

*Liz Stockley, Head Teacher*

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## PC News, continued from page 3

production with great anticipation!  
HADFEST will present live music, a hog roast and a talent show on Saturday 17th August – please help make both events successful – make a date in your diary now!

### Thank you

This month we say “Thank You” to Mr Sitton for planting the orchard at the allotments and

to Joel Hammond for his help with collecting allotment rents.

LHPC wishes a safe and restful summer to all the community - there is no meeting in August. We're back in the Village Hall Tuesday 3rd September at 8pm; as always everyone is most welcome!

## SSE: Boris Johnson Ignores Countryside in Favour of Politics

Stop Stansted Expansion (SSE) has condemned Boris Johnson's latest intervention in the debate about UK airport capacity. This follows the announcement yesterday [15July] by the London Mayor that Stansted was still on his short-list to become a four runway mega-hub airport to replace Heathrow.

Justifying his decision to short-list Stansted, Boris Johnson said that it had the benefit of “being sited in a relatively sparsely populated region ... with none of the environmental or wildlife issues that would need to be overcome in the estuary.

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## Down at the doctor's

Paul Haimes

*Following the very successful concert at the end of May in aid of our Jack May Trust Fund (JMFT) a patient has donated a wonderful framed photograph that he took of a short eared owl which is being displayed in the waiting room at Much Hadham*

*This photograph is for sale and proceeds will be donated to the JMFT so please come and view it. If you are then interested in buying it we have a sealed bid system; just ask at reception for a form and envelope. All bids will be opened on 31st August and, following the sale, another wildlife photograph will be donated.*

*We have two other projects under consideration at the moment.*

*One is to commission a TV screen in the waiting room providing patients with useful information such as contact numbers, the flu vaccination programme or details of "anything going around" such as gastroenteritis, and what to do.*

*Secondly, we are looking at offering a "chip and pin" payment system in addition to just cash or cheques at present. There are a number of providers but costs vary and we really need to know if this is something patients want. A simple questionnaire is available from the dispensary if you wish to make any comments.*

*Have a great summer holiday and don't forget to apply the sun-protection creams and wear a hat!*

Dr Paul Haimes

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25 members and two guests gathered outside Standon Parish Church on Monday 10th June. We met historian Anne Rowe, our guide, for a walk around Standon. After an initial introduction, we set off down Paper Mill Lane and stopped awhile on the footbridge over the Rib alongside the ford. The name is a reminder that a paper mill had formerly been located near here in the South of the village. Standon paper was produced until the early 19thC and was well known: nearby Laundry meadow had been used to dry the rags. In 1086 there had been 5 mills and 2 vineyards in Standon. We followed the river Rib towards Standon Lordship, crossing a field with ancient terracing (if one had a good imagination!). A depression at the top was possibly used in former times as a water reservoir (to catch rain run from higher ground). The Lordship was built ca 1546 for Ralph Sadleir, a favoured steward of Henry VIII, by his own steward whilst Ralph was away on Crown business. The house was mostly re-built by a son of the Duke of Wellington, and only a tudor arch remains of the original building. Both Elizabeth I & James I (VI) stayed at the house so it was probably rather grand. Passing close by the house, we crossed a field with some large ponds and a number of cows - no one got chased but we did wonder once or twice! The estate formerly had a huge deer park (ca 560 acres – the 5th largest in the county) extending up to the Much Hadham boundary and survived more or less intact for 500 years since being created by the Normans and stocked by Fallow deer. The lodge was located where it had the best view of the park. In the past, many trees in the park were pollarded for fuel, and tenants paid the estate to keep animals. We then crossed the old Braughing rail line and continued for a short while before turning back to Standon. Everyone agreed it had been a most enjoyable walk on a beautiful evening.

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Next season's programme of concerts has now been confirmed and is one of the most exciting for some years.

Saturday, 19th October, The Alberni String Quartet (they inaugurated the club at the first concert in 1996!)

Sunday, 15th December, Cambridge Chorale (making a return visit)

Sunday, 26th January 2014, Louise Alder (soprano) & John Paul Ekins (piano)

Saturday, 22nd March 2014, Kammerphilharmonie Europa (an absolute coup! This famous chamber orchestra, founded in Cologne, comprises talented young musicians from 18 European countries and will be on tour in the UK at the time). All take place in St John's Stansted.

Subscriptions are now invited for membership for the whole season. Door prices for all four concerts total £58, but membership is now available for £38 (concessions £36). To join or re-join, please send a cheque payable to Music at Stansted, together with a note of your name(s), address, telephone number, and email address (this really helps us to keep you informed throughout the season) and a stamped addressed envelope, for the return of your membership card, to: The Membership Secretary, c/o 25 Chantry Road, Bishop's Stortford, Herts CM23 2SD.

Check out our website for general information - [www.musicatstansted.com](http://www.musicatstansted.com). or if you have a specific enquiry please email us on [info@musicatstansted.com](mailto:info@musicatstansted.com).

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## Life on the Run

Les Williams

*My family believe that sooner or later I am going to get into a fight because of my tendency to remonstrate with motorists and motorcyclists speeding through our village and nearby roads. But I can't help it. Nothing angers me more (not even litter bugs) than reckless drivers. Someone has to try and do something. The police have been taking action regarding people jumping the lights but the speeding problem has yet to be solved. As cars come flashing past my house I often wonder, "Why does there never seem to be a policeman around when you need one?"*

*Early one Saturday morning recently I had just set off on my run and was heading up Ford Hill when I first heard and then saw a quad bike. It was very loud and accelerating fast so I started to furiously wave it down. Now I should mention at this juncture that I do not wear my glasses when I am running. So, as the red and yellow quad bike rapidly roared closer, with me waving my litter picker and an angry expression etched across my face the letters POLICE marked big and bold on the front of the bike came into focus. I tried to turn my wave from furious to friendly as the bike slowed and came past me. The police rider waved back and was gone without stopping.*

*I remember seeing a feature on BBC's Countryfile about rural police using quad bikes but I never thought I'd see one in real life. My momentary embarrassment turned to annoyance when I realised that I could have stopped him or her and told them (again) about the drug-taking youths using the Hoecroft Lane bridle path off of Ford Hill but I had missed my chance.*

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A month of increasingly warm weather has meant a large emergence of insects from wretched crane flies and the first wasps of the year to a large number of unusual moths. Also, following on from last month's plea for butterfly information, we saw an increase in their population towards the end of June and carrying on as I write (18th July).

Very many thanks to all who forwarded records. All very useful and indicative of many species that whilst now being seen, are struggling to reach good numbers. Certainly the peacock butterfly, once common, seems to be having real difficulty in keeping a sustainable population going. Hopefully, there will be a good number from the 2nd generation in the coming month to help boost their number.

On 7th July, 7 of us took a long wander around Westland Green, recording 10 species of butterfly, with meadow brown, ringlets and small tortoiseshell found in good numbers. Also, this broad



bodied chaser dragonfly (right), near the golf club. Here, we also came across bee orchid in flower and (left) several narrow bordered 5 spot burnet moths. All good to see.



Bird-wise, very little, as expected, to report for this time of the year. Most birds have now completed breeding and are moulting their feathers, so keeping a low profile in hedges, etc. An early rising tawny owl was observed flying past the old post office one evening before

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*In mid-June, Stansted Hall and Elsenham visited Millfield Lane for a Sunday afternoon friendly match. Batting first the visitors quickly scored 212 for the loss of 7 wickets before declaring, with David Jones taking three of the wickets to fall. Little Hadham's reply whilst steady never really threatened to achieve the target and the innings eventually ended on 165 for 8, resulting in a draw. Top scorers for Hadham were Neil Oxborrow and James Law both with 34.*

*The following week saw a trip to Harlow to play Potter Street & Church Langley. Batting first the home side posted a huge score of 248 for 8, with David Wheatley taking 3 wickets. Despite David Wheatley scoring 80, the Little Hadham reply never really looked like achieving the target set and the visitors were eventually bowled out for 161, thereby losing by 88 runs.*

*Back to Little Hadham the following week for the visit of Ardleigh Green and in a match that was similar to the previous week's, the visitors batted first scoring 241 for 5. The Hadham reply was steady with several players scoring into double figures; however a regular fall of wickets meant a final score of 169 all out and a loss by 82 runs. Top scorer for Little Hadham was Wade Morton with 48 not out.*

*The first weekend of July saw the visit of High Beech to Millfield Lane and this time batting first Little Hadham scored 184 for 6, with Martin Hallmark scoring 50 and Ben Law 71. The visitors' reply was steady, but never looked like attaining the target set; however wickets were also hard to come by and eventually both sides had to settle for a draw when the High Beech innings ended on 141 for 7.*

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# What's on in August. . .

in the Village Hall unless otherwise stated

## No meeting of the Parish Council in August.

**1 Thur, First Thursday Networking Event** to be held at LUSSMANN'S, 42 Fore Street, Hertford SG14 1BY. A monthly networking lunch run by Isabel Hospice working in assoc. 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 details contact Emma Lippiatt in Fundraising on 01707 382547. Link: <http://www.the1stthursday.com>

**1,15,29 Thur, Mobile Library**, See page 13.

**11 Sun, Social Club trip** to Peckover House. Contact Ennis on 658585.

**11 Sun, "Bark in the Park"** Bring your four legged friends for our second sponsored Dog Walk. 3-mile (approx) route, looping twice around Barclay Park, Hoddesdon EN11 8NH. Lots of "doggy themed" stalls and refreshments available to purchase. Proceeds to Isabel Hospice. Entry: In advance £6 adult, £4 child (under 16). On the day £10 adult, £8 child (under 16). The walk starts at 10.30am with registration from 9am.

**12 Mon, Hadhams' History Society** 8pm, in the Green Room, MH Village Hall. Stephen Ruff will host an evening entitled "Hadhams Ephemera." From his large collection, he will display village material, the minor transient items of everyday life, not intended to be preserved, but now of considerable interest. Info: Mike Clark 01279 842131.

**13 Tue, LH & A Social Club**, 8pm. Margaret Rogers will talk about another of her exciting

holidays – Japan, a World apart. Everyone welcome, 7.45 for 8 pm.

**15 Thur, Way Inn Coffee Morning**, 10am-12 noon, rear of Village Hall. Come to make and meet friends over a cuppa. All welcome.

**17 Sat, HADFEST!** 4pm - 10pm, Brick Kiln Hill opposite The Nag's Head. Live music, a hog roast, a talent show and much more. For full details see poster on p23.

**18 Open Day and Pirate Challenge**, 12noon, Easton Lodge CM6 2BB. Details on page 19.

**24 Sat, Goatfest Music Festival.** This brilliant music event has become an annual favourite. Held at the Goat Inn in Codicote, the two day Bank Holiday fundraiser showcases loads of bands and has a friendly fun atmosphere. We would love you to come along and support Isabel Hospice in the sunshine (fingers crossed) or maybe help on the day by volunteering to steward. Call Cheryl Cusack on 01707 382500.

**31 Sat, Farmers' Market**, 8.30-11.30am.

**31 Sat, Manuden Music Festival**, 11.30-8.30 See page 20 for full details.

## ... and after?

**Sept 7 Annual Garden Club Show.**

**Sept 15 Open Garden**, 2-5pm Ulting Wick, Maldon, in aid of the National Gardens Scheme.

**Sept 15 Isabel Hospice Chain Walk.** Walk leaders needed. If you could help out, or wish to find out more, please call Maria Alexander on 01707 382500.

**Sept 15 Parish Picnic**, 12.30 See page 18.

**Sept 28 St Elizabeth's Apple Day**, 11-4pm. Produce, Falconry Experience, Refreshments.

**Oct 12 Charity Night** 80's disco, Wodson Park Sports Centre, Ware, Herts SG12 0UQ Tickets £12.50 for St Elizabeth's.

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District 08744 848 9700

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

**Mobile Library info:** 01438 737333

**Police non-emergency phone number:**  
(costs 15p) 101

**Power cut helpline:** 0800 7 838 838

**Road or Pavement problems, call**  
Highways on 0300 1234 047

**Stansted Airport Noise Complaints:**  
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**Traveline:** 0871 200 22 33

**Village Hall bookings:** Mrs Fardell,  
771697

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

**1st, 15th and 29th August**  
**Mobile Library**  
Nag's Head from 1345 - 1405  
The Smithy from 1410 - 1430  
Bury Green from 1445 - 1505  
A fortnightly service.

## 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**

## Regular events (please let me know if incorrect - Jan)

**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](http://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:** 9.00-11 am 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

## Nature Notes, continued from page 10

nightfall and the number of overhead swifts appears to be on the increase.



However, moth wise, a huge increase in numbers with some startling finds in the trap over the previous fortnight. Top of the list must be specifically uncommon Herts moths. I received an email from a resident in Ford Hill, including a photo of a moth. Without a scale I was unable to identify positively but it looked to be the Herts. rare orange moth. Indeed it was; only about the 20th record for the whole county since the first was found in 1884. Last local one was 2003 in Bishop's Stortford.. This was followed by an unusual moth in the light trap the next morning, 18th July: a female oak eggjar. Always a spectacular moth to find.

Thanks to Helen and Paul for informing me of the orange moth. Also, thanks to Luke for his moth photo and to Michelle for forwarding another photo of a moth that got into the house. I always enjoy receiving these and endeavour to identify them. Do keep them coming in.

Over the last month, I have spent time birding in Norfolk, visiting Kefalonia and completing the Norfolk Coastal footpath (see article). In Kefalonia I came across an unusual moth, a splendidly named Surreptitious palm borer. This transpired to be the first record for the island and an article for an Entomological magazine has been requested. Strange it should be considered the first record: I found 3 different specimens in 2 days! An introduced pest that will have been imported from South America in palm trees. Very few birds on Kefalonia, but the insects and occasional lizard were good.

A day trip to Norfolk gave up 83 species of bird, including some spoonbills, which now seem to be breeding around Holkham. I suspect it will continue to increase in numbers over the following years.

Please keep all butterfly records coming ([jforgham@theprimaryworks.com](mailto:jforgham@theprimaryworks.com)) and feel free to visit my daily blog on local wildlife at [littlehadhambirding.blogspot.co.uk](http://littlehadhambirding.blogspot.co.uk). Next stop; The Camargue for 4 days at the beginning of August for some bird photography. Hopefully, some results for next month's publication.

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## Life on the Run, continued from page 9

*Serves me right I guess. I suppose that my family are right; sooner or later I'm going to get myself into a whole load of trouble. But as I said earlier, I do not see much of an alternative.*

*Well done to the campaigners who won their fight to have barriers protecting the metal gas unit structure on the bend just past Andrew Camp's farm on the way to Much Hadham. But why have those barriers now been replaced, just a few weeks later, with a long length of Armco barrier? Personally I think that it would have been better to impose and enforce a 30mph limit on such a dangerous bend rather than try to make it safer for drivers who are taking the bend too fast. The long barrier has made it much more dangerous for pedestrians, runners and riders because when a car or truck is bearing down on you as you pass along the barrier you have nowhere to go. You cannot take evasive action and quickly get onto the verge (as I have done on a number of occasions) without throwing yourself over it like a stuntman. Bike and horse riders don't even have that option.*

*And finally, my thanks to Elaine Lummis for her very kind comments in last month's Parish News. I certainly could not agree more with Elaine's views on what a beautiful place Little Hadham is and how privileged we are to live here. This is why I think it is so important that we all do as much as we can to keep it tidy and safe. And, again like Elaine, I love the friendliness. Someone once said, "It is not the journey that is important, it is the people who you meet along the way". Well I can vouch for that. On my runs I get to meet a lot of people, many of whom just stop for a chat. I don't think that I will ever tire of hearing those friendly shouts of "Hello Len!"*

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## Norfolk Sponsored Walk; A Big Thank You



Wendy and I would like to thank all the kind residents who made donations for our walk to raise money for the Kisses4Kids charity. You'll be pleased to hear that a.) we completed the walk of 47 miles in 3 days, total walking time 22 hours and b.) so far we have raised just over £700.

The temperatures during the weekend of the 11–13th July were particularly excessive for Norfolk, but we were aided by a slight sea breeze. However, the Saturday walk, Burnham

Deepdale to Cley, was particularly tough in the heat as it was a stretch of over 20 miles and took 10 hours to complete. We staggered into the bar at The George near to 10pm. Photo here of Wendy at the end, Cromer pier, Sunday afternoon having left Hunstanton Friday noon. However, in retrospect, a most enjoyable weekend, with 77 bird species spotted, 16 butterfly species, 120+ plant species and 6 blisters for Wendy.

We are planning a presentation night in the Nag's Head sometime in the future to pass on a cheque to Stacey Johnson. She is presently in hospital so we cannot make a definite date. Watch this space and if anyone else would like to make a kind donation, please visit [www.justgiving.com/jonathan-wendy](http://www.justgiving.com/jonathan-wendy) or alternatively pop a cheque through 6, Chapel Lane door. We will be most appreciative.

Very many thanks.

Jonathan

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## LH Cricket Club, continued from page 11

### August Fixtures

Sun 4th	Furneux Pelham	Away	14.00
Sun 11th	Great Canfield	Home	14.00
Sun 18th	Cokenach	Home	14.00
Sun 25th	Little Hallingbury	Home	14.00
Mon 26th	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, then please contact us on the numbers below even if you have never played before or wish to take up the sport again after a break from playing. We are a very friendly club and would welcome new members of all ages and abilities. Please contact either Martin Hallmark 01279 771033 or Alan South 01279 651603 for further details.*

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## Parish Picnic and Fun Day

The Parish Picnic will be on Sunday 15th September at St. Cecilia's Church from 12.30 pm.

*We have all sorts of things planned for the day including:*

- Giant Games
- A quiz (with prizes)
- Finding out about the church and its history
- Bell Ringing
- Tea and cakes later in the afternoon
- A beheading (we will keep you in suspense) and,
- A Teddy Bear Parachute Jump- from the church tower

*So keep the date free and find out more in the September Parish News.*

## FIRE!

THE FIRE BRIGADE was called out in the second week of July to put out a fire that three very stupid boys had laid in the tree stump on Brick Kiln Hill opposite the Nag's Head. They had put grass in the tree stump and set fire to it, and then they ran away. The ground round about was tinder dry, as was the tree stump; the nearest house is thatched. It doesn't take much imagination to think about what might have happened had the smoke not been spotted and the Fire Brigade called. This was not the only incident where these boys had tried to light a fire and everyone is urged to keep a look-out for smoke or anyone acting suspiciously.

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## Gardens of Easton Lodge, Open Day 18th August

Entry Fees: Adults £3.50 Children Free

For all main season open days gates open from 12 noon – 6pm (last entry 5pm)

There will be two complimentary guided tours (usually at 1pm & 3pm) giving some of the history of these fascinating gardens. Bacon rolls will be on sale at lunchtime

Hot & cold drinks, homemade cakes & cream teas will be available all afternoon until 5.30pm or when they run out!

There will be a selection of craft and nature activities for younger visitors each week

### August 18th – Public Open Day & Pirate Challenge

This month as well as the usual attraction of this beautiful garden there will be something extra to keep our younger visitors occupied during the school holidays; a Pirate Challenge.

Would-be buccaneers can make their way around the gardens solving the puzzles that will let them claim their treasure from the Pirate King!

All the other delights of the gardens will be there for our less adventurous visitors to enjoy in the (we hope) sunshine.

More details on: [www.eastonlodge.co.uk](http://www.eastonlodge.co.uk) [enquiries@eastonlodge.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@eastonlodge.co.uk) 01371 876979

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SATURDAY  
11.30 - 8.30 AUGUST 31ST

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## SSE - Here We Go Again

SSE Slams Opportunistic, Irresponsible and Pointless Expansion Proposals for Stansted Proposals today (19 July) from the Manchester Airport Group (MAG) to develop Stansted into a two-runway, or even a four-runway, airport have been described by Stop Stansted Expansion (SSE) as "opportunistic, irresponsible and pointless."

Commenting on the submission to the Airports Commission, SSE Chairman Peter Sanders said: "It is of little consolation that MAG has framed its proposals in an unenthusiastic, half-hearted way which grudgingly admits that it would be 'willing' to add an extra runway or runways at Stansted, about 15 years from now, if that's what the Airports Commission and the Government decide is best. This will be seen by many as an attempt to avoid taking responsibility for any

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*decision to expand the airport.”*

*The MAG proposals resurrect the expansion options for Stansted put forward by the Government almost exactly eleven years ago, in July 2002. These all came to nothing but it took an eight-year battle before BAA, the former owner of the airport, conceded defeat and withdrew its plans for a second runway. During that time - from 2002 to 2010 - needless stress and anxiety was caused to those whose homes were threatened by the bulldozer and over a £1 billion was wiped off local house prices - all for nothing. Now, just three years later, there is the prospect of another prolonged battle over the same issue.*

*Peter Sanders added: “We really shouldn’t have to go through this whole argument again just three years after the last threat was lifted. We are profoundly disappointed that MAG has behaved in this opportunistic and irresponsible way.*

*“We will be doing everything possible to convince the Airports Commission to reject the idea of any new runways at Stansted. With the airport currently operating at only half its permitted capacity a second runway – never mind a four-runway hub double the size of Heathrow today – is completely unnecessary on business grounds and it would be completely unacceptable on environmental grounds. Even looking 15 years down the line and beyond, there is no case for Stansted to be one of the short-listed options.”*

*Mr Sanders concluded: “This will once again create widespread blight and uncertainty in the local community, and once again it will prove to be a pointless exercise. As in the past, any proposals for an extra runway or runways at Stansted will be met with fierce local opposition, will be fought tooth and nail, and will ultimately be defeated.”*

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*The London Mayor's dismissal of the environmental issues at Stansted is completely at odds with every independent assessment carried out in the past. Graham Eyre QC, the last planning inspector to consider the possibility of additional runways at Stansted, rejected this out of hand in the strongest possible terms, saying that even one extra runway would be an "environmental disaster", "a catastrophe", and "wholly unacceptable".*

*These conclusions are not surprising since Uttlesford District, which is home to Stansted Airport, is one of only two local authorities in the whole country with over 2000 pre-1700 listed buildings. In addition, the historic listed buildings and villages around Stansted are embedded in what Oliver Rackham, the great historian of the English countryside, has defined as 'Ancient Countryside', a landscape whose fields, woods and roads date predominantly from before 1700. These points alone make this part of North West Essex and East Herts a most remarkable and valuable area of English countryside*

*SSE Chairman Peter Sanders commented: "Boris Johnson's dismissal of our local heritage and landscape is an affront to all the people of North West Essex and East Herts. It seems clear that he has absolutely no knowledge of the area."*

*Mr Sanders added: "As Mayor of London, of course, he has no need to involve himself in our affairs. He is responsible only for what goes on in London and he depends only on Londoners for votes. It is surely no coincidence that he rejects expanding Heathrow, which is within his constituency, and all of his options for airport expansion are well outside his constituency. It remains our view that there is no need for any extra runways in the south-east."*

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# HADJEST

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# August diary for Little Hadham and Albury

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## 4 Sunday

9.30am

11.15am

## Trinity 10

Matins at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

Parish Communion and Sunday School at St Mary's, Albury.

## 11 Sunday

11.15am

## Trinity 11

Shared Communion at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

**No Sunday School this month**

(please note new time of Service.)

## 18 Sunday

8.00am

9.30am

6.00pm

## Trinity 12

Holy Communion at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

Village Hall Service, Little Hadham

Evensong at St Mary's, Albury.

## 25 Sunday

11.15am

6.00pm

## Trinity 13

Parish Communion at St Mary's, Albury

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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**The Register:** 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**

## Village Hall: Disabled parking

Disabled parking signs are now up at the entrance to the Village Hall. These are required by law but we hope they will help all our disabled, wheelchair-bound and elderly visitors to have safe access to the Hall. Please leave them free at all times for those who need them.

Thank you.

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