

*Little Hadham
Parish News
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Letter from the Rectory



Dear friends in Little Hadham

Unity in Diversity

In a historic decision on Monday 14th July, the General Synod of the Church of England voted to allow female priests to become bishops. In making the decision the General Synod recognised that not all Church of England priests or congregations will agree with the decision. Therefore special provision has been made for those who disagree on theological grounds. This is important because it underlines the principle that the Church of England is an inclusive and not an exclusive church.

To those of other Christian denominations or other faiths, the Church of England may sometimes seem a bit woolly in its theology, trying to be all things to all people. But I would suggest that this is a strength and not a weakness; the willingness to evolve and be flexible. This approach dates back to the 16th century concept of Via Media, or middle way, in which the Church of England was seen as occupying a position between the opposing doctrinal positions of the Roman Catholic Church and European Reformation Protestant churches.

This concept of Via Media is seen in the Church services across the Benefice Churches of Albury, Little Hadham and Much Hadham. The Church services range from traditional 1662 Book of Common Prayer Matins, Holy Communion and Evensong services to more contemporary Holy Communion services and informal Family Communion services, so that there will be at least one service that people feel more comfortable attending. The flexible and diverse pattern of services reflects the diverse nature and needs of our congregations and communities.

In this present age where we often see on our television screens the results of religious intolerance and fundamentalism, I for one am pleased that the Church of England nationally, and we in our Benefice, strive to be a flexible and inclusive Church, in which everyone has a place.

God Bless
Reverend Giles

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Parish Council News

Ridgeway Playground: The fence by the playground has been broken down again by children climbing into the adjacent trees. This can be dangerous as this is by the road and they could be hit by passing traffic. The hedge has also been broken through in places and repaired again. The entry gate to the playground has also been broken, possibly by a car accident. This will be repaired at a cost to your local parish tax equivalent to about £2 per household.

A120 Bypass: Hertfordshire County Council is currently progressing plans for a bypass of Little Hadham, and have a significant amount of information on their website www.hertsdirect.org/services/transtreets/mts/ltbA120BP. They report that with the bypass in place, congestion would be removed in the village and journey times along the A120 would be reduced, improving the quality of life for residents. The embankment would also serve as a flood alleviation dam to prevent properties being flooded by the River Ash and its tributaries. The Local Transport Body is now running a business case consultation until Friday 15 August. They can be emailed with any comments on the business case for the bypass at LTB@hertfordshire.gov.uk. This is followed in the Autumn by a public consultation on the plans, prior to a planning application being submitted in early 2015. There are local newspaper items about the bypass, so if you have a view please make sure it is heard.

Allotments: The Little Hadham Parish Council is pleased to support the Allotment Committee's request for funding of £920 to install a bench, bin, and a retractable post to prevent unauthorised vehicle access. A local resident has reported that a bonfire has been lit on the allotments. This is currently under

investigation by the Allotment Committee as this is not permitted under the allotment agreement.

Flooding: The Parish Council is continuing to work with the Multi-Agency group and Oliver Heald QC MP on the flood issues in the village, and there is to be a Review meeting for progress in the Autumn, date to be set. If you have any concerns on flooding, please let the Parish Council know. Also, a good source of information is the National Flood Forum, 01299 403055, and website <http://www.nationalfloodforum.org.uk/>. They provide links to flood prevention products that have been tested, and to insurance companies that will assist you in obtaining cover for your home.

Free sand bags: The EA have donated some empty sandbags that can be filled with sand, earth, etc when needed. They are in batches of 30 bags per home which can be stacked with plastic sheeting to form a barrier. About half the bags have now gone. If you would like some please let Cllr Graham Pearson know at grahampearsonlhpc@gmail.com or call at Squirrels, next door to the Village Hall.

Flood Repair and Renew Grant:

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, or any idea that may reduce flooding would be considered. Some households have already installed flood prevention under this grant. 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.

Little Hadham & Albury Social Club

We raised just over £85 at Barbara's Games Evening. There was a lot of chat and laughter, plus a certain amount of frustration, trying to get the dice to fall on a one or two, to enable each competitor to commence creating their own Beetle! The money is to be donated to The Isabel Hospice, via the Bishop's Stortford Charity Shop. The visit to Wrest Park, Silsoe, Beds. is Saturday, 27th September, 2014. We will leave the Village Hall Car Park at 9.30am and return at approximately 4.30pm. We have decided to travel by cars, rather than book a coach. Please contact Ennis on 658585 for information (leave a message and your phone no. and I will get back to you). We are organising this trip with the Gardening Club, (see p6) but everyone is welcome. Our 12th August meeting is a talk by Lyn Croot, entitled 'Tobago, my Paradise Island'. Lyn visited us last year and brought her scuba diving suit, which no one offered to model for her! She gives all of her talks on a charity basis and has interesting handcrafted items for sale. Everyone welcome.

Little Hadham School

Believing and Achieving

A really busy end of term! School journey, school fete, school reports and just when you are looking the other way- OFSTED appear! We were very pleased with the inspector's findings, as not only did he judge the school as being a 'Good' School, he judged us as being 'Outstanding' for Behaviour and Safety! Scoring a 'one' for any OFSTED judgement under the new Inspection Framework is highly exceptional and we are so proud that all our work has been so positively recognised. Hopefully, a restful and sunny summer holidays ahead!

Thank you for your support,

Mrs E Stockley, Headteacher.

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I am pleased to report that we have interviewed and appointed a new dispenser and a replacement practice nurse. Our new dispenser is Lucy Trundle, who lives in Little Hadham and whom I have known since she was but a twinkle in her Father's eye! She started on 15th July and, hopefully, will not have been frightened off by the time you read this! The new practice nurse, replacing Sarah Andrews, will be Cheryl Sampson, who lives in Birchanger, and she should begin by mid-August.

I have been asked to request that anyone using our car park is particularly careful after one of our staff incurred a £1000 garage bill for repairs to her car, which had been driven into resulting in significant damage to the bonnet.

I have also been asked to mention that in the 3 months between March and June we had 191 uncollected prescription items which represents a significant amount of wasted time in the dispensary. Please try to remember to collect your medication or tell us if you are no longer taking certain drugs.

Finally, a big thank you to all of you who expressed concern following my recent fight with a neighbour's wall resulting in my lip, nose and forehead looking like I'd just been in the ring with Mike Tyson; not much fun for me or my patients on the Monday morning! A few patients (and staff) made some light-hearted comments regarding such things as alcohol ingestion, glasses and torches and these were all taken in good humour; thank you all! I am pleased to say that nothing was broken, all wounds are fully healed and I am back to my previously handsome self. (???)

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Little Hadham & Albury Garden Club

Have you got your schedule for the Autumn Show which is on the 6th September? It isn't too late to have a go. There are classes for Flowers, Vegetables, Fruit, Jams, Bread and Cakes and the Men have their own cooking class (and you can win a cup). There is also a Junior section with Cake making, Photography, seed tray gardens and a Character made from vegetables. Go on, make this year the year you enter. Get your copy of the schedule from Little Hadham Post Office, in the Village Hall, or from Karin Green 771532.

In conjunction with the Social Club, an outing is being arranged to tour the Gardens of Wrest Park, in Bedfordshire, on Saturday 27th September. This is an English Heritage property, so entrance is free to any members of English Heritage, for non-members the cost is £9 and the tour of the gardens will cost £2 per person for everyone. We are planning to go in cars, rather than a coach. Please telephone Ennis Rogers on 658585 to book your place.

Harvest Supper Saturday 11th October Village Hall 7pm for 7.30pm

Priced at £8.50 a head, tickets for this year's Harvest Supper in the Village Hall are now on sale from Frank Green on 771532. Family tickets available. Book your seat early, as tickets will be limited!

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The Way Inn

The new 'Way Inn' coffee morning has changed its style, time and content! It now meets at 12.30pm on the third Thursday of each month (next one 21st August) and offers a midday snack of soup, French bread, cheese, toms and coffee. Last month Carmela prepared some super homemade Minestrone Soup and we're trying to get her back for a repeat performance. We average 20 'covers' and only seek a nominal donation (or



nothing at all) and enjoy good company and food. Why don't you come along and join us, it'll save you preparing your own meal and instead of watching the box you can mix with real people. If you need a lift just give one of the PCC members a ring. The picture shows Carmela on the right and three other ladies who help prepare the meals.

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A very warm 4 weeks, with a few heavy rain showers, but basically a time when insects were to the fore as the birds are moulting following the breeding season. Therefore, they spend much time hidden away in hedgerows whilst their new feathers replace those that have been dropped. Had 2 birding trips during this period; a day visit to North Norfolk and then 5 days in The Camargue on the Mediterranean coast at Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer. Both visits gave up good birds.

In Norfolk (29.06.14) I scored with over 75 species including birds such as avocet, ruff, barn owl and sedge warbler, (shown here). We visited many sites along the coast before finishing off at Horsey Mere where we observed the stunning swallowtail butterfly, now restricted to just a few habitats in Norfolk, so always a great butterfly to see. Unfortunately, it wasn't posing for the camera. The Camargue trip had been planned for a while, so, leaving on the 14th for 5 days, I wanted to improve on some previous shots of typical summer migrants to this fantastic birding area of southern France. In all, 77 species were noted including several that were new for me for this area. As usual, the flamingos are the main attraction, with literally thousands seen in many of the lagoons that are scattered around the



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The Italian Garden at Easton Lodge, newly restored. Open Day August 17th (see p 12)

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SSE News

SSE advises caution on changes to Stansted departure routes

Whilst welcoming the consultation launched on 16 June by NATS on changing the use of existing departure routes from Stansted Airport, Stop Stansted Expansion (SSE) has urged caution, insisting that there should be clear and compelling benefits for local residents before any changes are implemented. The proposed changes affect routes to the south-east and east of Stansted which account for approximately half of all departures.

The consultation closes on 8 September and SSE is urging local communities to the south east and east of the airport to take a close interest in the consultation and make their views known.

The proposed changes involve switching daytime traffic from the existing south-east (Dover) departure route to the existing east (Clacton) departure route from both directions of the runway.

The consultation does not involve changes to the airspace structure and no other departure or arrival routes are affected. NATS believes that the result would reduce the overall number of people regularly overflown in the day as well as reducing CO2 emissions. In addition, NATS says that switching to the Clacton route would allow aircraft to achieve a more continuous climb than possible on the Dover route leading to more efficient operation.

This proposal would remove daytime departures for a large area to the south-east of the

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What's on in August

in the Village Hall unless otherwise stated

3 Sun, WWI: The Village Show, 12-5pm
Much Hadham Village Hall, (Main Hall).

3 Sun, WWI: The Hadhams on the Home Front, 12-5pm MH Village Hall, (Green Room)

5 Tue, Parish Council, 8pm.

9 Sat, Photography Walk with Jono for Broxbourne Camera Club, 10am start. Details on p17.

9 Sat, Albury Antiques and Interiors Fair, 10 - 4pm, Albury Village Hall.

12 Tue, LH & A Social Club, 8pm. 'Tobago, my Paradise Island', a talk by Lyn Croot. See p4.

14, 28 Thur, Mobile Library, See p13.

16 Sat, Moth Night with Jono, Millennium Wood, 9pm - midnight. Details p17.

17 Sun, Open Day, Gardens of Easton Lodge, 11.30 - 5pm, guided tours at 1pm and 3pm. 01371 876979 (recorded information but you can leave a message), enquiries@eastonlodge.co.uk or visit www.eastonlodge.co.uk. Hot food, craft stalls, children's activities, etc. Dogs on leads. Entry £3.50, children free.

18 Mon, Hadham Connection 8:00pm, Little Hadham Village Hall. A family history, by Mike Clark. A 16th C Devon yeoman's son was sponsored by the Rector of Hadham to be the MP for Yarmouth, IOW. How the link was found. Mike Clark 842131.

21 Thur, Way Inn Coffee Morning, 12.30 - 1.45pm, rear of Village Hall. See p7.

22-24, "LH Goes to War" - a revue. Box Office 01279 898591 See front cover.

23 Sat, Tandem Skydive, Sibson Aerodrome, Peterborough. Sign up for this experience of a lifetime. A tandem skydive in aid of Isabel Hospice. A fantastic experience for a number of reasons, including the picturesque visuals of the surrounding countryside and the fact it takes place from a great height of 13,500ft!

The incredible feeling of free fall is one of man's most desirable sensations, and with 30-40 seconds covering around 5,000ft; you will be subject to the intense rush of adrenaline as your body tries to fathom falling so far... and at speeds of 120mph! Contact Isabel Hospice Fundraising on 01707 382500.

23,24, Goatfest Music Festival. Held at the Goat Inn in Codicote, this two day Bank Holiday fundraiser for Isabel Hospice 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 (**Friday 22nd, Acoustic Evening from 5pm**).

30 Sat, Farmers' Market, 8.30 - 11.30am. Cooked breakfasts, local crafts and produce.

Coming soon

Sept 6, **Garden Club Show**. Get your copy of the schedule from Little Hadham Post Office, in the Village Hall, or from Karin Green 771532.

Sept 13, **Starlight Walk** for Isabel Hospice.

Sept 13, **Jumble Sale**, Thundridge for Isabel Hospice.

Sept 14, **Run to the Beat**, 10k, Wembley for Isabel Hospice.

Sept 15, **Hadhams' History Society**, MHVH.

Sept 21, **A Walk to Remember** (formerly the Chain Walk), for Isabel Hospice.

Sept 27, **Social/Garden Club Outing** to Wrest Park. Details on pages 4 and 6.

Oct 11 **Harvest Supper**, see p6.

NOTICEBOARD

14th & 28th August
Mobile Library
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.

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or 07825 177322

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airport but double the number of flights towards the east coast. This intensification of flights to the east would need to be carefully studied for impact on the local communities since this largely rural region enjoys low ambient noise levels. SSE lays emphasis on the importance of the consultation process and for NATS to ensure that local residents have the best information upon which to decide how the switching of daytime traffic would affect them.

SSE's noise adviser Martin Peachey commented: "For people living near Stansted Airport and under flight paths, there would inevitably be winners and losers if these changes were to be implemented. SSE supports all efforts which reduce aircraft noise and carbon emissions in the local community, and before making its response, will be consulting its members to learn from them what they think of the proposed changes".

Further information and comment

NATS Departure Route Proposal at London Stansted Airport Consultation <http://www.nats.aero/environment/consultations/lamp-stansted-sid-consultation/>

Martin Peachey, SSE Noise Adviser - T 01279 870374; M 07803 603999; martin@peachey2002.freeserve.co.uk

SSE Campaign Office, T 01279 870558; info@stopstanstedexpansion.com.

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It's been a busy few weeks with the alpacas. At the end of June, Laurel, one of our four original alpacas, gave birth to an all black boy 'cria'. As Dad was called Referendum, and the new born was galloping around the field after the other alpacas just two hours old, he has been called Independent – Indie for short.

Then we had a two week wait for Blossom, mum number two, to decide the time was right. Unfortunately, being a first-time mum, she had no idea what it was all about. She decided to lie down in the barn to have her cria – quite unusual for alpacas who usually give birth standing up. And although the nose appeared quite quickly, everything then stopped!

Eventually my 'midhusband' took over. With me holding Blossom's head, and Himself on the other end easing things along, we eventually delivered another black boy...not quite as boisterous as the first, but soon up and about. Dad this time was called Basil and we are stuck for a name for this one. We have been pondering all the other herb names suitable for a now, highly excitable and speedy youngster. Maybe Herby is the answer!

Just to add to our worries, Laurel has not recovered well and is looking decidedly poorly. The vet has been and has administered various vitamin and booster injections, but still, at the time of writing, Laurel is still far from right. Indie, finding milk very scarce, has started supping from the other mum...so far successfully. And we have tried to augment the milk by bottle feeding. If you have ever tried to control a wiggly worm intent on escaping, then you will have some idea of what it's like!

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Reserve. However, on the Wednesday (16th) I hired a push bike and cycled over the salt pans to the eastern side of the reserve. Here, I came across a rare gull for the area, a slender billed gull. Also, hoopoe, black kite, black winged stilts and plenty of egrets were noted. In all, the cycle ride lasted 50 miles and I was fairly worn out upon returning to my room. I returned, after a 6 hour delay at Nimes airport on Friday, just in time for the hot weather, so excellent for garden moths.

A few weeks beforehand had been National Moth Weekend, where I spent the nights recording every moth that came to the trap. In all, over 88 species of moth were recorded including many new ones for the year and a moth I hadn't seen before in the garden. This was called The Shark, due to a small prominence on the back, a little like a shark's dorsal fin. This was my 283rd macro moth for the garden and, whilst being a fairly common moth for Herts, not one that regularly visits gardens, so a good record.



On the 19th July I set the trap in the garden and recorded in excess of 175 moths, including several new ones for the year and another new record for the garden; a small rivulet. In all this year I have now taken 159 macro moths (the

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large ones) and over 70 micro moths, totalling over 1500 specimens in total. At this time of the year it can take quite a while to empty the trap and record every species.

Birdwise, locally, not too much to report but thanks to folk who have rung/texted 07805571551 or emailed me at jforgham@hotmail.com with photos of creatures of interest. I always enjoy receiving these. On the evening of 8th July, I noted a large migration of swifts through the village. These adult birds are now heading back to Africa and will soon be joined by the first swallows and martins that use the Ash valley as a migration route. Best to look out about an hour before dusk. I also note the common and lesser black backed gulls have now returned from their breeding grounds and a coal tit has returned to the garden, so it must be Autumn! Most recently, residents have been sending me photos of moths for identification. I am happy to do this so, please, do keep them coming. If anyone would like to have the trap set up in their garden one evening I am happy to do this also. Do bear in mind it is very bright and so if you have neighbours close by it isn't feasible. I am planning a moth night in Millennium Wood on Saturday 16th August. Please meet at the entrance to the polo fields on Millfield Lane at 9pm (bring wine and beer!) with the trap being switched on shortly after. All welcome, please just come and go at your pleasure. I shall be there until midnight. If raining, then it will be postponed. Do let me know if you'd like to join us, just so I can contact you if there is a change of plan.

On 9th August, I am leading a photography walk for Broxbourne camera club. Again, if any residents wish to join in, please meet at the Village Hall car park for a 10am start.



House Martins nesting at Hadham Hall. Pictures from Steve Hargrave

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Little Hadham Cricket Club

Neil Oxborrow

On the day after mid-summer's day Little Hadham entertained Potter Street and Church Langley Cricket Club. Potter Street batted first scoring 183 for the loss of 9 wickets. The pick of the Hadham bowlers were Alan South who took 4 wickets and Peter Jackson who took 3. In reply Hadham never really

August Fixtures

Sun 3rd	Furneux Pelham	Home	2.00pm
Sun 10th	Great Canfield	Away	2.00pm
Sun 17th	County Hall	Away	2.00pm
Sun 24th	Little Hallingbury	Away	2.00pm
Mon 25th	High Beech	Away	2.00pm
Sun 31st	Craven	Home	2.00pm

looked like reaching their target, despite a quickfire 37 from James Law off just 24 deliveries, and eventually lost by 57 runs. The following week Manuden came to Bury Green and batting first scored 212 for 3. Once again Hadham never looked like reaching its target despite 34 from Tom Peacock and 23 not out from Ken Sims. Little Hadham ended their innings on 101 for 4 with the match ending in a draw. A combined High Beech and Stansted Hall side were the next visitors to Bury Green and Little Hadham batted first, eventually being bowled out for just 145 with Neil Roberts the top scorer with 42. The visitors reached their target for the loss of 6 wickets with Wayne Ives taking 3 wickets for 41 runs. A run of four consecutive home games was completed the following week with another game against Potter Street and Church Langley. Little Hadham batted first reaching a total of 186 for 6. A good all round batting performance saw contributions from Ben Law (36), Martin Hallmark (39) and Tom Peacock (37). At one stage Potter Street were 52 for 4 but eventually rallied to reach their target for the loss of just 6 wickets with David Jones the best of the Hadham bowlers taking 4 wickets for 63 runs.

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Life on the Run

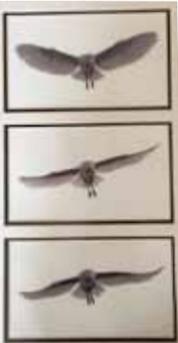
Les Williams

My favourite carrier bags for when I'm picking up litter during my runs are the M&S green ones with the thick yellow handles. Now how's that for an attention grabbing opening statement? Bear with me. The M&S bags are best because they are comfortable to carry and last for ages. When they become full I just empty them into thin, lower grade supermarket carrier bags, which I then dispose of into the next available black bin on my route. The other week I set off on my Saturday morning run with said M&S bag, my trusty litter picker and the pocket in my running belt crammed full of the thinner bags. Within a matter of yards I found a brand new M&S bag lying in the road. With no space in my belt I rolled it up and stuffed it into the waistband of my running shorts.

As I have recounted before, I meet quite a lot of people on my runs and this particular morning was no exception, in fact it was 'busier' than usual. By the time I reached a farm halfway along Bromley Lane I had exchanged pleasantries with several people including some very nice ladies walking their dogs that I often see en route. This particular farm is one of my regular 'drop points' and as I often do, I had a chat with the farmer. My overflowing M&S bag had seen better days so he took it from me and put it in his bin. As I set off again I searched for my 'new' M&S bag but I couldn't find it. I stopped and had a proper look. And there it was, still nestled in my shorts but now providing me with a very passable impression of Linford Christie. My mind raced back to all the people that I had been chatting to that morning. What must they have thought? I must still have had an embarrassed look on my face when I got home because my long-suffering wife immediately asked "What's happened now?" I told her. "Why do these things always happen to you?" It's a question that I find myself asking more and more.

And finally, this month's 'lost and found around Little Hadham' includes a pair of men's Calvin Klein boxer shorts found on a track in the middle of a field near the A120. If you are a regular reader of 'Life on the Run' you will know that previous 'lost and found' items include a wide range of ladies underwear and assorted clothing, discarded packs of 'performance enhancing' pills, adult toys and magazines and even a blow up doll. Maybe I should write a book entitled "Fifty Shades of Little Hadham".

Jack May Trust Fundraiser Photo



Here is the photo for the month of August, raising funds for the Jack May Trust Fund. This photo, which can be seen hanging in the waiting area of the Much Hadham Health Centre, has kindly been donated by Russell Savory. This month's photo is for sale at the amazing price of £50. If you are interested in owning this wonderful set of owl photos for your wall or if you would like to see any of the other wildlife photographs we have then please pop into the surgery and ask at Reception.

Thank you.

5b Opposition Group

Clarifying Flood Alleviation Measures

Thank you for all your support at the July 2014 Parish Council meeting; for those who were unable to attend, and in the interests of transparency, please find printed below remarks made by our designated speaker pertaining to the opposition of Route 5b.

Although garnering additional support was not our primary focus for the evening, it certainly was a most welcome outcome, as we gathered many more signatures for the petition. If you haven't yet signed but wish to lend your support please contact us at: 5boppositiongroup@gmail.com.

Summary transcript of the points made by the 5b Opposition Group at the invite of the Parish Chairman in the democratic 5mins preceding commencement of the July 2014 Parish Council: Mr Chairman and Parish Councillors

1. Last week (June 23rd) the 5b Opposition Group took the first important step to raise awareness of our objection to Route 5b by lodging a petition with Hertfordshire Country Council, and in the interests of transparency we have brought along a hard copy of the documentation already sent to LH Parish Council to have this exchange witnessed in a public forum.

2. On behalf of the 5b Opposition Group we'd like to thank both Chairman Forgham and Cllr Williamson for accepting our invitation to walk the section of the Route 5b bypass which is causing concern for many residents. Those accompanying you on the informal walk on June 25th understood you found the proximity of the revised bypass route both surprising and shocking, and they appreciated your honest and pragmatic discussions.

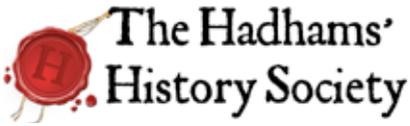
If, following this walk, either of you felt it would be valuable for all LH Parish Councillors to gain first-hand experience of the proximity of the 5b revised route, we would be delighted to host another evening walk for a larger group of Councillors who may understandably feel geographically removed from their decision making with regard to this issue.

3. We noted the issue of flooding will be discussed as part of the agenda and welcome this opportunity to clarify a matter that has been misinterpreted and continues to be misrepresented - that is the belief by many that flood alleviation measures are somehow inextricably linked to the bypass Route 5b. As we know flood alleviation measures are a promised benefit of any Northern Route bypass, the original Route 5 which we are calling to be re-instated has always carried such provision.

In addition to these measures there is also capacity for flood alleviation work to be conducted quite independently from any bypass, as the Parish Council and particularly the Flood Committee are aware. Having recently met with the local landowner he has made it clear that works to alleviate flooding can be managed effectively by him with supervision from the Environmental Agency, and these measures could be in place before this winter.

As an opposition group to Route 5b we have endeavoured to listen to and understand the concerns of those who were recently flooded, and it is worth noting that the majority of those households who experienced flooding who live in Standon or Albury Road have all been willing

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On a beautiful June evening we met our guide Anne Rowe at St. Mary's, Standon. The original Saxon church was rebuilt in the 12thC by the Knights of St. John in a rare format known as a "processional church", with a gently rising nave finally reaching

the high chancel via 13 steps. The nearby knights' hospice was still the church school until 1974. In the north aisle of the church is the tomb of John Field (died 1477), with its superb brass showing him as an Alderman of London alongside his son in elaborate armour; many other old brasses are hidden from view. Nearby, is an impressive oak campaign chest. Ralph Sadleir's impressive tomb is on the south side of the chancel, opposite that of his son Thomas. Trained by Thomas Cromwell, he entered the service of Henry VIII as a young man and became a gentleman of the Privy Council. He bigamously married laundress Helen Mitchell of Hadham and their seven children are also remembered. The font, near a Saxon arch in the south wall, still has some original 12thC parts. This very interesting church was well worth the visit.

At the village green, we were told that Standon became a borough in the 13thC, when its market was established. It prospered until the 14thC and the green's layout has changed little since then. The oldest building here was formerly a 14thC Hall house, as was the Old Post Office, where the jetty has a tiny window used by the reeve to observe the market. Across the A120 is a timber framed former fulling mill. Turning south across the field, Anne showed us where the old railway line ran and where historic maps indicated that the river course had been diverted. We finished at the pudding stone and Anne was thanked for a thoroughly enjoyable and interesting evening.

Adverts removed

2. Private 75961 William Whiting

William was born on 29th June 1893 at Burnaby Lake, British Columbia, Canada, but his father Alfred Whiting came from Eastwick, Hertfordshire and his paternal grandparents' parents, John Whiting and Hannah Rule, although from Pebmarsh in Essex, were married on 25th December 1862 in Eastwick church



In the late 19th Century, British newspapers widely reported the opportunities in agriculture in Canada and Australia, giving many agricultural labourers hope of becoming farmer employers themselves. In 1884, Alfred left Liverpool, arriving in Quebec 6 days later. He settled in Coburg, Ontario, meeting Ann Jane Neil Blackwood who had emigrated from Bolton, Lancashire. They married on 26th December 1888, and on 2nd April 1901 after living for only 16 years in Canada, they returned to England with six of their children (William staying behind).

By 1905, Alfred had settled at Bury Green Farm, and on 19th April 1918 he joined Little Hadham Parish Council.

Meanwhile, William had remained behind in Canada, and had enlisted with the 29th Battalion of the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force as Private 75981 in the Infantry. The battalion embarked at Montreal on 20th May 1915 for England, and spent the summer of 1915 in training at Shorncliffe, on the Kentish coast before leaving for the Ypres salient, in France.

During April 1916 they were fighting in the St Eloi craters, 5 kilometres south of Ypres. There is no precise account of what happened on the night of 19th. A strong German attack in the evening was followed by a short intense bombardment. The battalion war diaries state that an earlier reconnaissance had reported the position in crater 6 as untenable, with men standing up to their waists in water. About 6.30pm reports were received that crater 10 had been taken by the enemy, and a counter attack was ordered. This did not take place because of further German attacks. At 2.40am the following morning further Canadian reconnaissance found the crater unoccupied except by their own dead. William is commemorated on the Menin Gate at Ypres. His father subsequently commissioned a memorial to him in St Cecilia's Churchyard.

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signatories to the petition; suggesting that the potential daily impact caused by having the revised Route 5b, on their doorstep, is more objectionable than the significant inconveniences caused by flooding.

Clearly those who are geographically further removed from the impact of this bypass may direct their emotions almost entirely to the issue of flooding, but we would suggest even these people would wish to support their village neighbours in objecting to a "bypass at any cost" being dictated to Little Hadham Parish by Hertfordshire County Council.

Thank you Mr Chairman.

If you would like to sign the Petition against route 5b and/or wish to support the campaign please contact us via our email; 5boppositiongroup@gmail.com

What's been happening at the Forge this month?

WE HAVE BEEN WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE ENTHUSIASTIC STAFF AND YEAR 5 AND 6 STUDENTS FROM ST ANDREW'S SCHOOL, TO DEVELOP THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF THE WWI COMMEMORATION

PROJECT THROUGH AN ARTS PROJECT. THEIR WORK WILL BE IN THE GREEN ROOM ON AUGUST 3RD AND AFTER AT THE MUSEUM.

What's coming up?

SUNDAY 3RD AUGUST 12-5PM, "WWI: THE VILLAGE SHOW" AND "THE HADHAMS ON THE HOME FRONT" EXHIBITION TO BE HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL. IT'S FREE, SO PLEASE COME ALONG.

Did you know the Wigrams?



ONE OUR YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE STUDENTS, MILLY ROACH, CARRIED OUT AN EXCELLENT RESEARCH PROJECT. IN HER BLOG, SHE WROTE: "FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE WEEK, I GOT TO RESEARCH, USING CENSUS, BIRTH AND MARRIAGE RECORDS, THE WIGRAM FAMILY AS SOME OLD PHOTOGRAPHS HAD RECENTLY BEEN BROUGHT IN. IT WAS FASCINATING TO TRY AND FIGURE OUT WHO EACH OF THE PEOPLE

IN THE PHOTOGRAPHS WERE EVEN THOUGH IT WAS RATHER DIFFICULT. IN ONE OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS ... ONE PERSON WHO CRISTINA AND I WERE CERTAIN ABOUT; MONEY WIGRAM, THE OLD MAN AT THE FRONT." THANKS MILLY.

Volunteers

YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO COME AND WORK WITH US. IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP, WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU.

Come and visit us soon *Adverts removed*

YOU WILL RECEIVE A WARM WELCOME TO DISCOVER OUR LOCAL HISTORY. WE ARE OPEN EVERY WEEKEND FRIDAY TO SUNDAY, APRIL TO MID DECEMBER.

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August diary for Little Hadham and Albury

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

3 Sunday

Trinity 7

9.15am

Family Holy Communion, Much Hadham

No service this day at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

10 Sunday

Trinity 8

11.15am

Team Communion Service, Furneux Pelham

11.15am

Benefice Holy Communion, St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

17 Sunday

Trinity 9

9.15am

Benefice Communion, Much Hadham

6.00pm

Sung Evensong at Stocking Pelham

No service this day at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

24 Sunday

Trinity 10

9.15am

Holy Communion, Much Hadham

11.15am

Holy Communion, St Mary's, Albury

No service this day at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

27 Wednesday

Mid-week Communion

10.00am

Holy Communion, St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

31 Sunday

Trinity 11

11.15am

Team Holy Communion, St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

4.00pm

Joint St Andrew's & Holy Cross, 30th Anniversary

Church Sharing Agreement, Deanery Songs of Praise

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

The Register: 21st June - the marriage of John Cooper and Jade Pearson.

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: 771532v

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