

# Little Hadham Parish News

## September 2014



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The action takes place in: Little Hadham Village Hall  
on: Saturday 6 September. Viewing: 2.30pm

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## Letter from the Rectory



Dear friends in Little Hadham

### 1914 – A Century on

The 100th anniversary of the outbreak of World War One provides an opportunity to reflect on the awful reality of what can happen when trust and dialogue between nation states break down. Whether World War One was a futile conflict or a necessary war is the case of much debate among historians. But what is undoubtedly true is that the cost of the conflict was largely borne by ordinary people, such as those living in Little Hadham and the surrounding area, as the War Memorial reminds us. But the cost was also felt by the many bereaved families and friends whose lives were forever altered by the death of loved ones.

A century on it can seem that the lessons have not been learned. Over the last few weeks our television screens have shown us pictures of the continuing human cost of warfare, seen in the innocent families and children killed in Gaza, the Israeli families terrified of rocket attacks on their communities, and the Christian and Yazidi communities in Northern Iraq forced to flee for their lives. Whatever the roots of the different conflicts the result is always the same; the death and suffering of innocent people on all sides.

We can sometimes feel powerless in the face of such suffering, but as Christians we need to pray for our world leaders, especially those we disagree with, that they may have the patience, wisdom, courage and humanity to strive for peaceful and just outcomes to conflict situations. The path to peace is never an easy one, but World War One should always be a reminder to us of the human cost of when peace breaks down.

In the Book of Common Prayer Evensong service the priest says: Give peace in our time, O Lord. This is a prayer we can all pray in the present time.

God Bless, Reverend Giles

### Japanese Knotweed

The Environment Agency has found **Japanese Knotweed** in the River Ash in the field opposite the Smithy. The Agency will eradicate it but if any more is spotted please inform Cllr Graham Pearson, [grahampearsonlhpc@gmail.com](mailto:grahampearsonlhpc@gmail.com).



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# Parish Council News

## Allotments:

The Little Hadham Parish Council are pleased to support the Allotment Committees request for funding of £920 to install a bench, bin, and a retractable post to prevent unauthorised vehicle access. The Allotment Committee have now awarded the contract for this to be installed.

## Planters

LHPC have purchased two more planters, the same as the ones along the road near the Village Hall. The original plan to add the new ones to the same stretch of road has now been changed due to frequent vandalism to the original two. On several occasions plants have been ripped out and thrown on the road and pavement. Most recently, mid-August when four plants were removed. LHPC shall now decide upon appropriate sites for the two new planters

## Flooding:

The Parish Council is continuing to work with the Multi Agency group and Sir Oliver Heald MP on the continuing flood issues in the village, at the A120 traffic lights, The Ford, Chapel Lane, Green Street and Millfield Lane. There is to be a Review meeting for progress held in the Late Autumn at the Village Hall, date to be set. If you have any concerns on flooding, please let the Parish Council know.

## 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. Last few left. If you would like them please let Cllr Graham Pearson know at [grahampearsonlhpc@gmail.com](mailto:grahampearsonlhpc@gmail.com), or call at Squirrels, next door to the Village Hall.

## Flood Repair and Renew Grant

Last call for applicants. 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, flood pumps, 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.

## Next Parish Council

is Tuesday 2nd Sept 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.

# Harvest Supper 2014

**Saturday 11th October, 7.00 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!

## Little Hadham & Albury Garden Club

*The show is upon us and it isn't too late to get your entries in. If you haven't got a schedule then give Karin Green a ring on 771532. Go on, you just never know, you might win a cup or get your name on the Club Shield. Even if you haven't entered, come along in the afternoon, view the exhibits and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and some lovely homemade cake.*

*Our meeting this month is on Tuesday 16th September, 8pm, at Little Hadham Village Hall. The speaker is Richard Ford who is talking about Ornamental Grasses. Everyone is welcome.*

## Parish Litter Picker

*Adam Purvis, the parish litter picker for almost four years, has been successful in earning the A level results that will see him setting out for Leeds University in a few weeks' time. The Council thanks Adam and wishes him well in his studies. His thorough efforts have cleared the parish of the rubbish left by thoughtless people and has made it a more pleasant place in which to live.*

*Adam's progress to university leaves a vacancy for a litter picker. The job is for four hours a week and requires a reliable, conscientious worker able to work largely unsupervised. If you would like to be considered for the post please contact me and I will send you more details.*

Bev Evans – Parish Clerk, [[clerklittlehadham@gmail.com](mailto:clerklittlehadham@gmail.com)]

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*Autumn is here and with it all the organisations who have had a summer rest will be starting up again. The Badminton Club meets on Mondays at 8.00pm and welcomes new members. The Mothers' & Toddlers' Group is a great place to get together with other new Mums and The Brownies are back from their summer holidays with lots of activities. The Gardening Club meetings are on the third Tuesday of the month and their show on the 6th September is a small-scale Chelsea with plenty to admire.*

*We have two interesting bookings with the British Horse Society; the first on 10th September will be a Table Top Sale of horse tack and riding equipment, 6.00pm to 8.00pm, with light refreshments.*

*The second on 30th September, 6.00pm to 8.30pm, is a talk by Dr. Jo Ireland, Royal Veterinary College, on Grass Sickness, and "Your Bridleways under threat", by Jane Skinner on the Countryside and Rights of Way Act, 2000 and the significance of the cut-off date of 1st January, 2026. Please ring Mrs. Skinner if you wish to attend the talks, 01279 658647.*

*And of course, The Pantomime Group's first read-through of "Ali Baba" will be on 4th September at 8.00pm – new members are always welcome (over 16 years) so come along if you are interested.*

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## Little Hadham & Albury Social Club

*We really enjoyed Lyn Croot's Paradise Island story; it truly did come across as heaven on earth when she vividly described everyday life on Tobago, where she tries to get away to a couple of times a year. We especially enjoyed smelling a local food enhancer called "cocoa balls" – think very intense, delicious chocolate flavour! We looked at photos of the local carnival – some photos left nothing to the imagination! The people of Tobago really know how to party! Weddings and funerals also featured; Lyn made us giggle when she described how "the bride can keep the groom waiting for hours" apparently the longer the better, mostly in temperatures of over one hundred degrees – there's love and dedication for you!*

*Please let us know if you would like to attend the visit to Wrest Park, Bedfordshire on Saturday, 27th September. Everyone welcome. We will leave the Village Hall car park at 9.30am, after filling the cars of those who have kindly agreed to drive, and will leave Wrest Park at about 3pm. Please contact Ennis on 658585 for more details.*

*Our speaker on Tuesday, 9th September is Len Little, who is an ex-police officer and specialist sniffer dog trainer. They do such an important job and it will be fab if he is able to bring a dog with him! We look forward to meeting old and new friends for an evening of entertainment, refreshments and a chat.*

### **And finally,**

**The Busy Bodies Keep Fit Class**, held in Standon Village Hall, is due to re-start on Tuesday, 2nd September, 11.15am to 12.15pm.

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## Millennium Wood work party

*Earlier this month I spent a few days clearing the overgrown paths through Millennium Wood, but there is plenty of work to be done to manage this wonderful habitat. By removing some dead growth, plus several invasive and fast growing shrubs and trees we can give more space and light for the main broad leafed trees that were planted.*

*There are many small elder trees that are growing rapidly to the canopy and blocking out the light which can be easily removed. Also, the Millfield entrance has become swamped by hawthorn and blackthorn, both will require no more than cutting back, with a few removals.*

*The wildlife in this wood continues to increase (see Nature Notes page 10) so, by helping the trees to develop we would also be offering an even better habitat for the insects and birds to develop.*

*I plan to spend the day in the wood on Sunday 14th September: 10am until mid-afternoon. I would be grateful for volunteers to come along, even if only for an hour or so to help. Please bring bow saws, pruners, loppers, etc. but no mechanised machinery as the work required will not warrant such heavy kit.*

*Please let me know if you can help so, if poor weather, I can re-arrange the date and keep in contact.*

Many thanks, Jonathan 07805571551 or [jforgham@hotmail.com](mailto:jforgham@hotmail.com)

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# AI20 Bypass and Flood Alleviation Scheme

## Pre-planning Application Public Consultation Exhibition

*Hertfordshire County Council (HCC) and the Environment Agency (EA) will soon be asking local people for their views about the proposed bypass and flood alleviation measures. Following the last exhibition in 2007, a preferred route was chosen based on comments from consultation, landowner discussions, and consideration of environmental and engineering constraints. Further review and refinements of this route were undertaken and approved by HCC Cabinet in 2008. A business case consultation run by the Local Transport Body (LTB) closed on 15th August 2014. The comments raised are being reviewed and a funding decision will be known in early October. A number of environmental assessments and meetings have taken place during this time which has shaped the design to date and we wish to share our current findings with you and gain your local insight.*

**You are invited to attend any of our exhibitions at the Village Hall on:**

Thursday 16th October 2014 between 2.30pm and 8pm

Saturday 18th October 2014 between 10am and 3pm

Monday 20th October 2014 between 4pm and 8pm.

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## A120 Bypass and Flood Alleviation Scheme, continued from page 8

*The exhibition will include details of decision making so far and an initial indication of environmental effects and mitigation. It will focus on the scheme design that is proposed to be submitted with the planning application and is an opportunity to discuss the emerging design and impact on landowners, communities and the environment.*

*Experts will be available to answer any questions you might have, and you will have the opportunity to express your views and leave comments. Feedback forms will be available at the exhibition or you can complete the form online at [www.hertsdirect.org/a120bypass](http://www.hertsdirect.org/a120bypass).*

*From Wednesday 22nd October exhibition materials will be available to view at County Hall, Pegs Lane, and on the Hertfordshire County Council website at [www.hertsdirect.org/a120bypass](http://www.hertsdirect.org/a120bypass). The consultation is open until Wednesday 3rd December so please ensure you submit your feedback forms by then.*

*We look forward to seeing you at the events.*

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*I think we have had the best summer for quite a while, with plants, fruit trees and consequently insects having their most successful summer for a fair few years. The hot days, warm nights and occasional heavy rain has helped everything really well this year. Plenty of butterflies, dragon flies, moths and bees, but as yet, very few wasps as our plum tree will testify to.*

*Birdwise another, as expected, quiet month, with lesser black backed gulls moving back to the fields and birds that have completed the breeding and moult cycle arriving back at their wintering quarters. Of particular note here, bullfinches seem to have summered well, with flocks being noted all around the parish. Millennium Wood holds at least 6 birds and only today (18th August) three were heard calling in Chapel Lane.*

*On the 9th I led a party from Broxbourne Ramblers and Photography Club. We saw plenty of common buzzards, solitary red kite along with black cap, several chiffchaff, woodpeckers and finches etc. Also, we recorded one species of damselfly, three dragonfly species and plenty of flowering plants and occasional common green grasshoppers.*

*On the 16th, I organised a moth night in Millennium Wood, with amazing results. Two members of the local moth group joined me two days beforehand to see what was about, just running two low level light traps and we caught enough to be excited about the prospects for the Saturday. On this evening, we ran a selection of six brighter traps, recording 321 moths of over 50 species. Of these, one micro moth, *Agriphila selasella*, had only 15 records for the*

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Craven, a team from East London, made their third visit to Bury Green in mid-July. Batting first Little Hadham found run scoring difficult but thanks to 28 not out from Captain Alan South, 19 from Tom Peacock and 18 from Neil Roberts they eventually managed to post a total of 148 for the loss of 7 wickets. Craven's reply had reached 1 run for 1 wicket off only 10 deliveries when the thunderstorms that had been circling all afternoon eventually arrived at the ground resulting in the match being abandoned.

The following week saw a team from Hertford visit Bury Green and batting first the visitors scored 188 for the loss of 8 wickets, David Barnes, Alan South and Tom Peacock all taking 2 wickets apiece. Little Hadham's reply started well with Neil Oxborrow scoring 34, Martin Hallmark 31 and Ben Law 25. At one stage Hadham were 94 for 1 wicket and then 128 for 3 before a late order collapse saw them all out for just 150 thereby losing by 38 runs.

## September Fixtures

Sun 7th	Reed	Away	1.00pm	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.
Sat 13th	Chrishall	Away	1.00pm	
Sun 14th	North Weald	Home	1.00pm	
Sat 20th	Hockerill	Away	1.00pm	
Sun 21st	Thorley	Home	1.00pm	
Sat 27th	Hockerill	Home	1.00pm	
Sun 28th	Nazeing Common	Home	1.00pm	

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# What's on in September

in the Village Hall unless otherwise stated

- 2 Tue, Parish Council**, 8pm. Everyone welcome. Jonathan on 07805571551 or [jforgham@hotmail.com](mailto:jforgham@hotmail.com). More details on page 7.
- 6 Sat, Garden Club Show**. Get your copy of the schedule from Little Hadham Post Office, in the Village Hall, or from Karin Green 771532.
- 7 Sun, Herts and Soul Choir Summer Songfest** 2-5pm Gt Hadham Golf & Country Club SG10 6JE. Tickets £8, under 18s £5, from [sing@hertsandsoul.com](mailto:sing@hertsandsoul.com) or 07903 00956. Bring a picnic rug and chairs. BBQ, bar, face painting. Proceeds to Grove Cottage (Mencap). p13.
- 9 Tue, LH & A Social Club**, 8pm. Our speaker is Len Little, an ex-police officer and specialist sniffer dog trainer.
- 10 Wed, River Ash Project** meeting, 8pm. See page 15 for full details.
- 11, 25 Thur, Mobile Library**, Details p13.
- 13 Sat, Jumble Sale**, Thundridge for Isabel Hospice. You can always be sure of a bargain, and it gets very busy! Entry is just 20p.
- 13 Sat, Starlight Walk**, 8.30pm. Join us for a fun night of Awesome 80s fun. Starting at Fanshawe Pool & Gym in Ware at 8.30pm, you will walk the 10k route into Hertford and back again after a great warm up with an 80s theme, including a giant conga line to get you in the mood. Sign up for our early bird entry offer of £15 per adult and £12 per child (children 12 and over welcome) for a limited period. Dig out your leg-warmers, deelyboppers and tutus and join us for a fun 80s warm up and our attempt to beat last year's giant conga. Then you can say, you came, you saw, you conga'd! Sign up now at: [www.isabelhospice.org.uk](http://www.isabelhospice.org.uk) or call 01707 382500.
- 14 Sun, Little Hadham Antiques Fair**, 9.30 - 4pm. Free entry on production of advert on page 5, otherwise £1.
- 14 Sun, Millennium Wood work party**, 10am on. Volunteers needed, please contact
- 14 Sun, Run to the Beat**, for Isabel Hospice. 15,000 runners will make their way around a brand new 10k course starting and finishing at Wembley Park, home to the legendary Wembley Stadium that now offers great food, great shopping and great events. Sign up at [www.isabelhospice.org.uk](http://www.isabelhospice.org.uk).
- 15 Mon, History Society**, 8pm, Green Room, Much Hadham VH. 'Hertfordshire Timber Framed Buildings', by Helen Gibson. Helen and her late husband Adrian spent over 40 years investigating historic buildings, many timber framed, in Hertfordshire and Essex.
- 16 Tue, LH & A Garden Club**, 8pm. Richard Ford will be talking about Ornamental Grasses. Everyone is welcome.
- 18 Thur, Way Inn Coffee Morning**, 12.30 - 1.45pm, rear of Village Hall. All welcome.
- 21 Sun, A Walk to Remember** (formerly the Chain Walk), for Isabel Hospice [www.isabelhospice.org.uk](http://www.isabelhospice.org.uk).
- 27 Sat, Social/Garden Club Outing** to Wrest Park, see page 6.
- 27 Sat, Farmers' Market**, 8.30 - 11.30am. Come and get your lovely Autumn fruit & veg.

## Coming soon

- Oct 11 **Harvest Supper** tickets now available from Frank Green, 771532, at £8.50 a head.
- Oct 15 **Hadhams' History Soc.** The Black Death and the Peasant Revolt in Hertfordshire.
- Oct 25 **Isabel Hospice Jumble Sale**, 2.30pm, Thundridge Village Hall, SG12 0TU

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## 11th & 25th September 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.

## 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

## Nature Notes, continued from page 10

whole of Hertfordshire up until 2006. On the Saturday night we trapped seven individuals, so clearly a breeding site. Other good moths were bulrush wainscot, small wainscot and dusky thorn, (shown here). We had a couple of residents that wandered along to see what we were catching and all in all, a most enjoyable night, concluding in the small hours. We also had a member of Bishop's Stortford Camera Club in attendance to record the event.



Finally, I recorded a new plant for my parish records, when I came across Creeping cinquefoil (*Potentilla reptans*) not far from Hadham Hall. As always, all records forwarded to the appropriate county recorder.

All in all, a busy 4 weeks of local nature study, with just a trip to North Norfolk made this month, managing a satisfactory 84 species including this brilliant spoonbill.



As we enter into Autumn, I shall be out and about as it is one of the best times to catch up with rarer migratory birds and if anyone ever fancies a wander around the footpaths checking on the local wildlife, please do contact me, always happy to have some company.

Please also see the article about Millennium Wood (page 7) where my contact details can be found.

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# River Ash Project

Jonathan Forgham

*Last month, I qualified as a Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust River monitor. The idea behind this project is for local residents to check the quality of their local river. Consequently, I have taken on monitoring the River Ash along the entire length of its journey through Little Hadham parish. A chap, Peter Illston, then does the same throughout Much Hadham.*

*The way we check the river is to net aquatic invertebrates and then count each which in turn gives so many points for the water quality. This information is fed back to HMWT, who in turn will keep all river authorities informed should there be a sudden change. All very useful and simple to organise.*

*I have planned an introductory meeting for all interested residents to come along, find out more information and then, hopefully, volunteer to help me with the recording, which isn't onerous, maybe 3 hours per month. No experience of this sort of activity or knowledge of invertebrates is needed, but I would be grateful for residents to help with recording etc. I have all the necessary kit for this, so no equipment needed, either.*

*Plenty of information can be found at [www.riverflies.org](http://www.riverflies.org) which is the national scheme. In Hertfordshire there is a well-established monitoring system on the River Mimram around Whitwell but nothing in East Herts, yet.*

*Meeting will be Wednesday 10th September at 8pm in the Village Hall. Please do come along and even if you are unable to help, it may still prove to be an interesting meeting, lasting no more than an hour and a half. **Please do ring, text or email me** if you will be coming along so*

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Newspapers are full of stories about famous people, particularly MPs, who are shocked and horrified that they have been “sexually abused” in some way or another. When you read into the story, it would appear that some man has made improper suggestions or become too touchy-feely for the woman’s liking. And my answer to all this is “Grow Up”. As someone who worked as a journalist throughout my working life, I have come across many men who ‘tried it on’ with me. Did I cry ‘help’, in fact, did I cry at all? No, I just put them firmly in their place and carried on with my life. For goodness sake, today’s woman is too pampered and too easily shocked. Men will always be attracted to women and some will overstep the mark for sure. But surely the Twenty First Century woman is capable of giving as good as she gets, without resorting to tears, bean-spilling in newspapers and resigning her post.

Of course I am not referring to real sexual misconduct, which should be investigated and exposed. But all this fuss about some lecherous old man hoping to hop into bed with someone young enough to be his daughter – or granddaughter – with promises of job promotions and the like is a whole lot of eyewash. To be a woman in today’s market, you have to be tough. Like they say, “If you can’t stand the heat, get out of the kitchen”!

P.S. Readers might like to know that Laurel, my poorly alpaca, has recovered and is now eating well and managing to feed her bouncy cria – now nearly two months old. It was a traumatic two weeks when we had to force-feed her to keep her alive – and bottle feeding an animal with a three foot neck and a swivel head, is no easy matter. Enough to say that much of it landed on me, soaking both my clothes and my underwear!

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## **The Hundred Parishes Society**

*We recently launched the Hundred Parishes Society, an initiative to raise awareness of a large area of northwest Essex, northeast Hertfordshire and southern Cambridgeshire that is particularly notable for its exceptional depth of heritage. Those who live here may take our ancient countryside and wealth of listed buildings somewhat for granted, but visitors are usually surprised when they discover the charm of our villages and small market towns and the attractive countryside in which they sit.*

*Until now, the area's anonymity has probably been due largely to the lack of a name, so we have created one that we hope will eventually become as well-known as the Chilterns or Constable Country. We have called the area the Hundred Parishes to recognise that it contains just over 100 administrative parishes, including Little Hadham. Whilst the whole area enjoys a recurring set of special characteristics, each parish has its own identity. We hope that our initiative will encourage both residents and visitors to learn more about the area and will inspire them to explore and cherish it.*

*We have launched a new website [www.hundredparishes.org.uk](http://www.hundredparishes.org.uk) to explain the idea more fully. It includes an introduction to each parish, a series of walks from railway stations and a short introduction to a number of notable people associated with the area. The website shows regular events and local attractions and there is a 'What's On' page that lists opportunities to learn more and to get to places that you may not know.*

*The Society is a registered charity and the website includes details of how to become a member for a nominal subscription of £10 a year per family or organisation. Whether or not you become a member, we hope you will make regular use of our website and that it will inspire you to increase your knowledge and enjoyment of the Hundred Parishes.*

*Ken McDonald, Secretary*

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## In the garden, I have had two amazing moths.

Firstly, on the 7th a moth I had never seen before was at the trap. Not only had I not seen it before, I was aware it wasn't in any field guide to British moths that I possess. Turned out to be a hugely invasive pest moth, originally from Japan. It reached Europe in 2008, UK in 2009 and Herts in 2011. This was the first record of *Cydalima perspectalis* (Box moth) for East Herts. It is a massive defoliator of box shrubs, the caterpillars stripping both the leaves and bark. I was instructed by both Royal Horticultural Society and DEFRA to kill the specimen and check all local box for caterpillars. Photo of moth here. Large creature with a 4cm wingspan. I advise all locals to check box shrubs and hedges for any signs of leaf loss or the plant withering and search for the large green/yellow caterpillars. These can be found on the outside of the plant as from dusk. Just pick them off and kill them. Don't worry. No other British moth feeds on box as it is an introduced species, so that will be the only caterpillar using the plant. Alternatively, contact me and I shall pop round to check and remove. If anyone in the village has recently (last 9 months) planted box or purchased a box tree in a large pot, please do let me know as it is likely that the eggs or larvae were transported here on the bush.



Secondly, and much more pleasingly, I came across only my 2nd Jersey tiger moth and

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*My saxophone and I, along with other "Whats That" band members and various extras, have been "entertaining" many a happy villager over the last few months. In early May, four of us (plus select guests!) "played" at the Prince of Wales beer festival, Green Tye, followed by a fund-raising concert for the Red Cross/Philippines appeal later that same month in Much Hadham Village Hall. This was followed in early July with an appearance at Glanfest, mentioned by Hope Gilbert in the last magazine, and at a private party at MH Village Hall in mid-July. We also played on the green at Green Tye on 3rd August as part of the Perry Green/Green Tye WWI commemorations.*

*Apologies to those of you who have seen us more than once during this period and have had to endure the same set list; we are working hard on some new songs in readiness for our ground-breaking US tour somewhere in our dreams!*

*Most, if not all, of the Health Centre staff have, at the time of writing, managed to avoid these concerts. However, by the time you read this, many will have been tempted to attend a summer party given by one of their colleagues at which (yes, you've guessed it) "Whats That" will be the main (ONLY) entertainment apart, that is, from Colin Brookbanks who may be persuaded to "do a turn". Bad luck girls!!*

*There will then be a rest for the band but, alas, not for me as I have been asked to take my Sax to a friend's wedding in Somerset, having already played as a guest musician at another friend's (yes, I have more than one!) 60th birthday recently. I am hoping that the band will reunite in late November/early December to play at MH Village Hall, once again, in aid of the Jack May Trust Fund, so look out for the advertisements and flyers because the tickets are likely to go faster than a Rolling Stones concert!!!*

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## Community Activity Grants

East Herts Council is pleased to announce the opening of the 3rd funding round for Community Activities Grants. This fund is open to any voluntary run group with a constitution and bank account that needs financial support to deliver its activities. Eligible costs include insurance, marketing/publicity, hire costs, among others. The Council will also fund groups serving vulnerable people/senior citizens to hold a social event over the winter holiday season. A grant of up to £500 is available.

Grants are also available for capital building projects/refurbishments and large items of equipment.

Go to [www.eastherts.gov.uk/grants](http://www.eastherts.gov.uk/grants) for more information on criteria and our priorities. If you are still unsure whether your group or project is eligible and want to speak to someone, please contact Claire Pullen on 01992531459 or email [claire.pullen@eastherts.gov.uk/grants](mailto:claire.pullen@eastherts.gov.uk/grants).

## Moth Alert, continued from page 18

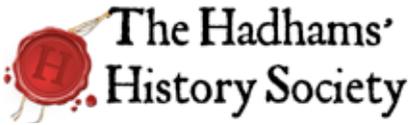
even better this was the rare form showing orange, not red underwings. This is a superb moth and one that is increasing in numbers in Herts. Check buddleia on sunny afternoons for this large stripey black and white number.

Jonathan Forgham.



Jersey Tiger Moth

*Adverts removed*



## The Hadhams' History Society

David Perman, founder of the Ware Museum, and who played a leading role in many local conservation projects, was our guide for a walk around Ware. He reminded us that Ware had been a settlement since at least the Iron Age and that the Roman

settlement was located approximately where "Glaxo" is now. St Mary's church was erected in the 13th C on the site of a former Benedictine Priory, which had been disbanded by the Crown. In 1338, a Franciscan order was granted 7 acres of land from the Lord of the Manor to establish a Friary (now Ware "Priory") near to St Mary's, using much timber and masonry from the old Benedictine building. We particularly admired the "Hadsley Room" with one of only 12 crown post roofs in the county. Under Henry VIII, the "Priory" passed into private hands, remaining so until 1920, when it was leased to Ware Urban District Council. It has been well used for public purposes ever since. During restoration work in the early 1990s, far more of the original 14th/15thC structures were found than originally thought. A market was established in the 12th C when the first river bridge was also built. The river Lea has long been used for shipping malt from Ware to London and along the bank we admired a series of gazebos dating from 1699, and restored with substantial help from the Ware Society. We walked to Blue Coat Yard visiting the 13thC Place House Hall, which like the "Priory" is one of the county's important early medieval timber framed buildings. Since 1564 Christ's Hospital had cared for children in Ware in private houses. In 1685 the charity purchased nearby Place House Hall to educate these "bluecoat children" in the aisled hall, with its carved oak screen and crown post roof. On returning to the Library, we observed the many very old buildings along the high street. It was a thoroughly enjoyable and interesting evening and much appreciated by all.

## Wheels stolen from Ford Hill

I woke up on Monday 18 August to find my car jacked up and on rocks without any wheels. The 'people' that did this had caused damage to a sill and probably to the disc brakes by leaving the car on the ground on one side. Our local police have been fantastic and one neighbour has some possible cctv to help but if anyone has seen anything suspicious around Ford Hill could you please either give me a call or the local police.

I do hope that nobody else is targeted.

Helen 01279 771001.

## Heating Oil

Folks, I shall be placing an order on behalf of the Oil Syndicate during the first week of September - if you would like to be included or if you are interested in joining us please send me an email: [cam2403@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cam2403@hotmail.co.uk). In June we paid just over 52p per litre; together we enjoy good savings. It's free to join.

Carmela 07825 177322.

## SSE News, issued 18 August 2014

### SSE supports call to take part in flight path consultation

Stop Stansted Expansion (SSE) welcomes NATS' call to local residents to have their say and respond to the proposed transfer of traffic on departure routes from Stansted Airport. The proposed change involves switching daytime traffic from the existing south-east (Dover) departure route to the existing east (Clacton) route. The consultation closes on 8th September. NATS says that the proposed change would result in reduced CO2 emissions and reduced delays for Stansted and other airports. SSE has calculated that the reduction in CO2 emissions would be less than 1% and an even smaller percentage if long haul routes came to Stansted. For delays, NATS' performance in 2012 was the best on record with Air Traffic Control (ATC) delays averaging just 1.6 seconds per flight.

Traffic on the Clacton route would double if this proposal were implemented and, according to NATS' own figures, for local communities living around the airport, 1,470 fewer people would be overflown, but 2,400 people would be overflown more intensively. NATS says that the driver for change is network performance and to avoid Heathrow traffic congestion. This currently keeps Stansted's southbound Dover traffic lower in the south of Essex, the Thames Estuary and sometimes well into Kent.

SSE also draws attention to the fact that significant changes to Stansted's airspace are likely to come in the next airspace review phase scheduled for 2018/19. Additionally the Government is expected to decide next year on a further runway in the South East. These developments are anticipated to involve a significant redesign of Stansted routes including improved noise reduction procedures such as Continuous Descent Approach.

SSE urged caution when this NATS consultation was launched in mid-June and said that there must be clear and compelling benefits for local residents before any changes are implemented.

Peter Sanders, SSE's Chairman, says "SSE is not convinced that these conditions have been met and we recommend that NATS' proposed changes should be postponed until they can be assessed in the context of the much more significant airspace redesign planned by NATS for 2018/19."

## Sponsored Cycle Ride

Time for the "Bike and Hike Sponsored Bike Ride" Saturday 13 Sept 2014. Peter English and a group from Hadham Hall will ride forth. The theme is saving the past for the future, organised across Beds and Herts by the Historic Churches Trust.

If you want to ride around our 30 churches in the Bishop's Stortford area – that would be great!

If you would like to sponsor those who are riding contact Linda English 01279 842094 or Tony Skidmore 01279 771688.

If you want to ride/walk we (Linda/Tony) can give you an information pack.



# Have your say on funding for bus services

## Hertfordshire County Council funds some bus services in Hertfordshire

We are seeking your views on proposed changes  
to how we fund these bus services



### What changes are being suggested?

To protect the majority of services we support, we are proposing to protect services during the day and withdraw funding after 6.30pm Monday to Friday and on Sundays.

Services operated commercially by bus operators are unaffected by these proposals.

### How can I have my say?

You can let us know your views by completing the survey online.  
Please respond by midnight on **8 October 2014**

Have your say online [www.hertsdirect.org/busconsult](http://www.hertsdirect.org/busconsult)  
Please respond by **8 October 2014**

If you don't have internet access you can visit your local library  
where free internet access is available  
or you can call **0300 123 4050** to request a paper survey



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# September diary for Little Hadham and Albury

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

## **7 Sunday**

### **Trinity 12**

9.15am Family Holy Communion, Much Hadham  
6.00pm Evensong, St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

## **14 Sunday**

### **Trinity 13**

11.15am Team Communion Service, Furneux Pelham  
11.15am Holy Communion and Sunday School, St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

## **21 Sunday**

### **Trinity 14**

9.15am Benefice Communion, Much Hadham  
11.15am Family Holy Communion, St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

## **24 Wednesday**

### **Mid-week Communion**

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

## **28 Sunday**

### **Trinity 15**

9.15am Holy Communion, Much Hadham  
11.15am Holy Communion, St Mary's, Albury  
**No service this day 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**

## **River Ash Project, continued from page 15**

that I have an idea of numbers and the correct amount of literature.

We are very privileged to have one of the few chalk streams in the world running through our parish and we do need to make sure we preserve it and look after it, it's an important part of our village, so, please do make the effort.

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