

*Little Hadham  
Parish News  
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## Letter from the Rectory

Dear friends in Little Hadham

### Are we a Christian Country?

Writing in *The Church Times* just before Easter, our Prime Minister, David Cameron, caused a bit of a stir in the national media when he stated that people in the UK should be more confident about our status as a Christian country. This prompted a letter by 50 public figures to *The Daily Telegraph* insisting that the UK was a non-religious and plural society, and that to claim otherwise fosters alienation and division.

The problem with those disputing that Britain is a Christian country is that they tend to paint a picture of what they think Christians believe, and then they attack this picture, rather than the reality of Christian faith in this country. Too often, militant atheists or aggressive secularists assume (or like to assume) that Christians are fundamentalists; people who believe in the inerrancy of Scripture, and are not open to reason or science.

In my experience nothing could be further from the truth. I would suggest that the vast majority of people within the Church of England have a Christian belief that is open to reason and never in conflict with the trusts and insights provided by science, and sometimes by philosophy. Science is about trying to understand and explain the material world, looking for universal laws by which the world and the universe work. However, science can no more show whether or not God and the spiritual realm exist than Christians can worship the Higgs Boson particle! Science and faith are not mutually exclusive.

The Christian faith that the great majority of those professing to be Christians in this country have is a gentle, questioning and open one; a faith that puts the love, mercy, forgiveness and servant-hood shown to us by Jesus Christ at the heart of our own interaction with others and society at large. This is what truly makes us a Christian country; that we aim to love our neighbour as ourselves, and not the false accusation that we try to force our views on society.



God Bless, Reverend Giles

## Little Hadham and Albury Social Club

We had a delightful evening with Vera Oxborrow, who reminisced about her life as a 'rooky nurse' at Haymeads Hospital and who had travelled from Southern Ireland. She told us how, in 1944, they had to scrub everything, sterilise each surgical implement and how they were locked in at 11pm! We also heard of the fun that the hospital community created to entertain themselves. Fings are definitely not what they used to be! We were reminded of our own memories of medical matters, which led to a lovely social evening.

At our 10th June meeting, Cristina Harrison, from Much Hadham Forge Museum, is bringing a female costume that has been copied from the 'Solomon' wall painting, giving us the details of how it was created. No doubt she will also have more historical snippets to impart, plus information regarding the WWI Hadhams Celebrations. Everyone is very welcome.

# Parish Council News

## Flood Drop In:

The Environment Agency held a drop in at Little Hadham Village Hall on 24th April, which was attended by many people from the community. Also present with displays and advice were Highways, East Herts District Council Land Drainage, Affinity Water, Thames Water for sewers, and the Little Hadham Flood Forum. The EA have donated some empty sandbags that can be filled with sand, earth, etc., when needed. They are in batches of 30 bags. If you would like some please let Cllr Graham Pearson know at [grahampearsonlhpc@gmail.com](mailto:grahampearsonlhpc@gmail.com) or call at Squirrels, next door to the Village Hall.

There were display maps showing the existing flood issues and which also took information from residents on what happened to their homes and what they believe are the causes of the flooding and possible solutions. These included the lack of dredging in the River Ash and drainage ditches, the lack of regular maintenance of highways drains that silt up, and the lack of land management of the water run off from the surrounding fields. Suggestions were made for local farmers to allow the installation of holding ponds to help prevent flooding of The Ash and Hadham Ford, and for Compulsory Purchase Orders to be applied where required.

Some residents raised concerns that they have high insurance premiums, and high flood excesses even though they have not been flooded. Advice was given by the EA to contact the Association of British Insurers.

There was a display showing the proposed bypass and how the proposed flood alleviation that this will include will benefit the Parish. To assist was a display showing the flood alleviation bund at Cobbins Brook, Upshire near Waltham Abbey that was completed five

years ago. This has also been subject of a site visit by Councillor Graham Pearson. The bund is a similar size to that proposed for the bypass and helps protect over 300 homes at Waltham Abbey that have previously flooded. Since the bund was completed, no flooding has occurred during the severe weather of this winter, and the severe weather of 2012.

EHDC were present and assisting people to apply for the Repair and Renew Grant from the Flood Support Scheme of up to £5000 per household and business. Examples of use of the scheme were given as flood boards, raising electric points, sand bags, and any idea that may reduce flooding would be considered. For a form please contact the Land Drainage Officer Andrew Stevenson on 01279 655261. The information on how to apply is also on the East Herts District Council website. Or type Flood Support Scheme into your internet search engine.

## Conservation Area Changes:

A display was held in the Village Hall with in depth maps showing changes to be made. These maps are available on the EHDC website on the Conservation page:

- Reductions of the Conservations areas
- Areas of Archaeological significance
- Unlisted buildings which make an important architectural or historic contribution
- Listed Buildings "at risk" / in need of repairs
- Important open spaces, trees, hedgerows, and wildlife sites

The presenter also emphasised that we are lucky in Little Hadham to have a lot of sites and buildings of great importance and that the areas marked on the maps with an R (for repair needed) are of importance. Government grants are available (up to 10k) for residents/ owners to restore such sites should anyone wish to apply through the East Herts District

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## Kyokujitsu Kyokushin Karate Club

The club will be holding its first ever competition 'The Kyokujitsu Cup' at the Little Hadham Village Hall on Saturday 21 June. Doors will open at 10am with an opening ceremony at 10.30 and fights commencing at 11am. The competition is for children only and will feature both 'knockdown' fighting (the full contact system of fighting for which Kyokushin Karate is famous) and a team kata event. The competition has generated a great deal of interest (we are a pretty well-known and respected club in Kyokushin circles!) and I have had enquiries from a variety of clubs including two from South Wales.

I really want the day to be a village event and would encourage you all to come along and support our talented local karate students in what promises to be a very well attended and very special day for the club. Refreshments will be available throughout ranging from bacon butties in the morning to lunchtime pizza and hot dogs and then afternoon tea and cakes. Rumour has it that there might even be some popcorn and ice cream to accompany the day's entertainment. The fee for spectators will be £5 (children free). I very much hope you'll pop by to cheer on our exceptionally talented local kids!

If you would like any further information on the competition or the club, please contact me, Catherine Petch, on 07946 484498 / [catherinepetch@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:catherinepetch@yahoo.co.uk). Do come along and visit our facebook page too – Kyokujitsu Kyokushin Karate Club.

Look forward to seeing you on 21 June!

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*It seemed like a good idea – steal away for five days , leaving the farm and all worries behind, and meeting up with old friends who have a second home in France.*

*The flight was smooth and on time. The only down side was the woman seated next to Himself who coughed over him non-stop. The car hire was easy, the route OK. Things were looking good. Day one dawned wet and windy. We did a bit of shopping and dodged the rain. We ate too much , too late, so I wasn't over worried when Himself sat up most of the night with acute indigestion. But by morning that had become much worse. He began to be sick and that continued, every ten minutes, for most of the day. I braved both the weather (solid rain), and a French doctor to ask for something to stop the sickness. Could he make a house call? Amazingly he could and did, later that day. Doc's pills did the trick, and by the following morning Himself was almost himself! However, our host had now caught the bug and was suffering a repeat performance. His wife developed terrible stomach pains. And the rain continued. I felt guilty that I was still OK! 'She has a stomach like concrete' they all agreed, between ailments. Day four, things were beginning to look a bit brighter. Not the weather, you understand. It continued to rain. But the three of them began to eat and look almost normal. Day five and we were all on form. The rain wasn't too bad. We all shopped, ate a huge lunch – and then we had to leave. As we neared the airport the sun came out.*

*That night we called to say we were back safely. 'The sun came out as you drove away' I was informed. The following day we suffered a hailstorm and torrential rain. They called us. 'Wonderful day' they said, 'absolutely blue skies all day'. The third night they called again. 'The weather is superb, haven't seen a cloud since you left'. We have stopped calling them now!*

*And yet, I still love France, best of all our near EU neighbours. My schoolgirl French gets an airing, I love the food and their way of eating it. I've probably put on a couple of pounds – but, with my concrete stomach, who cares!*

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Council. The presenter highlighted Bury Green as an excellent example of an unspoiled/ uncluttered green and suggested that it would be good in the future if work could be done in Bury Green to bring property boundaries around the green into some kind of uniformity. He is happy to come back to talk with the Council if required on any points.

### East Herts District Plan

The East Herts District Plan consultation is seeking to build new houses on and affecting the flood plain. They wish to change the village from a Category 2 which allows small infill development, to a Category 1 which opens the area for more major development. The Parish Council have registered an objection to this as there should be no development affecting homes and businesses on flood plains, at least until the flood alleviation projects associated with the proposed bypass are proven to work. There are also concerns that if homes are built elsewhere in the village away from the floodplain, the existing sewer system will not cope with the addition of more drainage. There is also a likelihood that many of the children from the new builds will not be able to have a place at the village school as there are few places left.

### Bury Green Pond:

There will be a tidy up morning at Bury Green Pond starting at 10am on Sunday 8th June. If you would like to volunteer to help improve Bury Green, please just turn up on the day.

### Ridgeway Playground:

The fence by the playground has been broken down again and people then climb the adjacent trees. This can be dangerous as if they fall out they will most likely be injured as this is by the road and they could be hit by passing traffic. The Parish Council is not responsible for this fence so please would you remind your children about their safety.

### Next Parish Council

is Tuesday 3rd June at 8pm in the Village Hall. We now use the main hall so there is plenty of space, and there is also a hearing loop installed for the hard of hearing. Please come and let the Councillors know what you would like to see happen in our village, and listen to the work that is being carried out.

### And finally...

Our very own Parish Chair Jono Forgham was seen on Countryfile on Sunday 11th May participating in an item about the diversity of the Lea Valley.

## Scoots

Scoots is a 'wheels to work' project funded by Hertfordshire County Council and managed by CDA Herts. It is the aim of Scoots to overcome transport barriers people in Hertfordshire have in accessing work, education and training. Scoots provides a scooter or motorcycle along with 12 months' insurance, tax, servicing, breakdown recovery and safety equipment (helmet, gloves, jacket and waterproof trousers). The client pays for the scooter over a period of 12 months. At the end of this period, the client receives ownership of everything.

Stefano an existing Scoots client, said, "After months of struggling to find work I was able to accept a full time job thanks to having a scooter. I would recommend this to anyone."

Clients must be over the age of 16 to apply, and can be in full/part time employment, training or education. To apply, please go to [www.scootsw2w.org.uk](http://www.scootsw2w.org.uk) and complete an application form. Alternatively you can call Scoots on 01707 695513.

The start of the cricket season was overshadowed by the sad news during the close season of the death of our club President Mick Crace. Mick had been a loyal supporter of the club for many years and club President for over 35. His support of the club throughout the years (including moving grounds twice) has been incalculable and he will be sorely missed. The club sends its condolences to Christine and all his family.

It will be impossible to replace Mick and he will be a hard act to follow however, a new club President needs to be appointed. At a recent Extraordinary meeting of the club it was decided to appoint not one but two people to fill the post, with Terry Booth and Neil Oxborrow elected as joint Presidents until the AGM in November.

The first match of the season took place in mid-April against East London side Craven. The visitors batted first scoring 127, with David Jones taking 4 wickets. Little Hadham were well on the way to victory with the score on 51 for no wickets (Ben Law 32 not out) when the rain started and the match had to be abandoned. The following week Chrishall were the visitors and they batted first scoring 155 with David Jones taking three wickets on this occasion. The Hadham reply started well reaching 59 for 3 but then a collapse to 109 all out meant the match was lost. David Jones capped a fine all round performance top scoring with 29 not out. The following weekend, a Bank Holiday, saw two matches, the first against local rivals Stocking Pelham on the Sunday. Pelham batted first scoring 171 for 9 with David Barnes taking 4 wickets. Once again a good start (50 for 2) ended up with a collapse to 113 all out resulting in a Hadham loss by 58 runs.

The following day North Weald were the visitors and batting first they scored 175 for 9. In reply Hadham fared better than in previous games but still ended up short on 159 for 4, meaning the match ended in a draw with Neil Oxborrow top scoring on 69 not out. The next match was a return game with Craven, this time Hadham batted first on a very wet wicket and scored 132 all out, Paul Mason-Smith top scoring with 45. In reply Craven never got to grips with the wet wicket and were bowled out for just 46 resulting in a Hadham victory by 86 runs.

## JUNE FIXTURES

Sun 1st	Nazeing Common	Away	2.00pm
Sun 8th	Stocking Pelham	Away	2.00pm
Tue 10th	Matching Green	Home	6.00pm
Sun 15th	Stansted Hall	Away	2.00pm
Sun 22nd	Potter Street	Home	2.00pm
Sun 29th	Manuden	Home	2.00pm

The club is always looking to attract new members of all ages and ability, if you are interested then please contact our club captain Alan South on 01279 651603.

## Remember. Celebrate. Change lives.

### Do something memorable this Father's Day.

*A leading cancer charity has created a special place where people can remember and celebrate the lives of loved ones they have lost to cancer.*

*Losing someone you love can leave you feeling lost, particularly with Father's Day approaching. So, Macmillan Cancer Support have created a permanent place where friends and family can come together, share memories and even change lives.*

*Local fundraising manager, Kerry Cunnane says "The website allows you to create a lasting legacy for your loved one – a legacy that will help Macmillan support more people with cancer and their families, if someone close to you dies from cancer, Macmillan are here for you. Call the support line on 0808 808 00 00 to help you cope with grief, give you all the practical information you need, and when you're ready, offer ways to celebrate the life of your loved one.*

*To find out more about Macmillan tribute funds, visit [www.macmillan.tributefunds.com](http://www.macmillan.tributefunds.com), or contact Kerry Cunnane, Fundraising Manager, at [fundraising@macmillan.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@macmillan.org.uk).*

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## Little Hadham and Albury Garden Club

*Our talk in April on a Wild Harvest by Peter Sibley got us all thinking about all the tasty things in the hedgerows which we are lucky to have all around us. However, we also learnt about some errors people have made with disastrous results. Peter had baked us a nettle and cheese flan and a wild mushroom flan; both were enjoyed by all those brave enough. When we go out walking we will know what to snack on.*

*Thank you to everyone who came to the Plant Sale and Coffee Morning in May. We had a very successful sale and raised £500 towards the club funds. We couldn't do it without the generous donations of plants, garden sundries, the home made cakes and of course everybody who came to buy.*

*Our next event is the **Autumn Show on Saturday 6th September**. Now is the month to get those chutneys and pickles made so they can mature in time for the show. Schedules are available from Little Hadham Post Office or contact Karin Green 771532. Make this the year you enter. You never know – you could win.*

### Church Ladies With Typewriters...strike again . . .

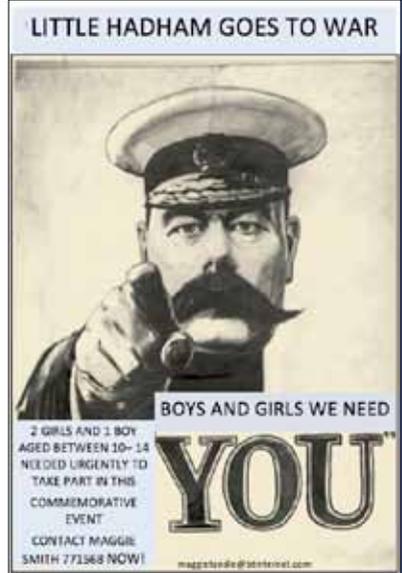
- \* *The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.*
- \* *The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'*
- \* *Don't let worry kill you off – let the Church help.*

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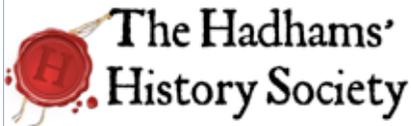
## Little Hadham Goes to War

By now you will ALL have marked 22nd, 23rd, and 24th August on your 2014 calendar as dates to remember this summer!

Little Hadham Parish Plan Group welcomes everyone; please bring friends and family to the **Little Hadham WWI Revue**, a wonderful dramatic performance with WWI songs and poetry. Re-live the news reports of the time. Learn how local men joined up, fought and died during the Great War. Real ale will be served as well as food very much representing the era! Watch this space: **TICKETS ON SALE NEXT MONTH**. For more information contact [mike.s1937@googlemail.com](mailto:mike.s1937@googlemail.com) or [cam2403@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cam2403@hotmail.co.uk) or call Carmela 01279 898591 to reserve your family's table.



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At our April meeting, members and guests set up tables in the Green Room, to display "Hadhams Ephemera". The exhibits included a large collection of original 18thC deeds and estate records of the Dimsdale family, found

recently at Barclays Bank in Stortford (Jean Warbey); records and photographs of the Perry Green estate dated 1902 (Peter and Joan Reid); a WWI cushion cover embroidered with regimental badges, North West Frontier records and Much Hadham Royal Observer Corps log books etc. (Richard Maddams).

Anne Feather had a table devoted to Hadham Hall, the Capell family and the Hall's time as a school. Caroline Baigent and Peter Heath displayed a large collection of archaeological finds from Little Hadham, mostly of Roman origin. Dave Murray showed some of his collection of badges, dog tags, coins and metal artefacts from the old prisoner of war camp.

Mike Clark showed copies of 19thC deeds, wills etc., maps of Much Hadham with field names, land allocations and tithes, together with St Andrews school photographs from the 1980s. Iris Dedman had a large collection of Hadham memorabilia including a great photograph of local WWI ladies in leotards performing (with the Queen's permission) on the steps of the Albert Memorial in 1984; an old Culver Estate brochure was included in the display. Cristina Harrison showed a number of 19thC photographs recently found at Moor Place.

I wish to thank all contributors to this very interesting and enjoyable event showing the diversity of historical interests amongst our members.

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## What's on in June

in the Village Hall unless otherwise stated

**3 Tue, Parish Council**, 8pm. Do come along.

**5, 19 Thur, Mobile Library**. **New times!**

See page 13.

**8 Sun, Teas in the Garden** for Isabel Hospice at Bromley Hall, Ware. SG11 1NY, 2-5.30 pm. Info from Renee Friend on 01279 755320.

**10 Tue, LH and A Social Club**, 8pm. Cristina Harrison, from The Forge Museum, is bringing a female costume that has been copied from the 'Solomon' wall painting, giving us the details of how it was created. Also information regarding the WWI Hadhams' Celebrations. Everyone is very welcome.

**13 Fri, Tea on the Lawn**, 1-5pm Sharpes Farm, Westland Green, SG11 2AF, for Cazfest. See page 13 for full details.

**14 Sat, Albury Antiques and Interiors Fair**, 10-4pm, Albury Village Hall SG11 2JL.

**15 Sun, Much Hadham Open Gardens**, 12-5pm. Falconry Experience, al fresco lunch at Redstocks, a Summer Tea Party with live entertainment at the Forge Museum, Much Hadham SG10 6BS. Entry £5. Children free. Sorry, no dogs.

**15 Sun, Open Garden** for Isabel Hospice, 2-5pm, Great Munden House, SG11. Entry £3, children free. All proceeds from teas to Isabel Hospice. Info, Renee Friend on 01279 755320.

**19 Thur, Way Inn Coffee Morning**, 12.30 - 1.45pm, rear of Village Hall. See p13.

**20 Fri, Madrigal Concert**, 9pm, Amwell Pool, Lower Amwell Road, Gt Amwell. The Haileybury Madrigal Society is once again holding a free concert and collecting for Isabel Hospice during the evening. If wet the concert will be held in the church. [www.isabelhospice.org.uk](http://www.isabelhospice.org.uk) for more information.

**21 Sat, 'The Kyokujitsu Cup'** competition from

10am, opening ceremony at 10.30, fights commencing at 11am. Full article on p4.

**22 Sun, Nature Walk with Jono**, 10.30am for a saunter to Standon via Westland Green. All welcome, but do phone/text/email if you want to come along so we don't leave without you. Details page 17.

**22 Sun, Garden Party** at Dasselsbury, near Braughing. 2-5pm. Cream teas served in a Marquee with live music. Entry £3.50, children free. All proceeds go to Isabel Hospice.

**25 Wed, Hadhams' History Society Walk**, 7pm at Standon Church. Please let me know if you wish to attend. Mike Clark 842131.

**27-29 Fri-Sun, Host an Afternoon Tea** for Herts Air Ambulance. Get your friends together for afternoon tea and simply ask for a donation in return. To register as a host (£5.00) ring 0845 2417690.

**28 Sat, Farmers' Market**, 8.30 - 11.30am. Come and buy your fresh local produce.

**28 Sat, St Elizabeth's Summer Fayre**, 12-4pm St Elizabeth's, Much Hadham, SG10 6EW to be opened by TV presenter Dominic Littlewood. Live entertainment and refreshments, Human Hamster Ball, charity car wash and plenty of stalls and fun for all the family [www.stelizabeths.org.uk](http://www.stelizabeths.org.uk).

**29 Sun, Teas in the Garden**, 2-5pm, Michael's Folly, Henderson Place, Epping Green. Proceeds from the teas to Isabel Hospice.

## Coming soon

July 12, **HadFest**. 4pm - 10pm.

July 14, **A Walk in Ware** led by David Perman.

Sept 6th **Garden Club Autumn Show**.

# NOTICEBOARD

**NEW TIMES! NEW TIMES!**

## Mobile Library

5th and 19th June

Nag's Head from 13.30 - 13.50  
The Smithy from 13.55 - 14.15  
Bury Green from 14.30 - 15.30

A fortnightly service.

## The 'Way Inn'

Come and meet friends and neighbours over a cup of tea or coffee, or enjoy soup and a roll.

Rear of Village Hall,  
third thursday of the month, 12.30 - 1.45



## Furneux Pelham School Summer Fair and Show Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June 12 - 3pm

Admission £1, Children free

\*\* Barbecue \*\* Bar \*\* Cream teas \*\*

\*\* Plants \*\* Cakes \*\*

\*\* Assault Course \*\*

\*\* Coconut shy \*\* Crockery smashing \*\*

\*\* Stocks \*\* Tombola \*\*

\*\* Balloons \*\* Face painting \*\*

\*\* Tattoos \*\* Bike exchange \*\*

\*\* Bouncy things \*\*

\*\* Egg-throwing competition \*\*

\*\* Welly wanging \*\*

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## TEA ON THE LAWN



Come along with your friends to our tea party, make a donation for your tea and cake and support CAZFEST, whatever the weather

Raffle and stalls selling clothes, jewellery, accessories and more

Friday, 13th June from 1 - 5pm  
at Sharpes Farm, Westland Green,  
Little Hadham, SG11 2AF

Email: [allison.purvis@btinternet.com](mailto:allison.purvis@btinternet.com)



A particularly dry period (18th April – 18th May) meaning I have spent considerable time wandering around, making a start on surveying the local insects, mainly those associated with nettle patches. Plenty of expected creatures identified along with several surprises.

Bird wise, 2 cuckoos have been recorded. One around Bury Green at the end of April and one a little later (May 5th) towards Much Hadham. Thanks to all who phoned their reports to me; very useful and I certainly don't mind hearing about the same bird on several occasions. However, the highlight, birdwise, was discovering at least 3 pairs of nesting lapwings within the parish. Such a number is an excellent record as they are a rare breeding bird for Hertfordshire. All reports have been forwarded to the county recorder. Another great record was made on the 12th May, when I encountered a singing sedge warbler near Cradle End. Only my 2nd parish record, the first being on 9th May 2008. I checked this out later in the week, but no sign. Obviously, like the 2008 bird, the male sang for a couple of days, received no replies from a female, so moved on to pastures new. All expected warblers: whitethroat, chiffchaff, willow warbler, lesser whitethroat, blackcap and garden warbler are now present and singing well along the hedgerows of the parish.



Butterflies continue to be seen in increasingly good numbers, with green veined white, speckled wood and common blue all being noted for the first time this year. A male common blue shown here from Ash Valley G.C.

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## Community Gardening Project Begins to Bear Fruit

Five acres of land for a Community Garden have been donated by Oaklands College to Community Development Action Hertfordshire, a charity which aims to help the local community and promote cohesion.

To help the project get up and running Oaklands College donated 40 fruit trees to establish an orchard on the site. Designed by David Curry, chairman and secretary of the Hertfordshire Orchard Initiative, the orchard contains a number of old and rare apple varieties specific to the Hertfordshire area, including Red Coat Grieve, which was discovered in Letchworth circa 1916.

Recently a group of Level 2 horticulture students from Oaklands College supported the Community Garden project by planting the trees for the orchard donated by the College. As part of their course, 'Using Tools in Conservation', another group of horticulture students from Oaklands College, supplied the project with sustainably sourced hazel stakes from the Oaklands College woodland. These were used to support the newly planted fruit trees in the Community Garden.

Kate Belinis, CEO, CDA Herts said "We are over the moon with the very kind donation of fruit trees and the energy and drive of the students planting them, we are grateful for the continued support from Oaklands College in our endeavour to create a community garden.

If you would like learn more about the Community Garden please ring 01707 695504 or email [office@cdaherts.org.uk](mailto:office@cdaherts.org.uk)

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## Nature Notes, continued from page 14

Moths are, at last, beginning to turn up in better numbers with over 20 new species for the year arriving at the garden trap. These have included the spectacularly large hawkmoths. The least common of the regular hawks found in the parish is the eyed hawkmoth. I came across one on the 13th May near the pond at Hadham Hall.



Other insects have been the first damselflies, a large red (26th April) and then an azure damselfly on 14th May. Also, many new insects for the parish list with a wasp beetle, sloe bugs, and several other beetle species being first finds. A 10 spot and then a 14 spot ladybird also got on to the parish list.



A 5 day trip to Poland at the end of April had me walking to a town called Hel. A round trip of some 60 miles in 5 days, having flown to Gdansk and then used public transport to get to the starting point at a town called Wladyslawowo! From here, the road to Hel is all along a very narrow peninsula that at times is only 100m wide and a couple of metres above sea level. Some superb views of birds not frequently seen in the UK, including redstart, pied flycatcher, savi's warbler, common crane (shown here), black woodpecker and

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## Nature Notes, continued from page 16

middle spotted woodpecker. I may well return to see what the region offers in winter, birdwise. The only 2 things I forgot to pack were suntan cream and thermal underwear. It began at 26C but on the third day the clouds rolled in after I had set out in t-shirt and shorts and with the clouds came a bitterly cold wind from Scandinavia. This dropped the temperature immediately to 3C. I returned through the village to my b&b to get warmer clothes. As I did so, I walked past locals wearing gloves, bobble hats and fleeces. They gave me some strange looks.

The only other highlight was being involved in some filming for BBC1 Countryfile show. This was filmed on the River Ash near Wareside and took almost 5 hours to complete. In all, the article lasted 6 minutes when broadcast on 11th May.

I am planning on organising a local walk on Sunday 22nd June. Meet at the Village Hall carpark at 10.30 for a saunter to Standon via Westland Green where, hopefully, there should be good numbers of butterflies and maybe a chance sighting of the yellow wagtails that nest in fields around the area. A stop at the pub before a wander back via Bromley Lane and the golf course. All welcome, but do phone/text/email me if you want to come along so we don't leave without you.

As usual, all my sightings can be seen at <http://littlehadhambirding.blogspot.co.uk> and to contact me: [jforgham@theprimaryworks.com](mailto:jforgham@theprimaryworks.com) or 07805571551.

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# Stansted Airport Community Trust



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*Some of you may have seen the photograph, taken in front of our main entrance, published in the Herts and Essex Observer a few weeks ago, in which a representative from Waitrose Community Matters presented a cheque for £418 to members of our Jack May Trust Fund. Drs Conway and Oates were in attendance, as was Lyn Lynn our Practice manager, but alas I was absent upon an important house call (yes; we do still do them!) and missed the limelight, for a change!!*

*Never mind; I received ample compensation by playing saxophone (in both bands) at the Red Cross fundraising concert, held in the Village Hall on 26th April, and also by performing (if that's the right word) at the Prince of Wales beer festival on 3rd May along with Bill O'Neill (Keyboards) and a couple of "dolly birds" from Green Tye/Perry Green on vocals. I think it worth mentioning, at this point, that the editor of the Much Hadham parish magazine should also have been singing but had a rather lame excuse!!*

*From May we have employed, on a temporary basis, a dispensary manager to help our dispensing staff organise and manage the ever increasing numbers of items dispensed; just under 11,000 for April and rising steadily. We are also looking for an additional full time dispenser (at least 30 hours a week) and should have advertised for this post by the time the parish magazines become available. However, if you know anyone who may be interested...? Summer is on the way; Hay fever has already begun in earnest and our nurses can't wait for the first wasp/bee sting of the season!! Don't forget the sunscreen.*

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## The Cinnamon Trust, Little Hadham

*The Cinnamon Trust is the national charity for the elderly and terminally ill and their pets. We seek to keep owner and pet together for as long as possible with the help of a national network of volunteers who assist when day to day care poses a problem.*



*We have a local resident asking for our support walking their dog but not enough local volunteers to be able to help them, so wondered if we could put this in your parish magazine or web site to help us publicise our appeal.*

*Our aim is to relieve the owners of any worry concerning the welfare of their pets both during and after their own lifetime making us unique amongst charities.*

*All volunteers help in the ways that are most appropriate to them. Teams take it in turn to visit housebound owners, to take dogs for daily walks, volunteers foster pets as one of their family when owners face a spell in hospital, they take pets to the vet, clean the budgie's cage out. We take any problem posed in day to day care of pets. Contact Sally direct on 01736 758707 or email [sallycollins@cinnamon.org.uk](mailto:sallycollins@cinnamon.org.uk).*

*The volunteers can gain access to our volunteer page on our website [www.cinnamon.org.uk](http://www.cinnamon.org.uk) or by emailing us at [volunteer@cinnamon.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@cinnamon.org.uk).*

*Any help you are able to give will be very gratefully accepted.*

Sally Collins

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# Do you have Parkinson's disease...

## ... or know someone who has?

*I live in Little Hadham and work as a clinical lecturer and speech and language therapist at City University London.*

*I am currently doing some research into LSVT (Lee Silverman Voice Treatment) for people with Parkinson's. In particular, I am looking at the benefits of LSVT supported by student speech and language therapists. LSVT is an effective therapy approach (with supporting research) that helps improve loudness of speech, which can so often be affected in people with Parkinson's. Unfortunately LSVT is not routinely offered in the NHS and not everyone has the same access to it, depending on where they live. I have been supporting students to deliver LSVT successfully in our clinic at City University London for a number of years now and this study seeks to capture how student-supported LSVT benefits people's voices as well as the participants' experiences of taking part in the therapy.*

*I am looking for people with Parkinson's who would like to improve their speech (especially loudness), who are willing to take part in the therapy. All therapy is provided free of charge and can either be conducted in person at City University London or at your own home via a computer using Skype. You would need to attend some assessment sessions at the University. If you would like to find out more about the study or would like to take part, please do get in touch. My work contact details are as follows:*

*Email: [Kirsty.Harrison.1@city.ac.uk](mailto:Kirsty.Harrison.1@city.ac.uk) Phone: 020 7040 8292*

*Thank you, Kirsty*

## HADFEST 2014

Saturday 12th July

\*\*\* SAVE THE DATE\*\*\*

HadFest will be back for a second year on Saturday 12th July, 4pm - 10pm

At the Playing Fields, next to Little Hadham Village Hall

Featuring the best in live music from the village and beyond

Food and drinks to be served on the playing fields

Profits in aid of Herts Air Ambulance and Isabel Hospice

Invites are extended to residents of Little Hadham and Albury parishes and their wider friends and family

If you are interested in helping out on the day,

or if you would like to perform at HadFest

please contact the organisers detailed below

Martin Hallmark 07809 295952

Dave Hazell 07836 793561

Mick Mahon 07775 501015

Further details to follow in next month's Parish News

Thanks to Little Hadham Parish Council and Connect Scaffolding in supporting HadFest

## Thank you

*I would like to say a big 'Thank You' to all my friends and neighbours for all the cards, presents and best wishes, and for turning out to make my birthday celebrations one of the best I've ever known.*

*You all helped to make an old man very happy.*

*Dennis.*

## War Memorial Memories.

Mike Smith

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# June diary for Little Hadham and Albury

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

## **1 Sunday**

### **Easter 7**

9.15am Family Holy Communion, Much Hadham  
11.15am Holy Communion at St Mary's, Albury  
6.00pm Sung Evensong at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

## **8 Sunday**

### **Pentecost**

9.15am Holy Communion, Much Hadham  
11.15am Holy Communion and Sunday School at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

## **15 Sunday**

### **Trinity Sunday**

9.15am Family Communion, Much Hadham  
11.15am New Family Communion Service at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham  
6.00pm Sung Evensong at St Mary's, Albury

## **22 Sunday**

### **Trinity 1**

9.15am Holy Communion, Much Hadham  
11.15am Holy Communion at St Mary's, Albury

## **25 Wednesday**

### **MidWeek Communion**

10.00am Holy Communion at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

## **29 Sunday**

### **Benefice Holy Communion**

9.15am Holy Communion 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**

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