

LITTLE HADHAM PARISH NEWS

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“Many haws, Many snaws” Watch out, here comes winter!

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Letter from the Rectory

Dear friends in Little Hadham

Twelve Ways to have a Happy New Year

Most of us will have heard, or sung, the traditional carol, *The Twelve Days of Christmas*. At the start of the year, when many of us tend to make a New Year's resolution, here are twelve top tips for having a happy and peaceful 2014.

1. Learn to get pleasure from the simple things in life.
2. Try to avoid worrying unnecessarily.
3. Be positive about what you do and the contribution you make.
4. Make time for a hobby. A hobby gives you something interesting to do so you will feel fulfilled.
5. Count your blessings and be satisfied. A satisfied person is a happy person.
6. Learn to like people, especially those you are not friends with. The greatest pleasure comes from giving pleasure to other people.
7. Get into the habit of saying cheerful, pleasant things and smiling. People will enjoy your company and will smile at you.
8. Accept problems with courage, knowing that God is walking alongside you, and realise that you cannot change everything.
9. Do not be afraid to make those difficult decisions which you know are right.
10. Always do your best for God, others and yourself. The future will be as good as the present if you do your best all the time.
11. Think positively about today and the future. Thinking something good may happen in your life will make the present moment more positive.
12. Finally, and most importantly, learn to trust in the love of God which is freely given for each and everyone of us, even if you do none of the other eleven tips!

Wishing you all a happy and peaceful New Year.

God Bless
Reverend Giles

Changes at St Cecilia's

Starting this month, January, there will be changes to times and Services at St Cecilia's Church. In addition, the 8am Communion and 9.30am Village Hall Service on the third Sunday will no longer take place. Please see back page - Evensong will recommence at 6pm on the first Sunday in March.

Salt

In addition to the road side salt bins, HCC have provided the Parish Council with 25kg bags of salt to help keep public footpaths and difficult to access areas open in icy weather. If you can help by keeping your area accessible, please contact Councillor Graham Pearson from the Parish Council to arrange to pick some up. For example the Parish Council have already placed some at the Village Hall to help with access to the Doctor's and the Post Office, and also some are at St Cecilia's Church.

Stolen Posters

Sadly, two sets of posters that have recently been displayed in Little Hadham, advertising the Albury Art and Craft Show and more recently the Albury Antiques Fair, both held in the Albury Village Hall, have been taken down and destroyed. Naturally the organisers of these events are disturbed by this and cannot understand why it happens.

The two events displayed are organised by residents of Albury, who have volunteered to raise money for their community. They have no personal gain, giving their time willingly. Therefore, you will realise why they find this both upsetting and difficult to understand. Why would someone, possibly from their neighbouring village, do such a thing?

These posters are quite expensive to produce. To raise money for their Village Hall a number of dates have already been booked for further Fairs during 2014. If you know that someone in Little Hadham is causing this problem, I would be grateful if you could let me know, on 658585. Or, if you are reading this and you are the person taking the posters down, please would you telephone to tell me why. It could solve a lot of problems. Thank you, Ennis Rogers

Village Hall News

Angela Fardell

Rubbish!

We have finally got rid of BIFFA and their scheming ways - charging us an exorbitant amount of money for two bins then putting all the rubbish in together, outrageous. So we will be having one East Herts Trade Waste bin to take away our landfill rubbish from 1st January, 2014. However, this does mean that we will not accept your recycling waste - all plastic, paper, bottles and cans (in fact, anything that can be recycled) will have to be taken away and put in your domestic recycling boxes and bins. We are asking all hirers, helpers and visitors to bring a bag for their recycs, especially at large events. There will be bags available for those who forget or don't know. Recycling is the way forward if we are keep our planet clean and green. Please co-operate!

Lost Property

Once again the cleaning cupboard at the Hall is full of discarded bits and pieces: 3 pairs of reading glasses, teeshirts, umpteen socks, scarves, gloves, toys, etc. After the pantomime in January there will be even more! All the lost property will be sorted and taken to a charity shop, so please take all your belongings with you when you leave the Hall.

Little Hadham & Albury Social Club

We had a lovely Christmassy evening in December, with Carmela 'Cooking Italian' for us. She cooked a delicious traditional Minestrone Soup, originally made in the poorer southern part of Italy, using ingredients grown on the land. Even today it is known as peasant food. With the wine, that was also provided, and the conversation, we all thoroughly enjoyed being peasants!

There will not be a meeting in January, but our Annual Dinner is on 11th February, in the Village Hall. The total cost is £18.50, including wine and entertainment. If you would like to attend please let us know on 771580 or 658585 by 15th January – we need to let Jan know the number attending.

2014 will be our 10th year, the Club having started in January 2005. Ennis has decided to retire at the end of 2014 and Carmela has offered to take her place. Binnie and Sue are continuing as the other committee members.

We hope that you all had a lovely Christmastime and wish you a Happy and Healthy New Year.

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Thank You Ennis

Ennis has been an inspiration to me from the first day I came to live in Little Hadham; she is not only the epitome of a true villager (think warm welcome and comforting words), she is also one of the kindest people I have known and is always ready to pass on snippets of useful information and advice (think gardening, jam, jellies, the list is endless!). I am honoured and absolutely delighted to be able to lend a hand and to take the Social Club into its next decade Thank You Ennis for all that you do.

Carmela

SSE News, 17th Dec. A huge sigh of relief but it's not over yet

Stop Stansted Expansion (SSE) has expressed huge relief that Stansted has not been short-listed by the Airports Commission as a potential location for an additional runway or runways to meet future aviation demand in the South East

SSE Chairman Peter Sanders said: "This is exactly the outcome that the entire SSE team has been working so hard to achieve all year. In truth however keeping Stansted off the shortlist was more than we dared hope for – but it is absolutely the right outcome. The environmental consequences of even one extra runway would have been catastrophic and there has never

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Little Hadham & Albury Garden Club

A Happy New Year to you all.

Yes, we really did have a good Supper on the 30th November (I was a little previous with my report in the December Parish News). The food was lovely and the quiz seemed to tax the brains, but not too much.

This month on Tuesday 21st January we have a lunch-time meeting. There is a ploughman's lunch from 12.00 which is followed by a talk at 1.00 from Anne Godfrey of Daisy Roots. Please book your ploughman's, cheese or pate, with Karin Green 771532.

Now is the time to do a bit of armchair gardening and look at all the lovely seed and plant catalogues that drop through the letterbox and plan your dream garden (minus the weeds of course – well it is a dream).

We look forward to seeing members and non-members in the New Year.

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What's on in January...

in the Village Hall unless otherwise stated

There is no Parish Council meeting in January

There is no Social Club meeting in January

2,16,30 **Thur, Mobile Library**, This is a fortnightly service, calling at:

Nag's Head from 13.45 - 14.05

The Smithy from 14.10 - 14.30

Bury Green from 14.45 - 15.05.

11 **Sat, Jumble Sale** 2.30pm, for Isabel Hospice, Thundridge Village Hall SG12 0TU. Info 01920422992. These popular jumble sales are run entirely by volunteers. You can always be sure of a bargain, and they get very busy! Entry is just 20p.

16 **Thur, Way Inn Coffee Morning**, 10am-12 noon, rear of Village Hall. Please call in for a cuppa and meet and make new friends.

17 **Fri, An Evening of Light Music**, 7.30pm, Haileybury College SG134 7NU. Tickets £25, which includes a light buffet supper. Info 01707 382500. For Isabel Hospice. An evening that will appeal to all music lovers. More music details to follow but the evening will include Gershwin's A Rhapsody in Blue. Tickets Katie.robertson@isabelhospice.org.uk

21 **Tue, LH & A Garden Club**, A ploughman's lunch from 12 noon, followed by a talk at 1pm from Anne Godfrey of Daisy Roots. Please book your ploughman's, cheese or pate, with Karin Green 771532.

25 **Sat, Farmers' Market**, 8.30 - 11.30am. Where you will find: Fresh seasonal vegetables, Soft fruits (in season), Perennial and annual plants, Apples, apple juice and cider, Pickles and condiments, Home made ready meals, Hand made chocolates, Chicken and game. The Forge, Much Hadham, Saffron brewery, Hand made soaps, lotions and potions, Cakes, pies and deli, Lamb and associated products Honey, Breads, pies and buns. Pork and associated products, eggs, cheese, Coffee

beans, both whole and ground, Curry sauces and associated products, Beef and associated products, Cards, Home made jams and marmalades, Dog Biscuits, Hand made pork pies, Cooked to order farmhouse breakfasts made with produce from the stallholders.

Coming soon

Feb 11, **Social Club Annual Dinner**

Regular events

Badminton: 8.00pm Mondays

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

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

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

Garden Club: 7.30, third Tues 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.

The mild winter continues to bring unseasonably warm climes which means that many of our winter migrants have not yet arrived. Around the parish there are small flocks of both fieldfare and redwing, but not in the large numbers seen over the previous 3 winters. Many of these birds will have stayed in Scandinavia as the food crop of berries has been as high as ours and therefore they do not need to migrate to find food. Likewise, with the wildfowl that frequents local waters. Only 1 smew and 2 goldeneye have moved to nearby Amwell Reserve near Ware. This is the lowest number for many years. This smew posed well for the camera on 30th November, a first year male bird that will remain at Amwell until mid March.



Several walks around the parish have been made over the past 4 weeks, with very little to report. All the regular birds are to be found, with a party of 6 bullfinches residing in hedges along Millfield Lane. However, the highlight bird was a lesser redpoll, found in the silver birches outside my front door. Rather unusual to find a single bird as they normally flock together, feeding in birches and alders.



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Just returned from a weekend in Devon where my son lives with his wife and small child. If I visit alone I normally let the train take the strain – but this time we bundled into the car, complete with dog, and travelled the 220 miles there. The family live in a huge house on top of a hill in the middle of nowhere. Once off the M5, I'm always lost. So we mapped the route via the RAC planner. We followed it exactly, even though it told us to take different exit from usual off the motorway.

With 'himself' driving and me as navigator, we were soon lost. We found ourselves in a quaint village and, finding a mini post office, I went in to enquire the way.

Three different woman didn't know – all claiming to be 'new in the area'. Even the postmistress sid, ithout a postcode, she couldn't help. The best, they suggested, was to get back onto the motorway and come off at a different exit. Some 15 miles later we arrived – only to find the village we had been in was exactly one mile from our destination!

Our dog, very much the country cousin, took 24 hours to relax. She is more at home on our farm and not even the rural Devon atmosphere could convince her she was safe.

We took her – in the pouring rain – to a huge garden centre. We left her, shaking slightly, in the back of the car, while we went inside. She was overjoyed to see us again some half hour later, and leapt out to give us all a joyous welcome. She circled the busy car park without incident, returned and leapt into the front seat- of a complete stranger's car! I need not add the owner was not amused!

It rained most of the weekend and all the way home. Not for nothing does the west country have its wet reputation.

And it was so quiet- at night you could hear the proverbial pin drop. No planes, no traffic, no neighbours. I may grumble about the noise in Hadham, but was I glad to get back to it!

Got anything to say? Why not write an article for the Parish News?

As you can see, we have Space To Fill.

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Nature Notes, continued from page 9

Of concern has been the number of dead badgers seen along the A120 recently. At this time of the year the badgers born last summer are turfed out of their sett and have to wander afield to find new homes and mates. They are creatures of habit and use the same tracks each night. These become eroded through use and can be seen travelling in straight lines across fields. If there is a road then they tend to cross at the same place, as I have noticed on several occasions in the nearby village of Allen's Green, where 2 badgers can be watched at about the same time of night crossing the road over the old aerodrome. Moth flights have all but ceased now, with just a few creatures still on the wing. The usual moths for December can be found by the trap, including this mottled umber, as well as the unimaginatively named winter moth and December moth.



I have spent a few days away in North Norfolk, visiting the day after the storm surge. Huge amount of damage has been done to all the bird reserves along the coast, with RSPB Snettisham being hit particularly hard. Over £300,000 of damage. The reserves at Titchwell and Cley also were inundated with salt water which will damage the freshmarshes on which huge numbers of migratory waders rely for refuelling in March/April. As well as Norfolk, I visited several reserves along the Kent coast, seeing several new species for the year, including Short eared owl, red breasted merganser and slavian grebe. As always, any interesting nature sightings can be forwarded to me at jforgham@hotmail.com and do look out for updates on my local blog littlehadhambirding.blogspot.co.uk. Wishing all a very peaceful and prosperous 2014.

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been a viable business case for any extra runways at Stansted."

Stansted is currently operating at less than half of its potential capacity. In addition, it has no long haul flights and it primarily caters for outbound leisure travel by UK residents rather than the business market, and low-cost carriers Ryanair and easyjet account for over 90% of its passengers. These were all important considerations for the Airports Commission which is strongly focused on supporting UK economic growth and the UK's global air connectivity.

Unfortunately, the Airports Commission has not completely ruled out an extra runway at Stansted. The Commission has said that its final report, which will be published in mid-2015, after the next General Election, will consider whether a second Stansted runway might be a plausible option in the 2040s.

Peter Sanders continued: "We must continue to engage fully with the Commission over the next eighteen months because we don't just want to win a reprieve for this generation but also for generations to follow. In the meantime, Stansted Airport still owns some 270 homes in the vicinity of the airport which it bought with a second runway in mind. We now expect to see a phased sale of these properties back onto the market. That would bring some peace of mind and confidence to the local community, which has had to live with the threat of major expansion at Stansted for far too long." Ultimately, it is not the Airports Commission which will make the final decisions, but the next Government, during the latter half of 2015. "It will therefore be another two years before we can even think of letting our guard down."

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The results of the
2013 National Parish Magazine Awards
have at last been finalised

With the standard this year the highest
ever, it has been hard work for the judges
to decide the order

Out of 710 entries our magazine achieved
53rd place in the Awards

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January diary for Little Hadham and Albury

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

(Please note new times, new Services and cancellations)

5 Sunday

The Epiphany

No Service at St Cecilia's today

11.15am

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

12 Sunday

The Baptism of Christ

11.15am

Benefice Holy Communion and Sunday School at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

19 Sunday

Epiphany 3

11.15am

New Family Communion Service at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

6.00pm

Evensong at St Mary's, Albury

26 Sunday

Epiphany 4

No Service at St Cecilia's today

11.15am

Holy Communion at St Mary's, Albury

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

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

As a New Year initiative Isabel Hospice are trying to encourage Regular Giving; just £3 per month will make such a difference

A regular gift from you allows us to plan for the future because we know, day in day out, that we will have a steady income stream that we can rely upon.

£3 a month could pay for 3 meals a day for one of our in-patients

£5 a month could pay towards specialist nursing at our In-Patient Unit

£7.50 a month could pay towards a physiotherapy session costing £40

£10 a month could pay towards a Clinical Nurse home visit costing £150

£15 a month could pay towards a Day Service session costing £64

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