

LITTLE HADHAM  
PARISH NEWS  
OCTOBER 2014

**Harvest Supper**

Saturday 11th  
October

Village Hall

7pm for 7.30pm

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for this year's  
Harvest Supper  
in the Village Hall  
are now on sale  
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## Letter from the Rectory



Dear friends in Little Hadham

### Autumn – The Season to be Thankful

*As I sit writing this article we are having an 'Indian Summer.' After the rather dull and wet end to August, the bright sunshine and warmth is very welcome! Autumn has always been my favourite season, with the often gentle sunshine and mellow colours in our gardens and hedgerows, followed by the final flourish of brilliant reds and oranges of the trees before they shed their leaves.*

*As we experience the wonderful autumn colours surrounding our village, do we ever pause to give thanks to God for the wonder of creation? The answer is probably no, as too often we are so busy with our own lives that we just accept our surroundings. As adults we sadly often lose the sense of awe that children can feel when seeing and experiencing the beauty and wonder of nature first hand.*

*But we should be thankful for all the beauty we experience, and the Harvest services in the Churches across our Team are a good opportunity for us to express our thankfulness to God in prayer and song. One of my favourite hymns is How Great Thou Art, particularly the verse: "When through the woods and forest glades I wander, and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur, and see the brook and feel the gentle breeze; then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee, How great thou art. How great thou art!"*

*As we experience the wonderful autumn colours, Keat's 'season of mist and mellow fruitfulness,' may we all make time to pause in our lives and thank God for the beauty of our surroundings which too often we take for granted.*

God Bless,  
Reverend Giles

## Memories of Harvest

Hilary Davies

*I have lived most of my life along the Ash Valley. My childhood years were spent at Little Widbury, on the north-east side of Ware. Our family would join the Menhenicks' at Widbury Farm to help gather in the harvest. It was such a busy time that Mr Menhenick would take all the help he could get! In the yard Mr Menhenick would decide the priorities for the day. What surprised me was the fields had names like Lower Meadow or Primrose. Liz, Mr Menhenick's daughter, always volunteered to drive Bertha, a temperamental 1930's tractor. Liz was the only one to tame this model of early agricultural engineering. My contribution was to ride on the trailer and then watch in awe as two men with pitch forks lifted the bales high into the air and up onto the trailer. In the late afternoon we would return to the farmhouse for tea. The table was vast, laden with sandwiches and cakes. After tea we returned to the fields to collect more bales and watch the sun set over the Ash Valley.*

*It was a privilege to be part of gathering in the harvest, memories I will always cherish. I hope you can join us on Saturday 11th October in the Village Hall to celebrate bringing another harvest home.*

# Parish Council News

## **Bypass and Flood Alleviation Scheme**

A reminder that Herts County Council and the Environment Agency will be holding an exhibition in the Village Hall on the below dates:

Thurs 16th Oct 2.30-8pm

Sat 18th Oct 10-3pm

Mon 20th Oct 4-8pm

This is a significant time to see what designs are being put forward by them into their planning application and to make your views known to the experts involved in this project. If you cannot attend, then please make your views known via the HCC website or by writing to them at County Hall.

## **Road repairs:**

Following a visit from Mr Patmore of Herts Highways, several items have been forwarded for improvements within the parish. Firstly, the hedge outside Houghtons near the pub is to be trimmed again and also the encroaching verge to be cut back, thereby widening the road at this pinch point. Also, Herts Highways will look into improving the surface of the area opposite the pub where vehicles park. This is to enhance the area and make it less likely that large puddles form, deterring visitors to the pub from parking there. The sunken kerb at Ford Field is to be raised and another set of kerbstones to be placed on top so that delivery vans and the dustbin lorry do not drive over the grass verge.

## **Millennium Wood:**

Cllr Forgham spent several hours tidying the wood over the weekend of the 13th/14th September. Overgrown shrubs were cut back, a few sapling elders were removed and an access path cut between the two main paths at the polo field end of the wood. Also, low branches were lopped to make access through the wood easier. Many thanks to

Mick Wheeler for spending time clearing the badly overgrown entrance at Millfield Lane. Here, the gate is broken and LHPC shall look into either repairing or renewing this. There is more work to be done later in the year, so do look out for set dates for this work. It is hoped that residents will now use this wood for walks so as to establish the paths once again, now they are all clear of nettles and thistles.

## **Dog Fouling:**

There have been numerous reports of dog fouling at Bury Green, and at Hadham Ford. Offenders can be given on the spot fines by the Police Community Support Officer and the EHDC Dog Warden. There has been some success in reducing dog fouling in other areas where offenders have been filmed on mobile phones and the image sent to the Dog Warden. If you would like to report dog fouling problems please contact Environmental Services on 01279 655261 ext 3507 or e-mail: [operations.admin@eastherts.gov.uk](mailto:operations.admin@eastherts.gov.uk). You can also complete the online Dog Fouling Notification Form on the EHDC website.

## **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. 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

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

**Next Parish Council** is Tuesday 7th Oct 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.*

## Little Hadham & Albury Social Club

*Len Little gave a delightful talk about 'The Training and Use of Specialist Search Dogs'. His enthusiasm for his job and working with the dogs was a pleasure to see. The dogs can be trained to 'sniff out' almost anything and are used much more frequently, with great success.*

*For our meeting on 14th October Richard Thomas will talk about 'The Lee from The Old Ford to The Thames'. Everyone is welcome, old friends and new. It is a very cheap night out, financially, and refreshments are included!*

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## Little Hadham & Albury Garden Club

*At the Autumn Show we had a total of 215 entries with 43 exhibitors and quite a few new people entering who seemed to enjoy the experience, with first time entrant Robert Trundle winning a cup for the longest Marrow. In the Vegetable section Dennis Taylor won a Cup for the most points and Vivienne Jones won Best Vegetable and Best Entry in the show with her Sweetcorn.*

*The Best Flower Entry in Show went to Gill Bird for her Flower arrangement in a Teacup and saucer and Justine Earthrowl won a cup for the most points in the Flower section. In the Domestic section Karin Green won a cup for the Best Domestic entry with her Ham & Egg Pie and the Men's Class, for his Cheese & Apple Scones, was won by Gary Law. But the person to beat was Gail Ellis who managed to collect three cups and the Garden Club Shield for the most points in the show. The junior classes (age up to 14) were up to the normal high standard and the overall winner of the Junior Club Shield was Tabitha Earthrowl Law.*

*We had a lot of visitors in the afternoon who not only enjoyed viewing the show but also the tea and homemade cakes, made by Anne Fuller.*

*Thank you to everyone who entered.*

*Our next meeting is on Tuesday 21st October at 8.00 in the Village Hall. Ian Torrance will be talking about the New Forest; its plants and gardens.*

*Everyone is welcome to join us.*

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## Nature Notes: August – September

Jonathan Forgham

*A super month, both weather wise and for local wildlife. High daytime temperatures and clear skies at night prompted migration, with many birds moving overhead as from just before dusk. However, the full moon and clear skies curtailed moth flight as it was too bright and/or cold for them to venture from their day time roosts.*

*The undoubted highlight on the bird front was finding my 105th species for the parish. This was early on the morning of 4th September, when I ventured out at first light, over the local golf course. Things were looking pretty poor as I wandered along New Road, with little to be seen or heard and certainly no migrants. However, upon going through the footpath gate on to the course, a small brown bird flew in front of me, showing a black and white tail. A whinchat! A bird that breeds on moorland in the north and west of the country and now migrating south to sub Saharan Africa. As I attempted photos in the grey light, I became aware of another bird, this time either a first year or female whinchat. (Shown left.) This is a bird I had expected to find moving through parish airspace, just taken 7 years to connect with it. The following morning I received a report that there were 4 present in fields near New Road, moving south. Thanks, Neale. All good records for the county.*



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# Little Hadham Cricket Club

Neil Oxborrow

*The Cricket club only managed to play two matches during August due to either the opposition cancelling or the weather.*

*The first of these matches saw Little Hadham visit Little Hallingbury. The home side batted first and amassed a huge total of 333 for 2 off their allocated 40 overs, with S Bharambe scoring 180 not out. Ben Law was the only succesful Hadham bowler taking 2 wickets for 33 runs. In reply Hadham were initially in trouble at 67 for 5, but 55 not out from Neil Roberts plus 30 each from Martin Hallmark and Tom Peacock at least saw them rally to 228 for 8, still however losing by 105 runs.*

*The other match in August was a home game against Craven where batting first Little Hadham scored 176 for 6 wickets with Ben Law scoring 89 not out. At one stage Craven looked like cruising to victory with their score on 122 for 3 but 3 wickets in one over from Alan South turned the match and they were eventually bowled out for 141, resulting in a Little Hadham win by 35 runs. Alan South was the pick of the Hadham bowlers taking 4 wickets for 13 runs off his 4 overs.*

## October Fixtures

*Sun 5th Albury Home 12.30pm Ron Oxborrow Cup*

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

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## Down at the doctor's

Dr Paul Haimes

*Back to normal this month after my article for Rolling Stone magazine last time received mixed reviews!*

*Sadly, our dispensing assistant, Janet, has left us and we wish her well. She may well be around from time to time, though, as she has offered to help out in times of need and we will have two dispensers off in late Sept/early October. In view of this temporary staff shortage, your patience regarding ordering/collecting medication would be much appreciated.*

*The mad season is now upon us. As usual, the autumn cough/cold and tummy bug viruses are beginning to circulate made worse by the return of all the little people to school. I have been asked to mention that we have four incoming phone lines to the practice but usually only two receptionists answering the calls; often only one if the desk is busy or if it's lunchtime. So please, once again, be patient if your call is sometimes not answered as promptly as we would all like.*

*By the time you read this I will have been "guest of honour" at the Hunsdon 3 Score Club Harvest lunch on 17th September. More of that next month but they did ask me to take my saxophone. . .*

### **And finally**

*Flu jabs should be available from late September.*

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## Nature Notes, continued from page 6

A red kite appears to enjoy the Ash Valley, seen and heard most afternoons towards the end of the recording period (18th August – 18th Sept) A walk around the footpaths behind Hadham Hall and then around Green Street also gave up good birds. Two spotted flycatchers migrating over Green Street, 2 common sandpipers at a pond in Hadham Hall, 2 grey wagtails also present and a flyby kingfisher. All good records, with the common sandpiper being only my 3rd sighting within the parish. This common sandpiper is again, a migrant wader heading south from breeding in Scotland, the high arctic or, perhaps, Scandinavia.



Also about at present, migrating through our garden, plenty of chiffchaff, several blackcaps, a spotted flycatcher and 2 willow warblers. Birding trips away this month have involved 2 days in Kent, where I was photographing bird reserves for a future RSPB lecture at Loughborough University. On this visit, I recorded over 80 species including the rare melodious warbler and honey buzzard. I also paid North Norfolk several visits, the second one on 9th Sept., where I took a chap from Maidstone out who had booked me as a bird guide. In all, a splendid 99 species were recorded as we made our way along the coast from Hunstanton to Sheringham. He was most pleased, not only to see so many birds (8 new ones for him) but also to discover less well known birding sites along the coast.

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### WWI Commemoration - thank you

A huge thank you to everyone who came along to the Much Hadham Village Show and Exhibition to commemorate the WWI anniversary. Cristina and the team at the Forge worked very hard to ensure everything went smoothly on the day. If you missed it or you were away, you can still see the exhibition at the Museum, free until 14th December.

### Village Walks

If you would like to have a guided tour of Much Hadham, starting at the Forge and taking a walk along the High Street to St Andrew's Church, our Curator, Cristina, will happily take you through some local history stories associated with the High Street. Ideal for small groups and only £2 per person, contact us to book your tour.

**Dates for the Diary** for more info: [hadham.museum@btinternet.com](mailto:hadham.museum@btinternet.com)

**5th Annual Forge Conker Championships** – Sunday October 12th, noon 'til 5pm.

**War Horse – Being Joey** - Tuesday 11th November, 8pm, venue TBC. (within the parish) Tickets £10 each (includes light supper). Refreshments will be served or bring your own wine. To reserve tickets, email [hadham.museum@btinternet.com](mailto:hadham.museum@btinternet.com) or pop into the Museum.

## Nature Notes, continued from page 9

Insect wise, quiet on the moth front with just one new macro moth for the garden taken in this period, the rather awkwardly named oak nycteoline. This constituted my 415th moth species for the garden. However, following an email from David in Bury Green reporting a brown argus butterfly, I popped out to a spot I knew should have these less common Herts butterflies and found one within 10 minutes of searching. Many thanks for the tip off, David. I consequently came across another on the 9th Sept. (Shown here).

This was one of 2 butterflies I had been hoping to find in the parish and so just leaves the white letter hair-streak, a high summer creature, requiring elm, so it's not going to be common around here with such little elm growing. The brown argus became my 24th parish butterfly species. Now is the time to keep a look out for the rare migratory butterfly, the clouded yellow.



These move north through summer, having emerged

in Southern Europe/North Africa and often arrive in the UK following a period of warm southerly winds. A large, bright yellow butterfly, fast flying, that always roosts with its wings tightly closed. Usually one or two about in late September, early October.

I also spent time checking on the local botany, adding ten new flowering plants to a list that now contains 96 species. These included common plants I had just overlooked such as yarrow, common fleabane and water mint but also, red bartsia, yellow loosestrife and hoary ragwort.

So, all in all, a record recording month with 1 new bird, 1 new butterfly, 1 new macro moth, 4 new micro moths and 10 new plants. May this warm weather continue a while longer and who knows, plenty more may be in store through the autumn. Next month sees me back in Kent, 3 day trip to the bird observatory at Portland Bill and, hopefully, plenty of local wanders. Talking of which, if anyone would like to join me for a walk along the River Ash to Much Hadham and back, please let me know. We shall meet at the Village Hall at 10.30am Sunday 19th October, taking refreshments at The Bull, before returning via the golf course. Do feel free to bring along family and friends, but no dogs, please. Contact [jforgham@hotmail.com](mailto:jforgham@hotmail.com), 07805571551 or twitter [@jonoForgham](https://twitter.com/jonoForgham). I look forward to hearing from you.

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## Pre-planning Application Public Consultation Exhibitions

*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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## What's on in October

in the Village Hall unless otherwise stated

**7 Tue, Parish Council**, 8pm. 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.

**9, 23 Thur, Mobile Library**, Details p13.

**10 Fri, Barn Dance**, for St Elizabeth's, 7.30-11pm, Sawbridgeworth Memorial Hall CM21 9BD. Tickets £15, includes Pie and Chips. Licensed bar. 01279 844347.

**11 Sat, Harvest Supper** tickets now available from Frank Green, 771532, at £8.50 a head.

**12 Sun, 5th Annual Conker Championships**, The Forge, Much Hadham, 12-5pm.

**14 Tue, LH & A Social Club**, 8pm. Richard Thomas will talk about 'The Lee from The Old Ford to The Thames'. Everyone is welcome, old friends and new. It is a very cheap night out, financially, and refreshments are included!

**15 Wed, Hadhams' History Society**, 8pm. 'The Black Death and the Peasant Revolt in Hertfordshire', by Ian White. Based on a thesis by Ian, Chair of Stanstead Abbots LHS.

**16 Thur, Way Inn Coffee Morning**, 12.30-1.45pm, rear of Village Hall. Meet your friends over a cuppa, or enjoy some soup and a roll.

**16, 18, 20, Bypass Exhibitions**, See p11.

**19 Sun, Walk with Jonathan**, 10.30am at the Village Hall. Walk to Much Hadham along the River Ash, taking refreshments at The Bull, before returning via the golf course. Do feel free to bring along family and friends, but no dogs, please. Contact [jforgham@hotmail.com](mailto:jforgham@hotmail.com), 07805 571551.

**19 Sun, Open Day, Easton Lodge**, Entry 11.30-4pm. Craft and nature activities available for younger visitors as well as some Spooky Halloween Fun to keep them busy. Guided tours at 1pm and 3pm which

cover all aspects of the garden's history and weather permitting the Italian Garden will also be open to visitors over 16. Hot food on sale until 2pm including bacon rolls and homemade soup; hot and cold drinks and homemade cakes until 4.30pm.

**21 Tue, LH & A Garden Club**, 8pm. Ian Torrance will be talking about the New Forest; its plants and gardens. Everyone is welcome to join us.

**25 Sat, Farmers' Market**, 8.30 - 11.30am. Cooked to order farmhouse breakfasts made with produce from the stallholders.

**25 Sat, Albury Antiques & Interiors Fair**, 10-4pm. [brigitte.webster@btinternet.com](mailto:brigitte.webster@btinternet.com).

**25 Sat, Jumble Sale**, 2.30pm, Thundridge for Isabel Hospice. You can always be sure of a bargain, and it gets very busy! Entry is just 20p.

**26 Sun, End of British Summer Time**: put your clocks back one hour.

## Coming soon

**St Elizabeth's Perry Green, SG10 6EW:**

Nov 29 Christmas Bazaar,

Nov 30 Reflections at Christmas,

Dec 5 Santa Dash.

**Further info: 01279 844355.**

**Isabel Hospice,:**

Nov 15 Gala Theatre Evening, MHV Hall. Stepping Out', MH Drama Group.

Nov 15 Lights of Love, Van Hage, Pepper Hill, Ware, SG12 9RP, 4pm-4.45pm.

**Further Info: [www.isabelhospice.org.uk](http://www.isabelhospice.org.uk)**

Dec 13, **Albury Antiques & Interiors Fair** 10-4pm [brigitte.webster@btinternet.com](mailto:brigitte.webster@btinternet.com).

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## 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

## 9th & 23rd October 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.

## Kyokujitsu Kyokushin Karate Club

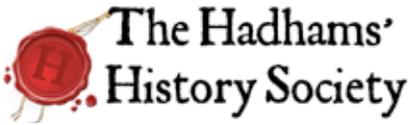
Five students from the club recently took part in the first ever K-1 World Amateur Championships in London. K-1 competitions are open to all styles of fighting but mainly attract participants from Kickboxing and Muay Thai, as well as Kyokushin Karate (our style) which is very similar in that, unlike most karate styles in the UK, it is a full contact style of fighting. The Kyokujitsu Fab Five spent the summer training intensely for this competition and had to get used to wearing boxing gloves and shorts instead of our usual fighting mitts / bare knuckles (for adults) and karate suits.

As you would expect from a 'world championship', the competition attracted very high calibre fighters from all round the globe but this didn't faze our Little Hadham team. We didn't come away with any world champions, but we were wonderfully close.....! In fact all five competitors came away with a medal. Lois Hale and Jake Reeves both got silver in their categories. Cole Reeves, Benny Petch and Jamie Petch all got bronzes. Lois, Jake and Cole all had to deal with the unfamiliar territory of clinches and leg grabs whilst Benny (in the cadets category) and Jamie (in the adults) also had to contend with face punches boxing style which are not normally part of our repertoire due to the fact that our seniors fight bare knuckle. It was all a little bit brutal at times but the team were absolute stars and battled onwards with huge courage, determination and spirit – and got their rewards.

It was a great day for everyone and a real experience to savour. I would like to take this opportunity to thank my amazing team of fighters but also all those who supported us including the parents and the rest of the club for being our 'cannon fodder' in training. Moreover, this experience would not have been possible without the financial support of the Little Hadham

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Mike Clark traced his mother's family "The Howes" to Uffculme, East Devon back to Tudor times, using mainly regimental records, parish registers, "Overseers of the Poor" removal orders, court records and wills. A poor country family, "Howes" were also known as "Tanners" prior to the mid-19thC. An out of print book "Uffculme a Peculiar Parish" gave a detailed parish history back to Henry VIII with Howe als Tanners much in evidence. The 1552 will of John Howe als Tanner, yeoman, referred to two sons, Thomas yeoman of Uffculme (whose descendants remained in the parish), and John "Gentleman of London". Son John's London will, dated 1573, incorporates a family coat of arms and showed that he was a wealthy member of the Grocer's company, with many lands and estates, in London, Essex and Somerset; the will states that he was born in Uffculme. The Herald's Visitation of Somerset (1575) records John Howe of Huntspill, with the same family arms as his will, married to Marjery Lowen of Cuffley. Parliamentary Records, searched seeking a link to Earl Howe's family (same arms used as quarters), instead revealed that John and Marjery Howe's son John (Jnr) became an MP for Yarmouth, IOW in 1589 sponsored by Dean of St Paul's, Alexander Nowell. Nowell, was shortly an MP but Queen Mary's accession led to him fleeing abroad with many other protestant clergy, with the aid of Francis Bowyer of the Grocer's Company. Bowyer's son Thomas married Jone Mery of Cuffley and died in 1558. Widow Jone married Alexander Nowell after he returned to England on Elizabeth I's succession - he became Dean of St Pauls (1560) and Rector of Hadham (1562). Jone's aunt, Elizabeth Mery, had married John Lowen of Cuffley (Marjery's father). Hence, Nowell through his wife Jone knew John Howe (Jnr) via his mother's Hertfordshire family "The Lowens" sufficiently well as to sponsor Howe as a MP. There are also connections via the Middle Temple, as John Howe (Jnr) and Thomas Bowyer's son Thomas were both admitted to the Temple in the 1570s. John Howe (Jnr) inherited the estate of Huntspill as a minor in 1573 and it is possible that Nowell was his legal guardian. The story showed how an interest in family history led to an unexpected link to Herts' local history.

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## **Karate Club,** continued from page 14

*Parish Council and also the very generous donation from two local villagers which I found incredibly heartwarming and touching – hugest thanks to you all.*

*If you would like to come and join our thriving club of superstars, the kids/family class is on Mondays (Dojo Barn, 6.00-7.00pm) or Wednesdays (Village Hall, 5.00-6.00pm) and the adult/teenagers class is on Mondays (Dojo Barn, 7.15-9.00pm) or Wednesdays (Fitness in the Barn, 7.00-8.15pm). Saturday morning Fight Club in the barn is only open to those students who train with us throughout the week.*

*For further information, please contact myself on 01279 771636 / 07946484498 / catherinepetch@yahoo.co.uk.*

*OSU! Senpai Catherine Petch*

**‘Little Hadham Goes to War’** is a triumph for Mike and Maggie Smith and everyone involved. The meticulous research involved created a deeply moving evening of theatre, personal to many. The atmosphere in our Village Hall was perfect with the memorabilia display and the Hadham Wallop was delicious. Very many thanks and we look forward to viewing the DVD. Ennis and Beth

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## **Much Hadham WWI Commemoration - thank you!**

*It has taken a year's planning and a tremendous amount of research and co-ordination to bring you the fascinating stories of our local people and the contribution our communities made.*

*Over 300 people turned out on 3rd August to support our event. After visiting the "Secret Cinema" in The Green Room and enjoying a vintage tea, our audiences were entertained by a wonderful soundscape, curated by Nicholas Jardine. The music*

*really set the scene and highlights of the day included performances by Elaine Walsh and Leah Miles.*

*The Exhibition, which will remain on display at the Museum until December 14th, uses a wide range of objects and photographs both from the Museum Collection and local people to tell the story of life in The Hadhams during The Great War. The display includes artwork by Years 5 and 6 from St. Andrew's School and we look forward to continuing to work with them next year.*

*We were delighted with all the positive feedback on the day and we would like to say a huge thank you to all the Museum volunteers and local people who have taken part so far. It was wonderful support to have our 6th form volunteer team, under the guidance of Waitrose staff in the kitchens! It does not stop here, the exhibition and wider project continues to grow and we will be bringing more events and activities over the coming months.*

*Cristina Harrison, Curator, Forge Museum, T 07949 577760 [www.hadhammuseum.org.uk](http://www.hadhammuseum.org.uk)*

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**The Forge Museum**  
**Annual Conker Championships 2014**  
**Sunday 12th October**  
**Everyone welcome**

Player registration 11-11.45am, Championship 12-3pm

**HOT FOOD BAR RAFFLE**

**Competition categories:**

**Junior (Years 3 to 6)**

**Youth (Years 7 to 11)**

**Adult Male (16+)**

**Adult Female (16+)**

**Or play as a team of four. For the under 7s there will be other fun things to do with conkers to keep them occupied.**

**£3 competition entry** (sorry, non-refundable).

Please return the forms (available Londis, Museum) with entry fee to the Forge Museum by **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October**. If you enter and can't make it, please let us know ASAP.

**Spectators on the day:** adults £1, children 50p.

For all enquiries contact Cristina: 07949 577760 or  
[hadham.museum@btinternet.com](mailto:hadham.museum@btinternet.com).

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# The Forge Museum Annual

## Conker Championships 2014

Please fill out this form and return it, along with the entry fee, to the Forge Museum by Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October.

**Junior** (School years 3 to 6) **Youth** (School years 7 to 11)

**Adult Male** (Age 16+) **Adult Female** (Age 16+)

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*If you are a team of 4, what is your team name and who is your captain?*

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# Little Hadham School

*Believing and Achieving*

*Our new pupils and staff have settled in so well this term - it's like they have been here forever! With our successful OFSTED behind us, we are really proud to be recently accredited with both the Silver Award for School Sport, as well as the Silver Award for Eco-Schools! Onwards and upwards!*

*Our Theme Week later this month, just before half term is on 'Making Maths Real' which should bring Maths in to absolutely everything! If you see children around the village with tape measures and tally charts – you'll know why!*

*Thank you for your continued support.*

Liz Stockley, Head teacher

## Harvest Festival

*The harvest is in, the last apples and blackberries have been picked and it is time to give thanks for all these gifts. To give something back, St. Cecilia's is collecting tins of food, packets of biscuits, sugar and dried goods to distribute to young people struggling to find their place in society. These can be safely left at the alter steps, they will be locked away each night and blessed at the Family Communion on Sunday, 19th October when Clive Slaughter will lead us in our thanksgiving. Everyone is welcome.*

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## Little Hadham Goes To War

... they went indeed, and many did not return. Over the Bank Holiday weekend, audiences in Little Hadham Village Hall received a fascinating and brilliant evocation of the four grim years 1914 –1918, and how they affected the village. The Revue was the idea of the Chairman of the LH Parish Plan Group, Mike Smith, and the author and director was Maggie Smith. Maggie took on the huge task of meticulously researching not only all those who died in WWI and are listed on the LH Memorial, but also the volunteers. Many congratulations to her and all the numerous people who acted, staged, or supported this production. The whole project gave a very well-judged picture of how people in Little Hadham fared during those years.

The large cast of all ages from 12 upwards, must be congratulated for their convincing performances, several people in more than one part. They were skilful, too, simply getting on and off the stage quickly and neatly.

The announcements of the casualties the village suffered, read out by one person on the stage, as and when they had occurred, were extremely moving. The large photographs of various views of Little Hadham that were screened at the sides of the stage, from time to time, added to the whole experience.

The refreshments were much appreciated, and the Revue had its lighter moments. The audience enjoyed joining in the old familiar songs, and recognising old friends familiar from many pantomimes. Three of us at our table had fathers who had fought in the Great War and survived; interestingly we agreed that they were extremely reluctant ever to talk about it, they would change the subject, or even leave the room!

Well done, one and all, and thank you for a most memorable evening.

Philippa Bagnall



## Thank You Everyone. Very Well Done

Little Hadham Parish Plan Group's production of "Little Hadham Goes to War" played to a packed house on three consecutive nights. This is due in no small measure to the dedication and enthusiasm of all those who participated. We are greatly indebted to the cast of 20 including six youngsters who gave up their time to rehearse and perform, and to the many supporters who provided invaluable back up, both in the production crew behind the scenes, and the team who managed all the Front of House activities. We would also like to thank the community for their support in coming to see the show. An invaluable spin off has been the additional information that some of the descendants of the soldiers' families have been willing to share with us.

A bucket collection raised £265.12 for the British Legion.

Mike Smith, Chairman Parish Plan Group 01279 771568

## Community Capital Grants Scheme

I'm writing to let you know that the second funding round for the Community Capital Grants Scheme has now been launched (3 Sept). Please go to [www.eastherts.gov.uk/grants](http://www.eastherts.gov.uk/grants) to view eligibility criteria and to download an application form.

If after doing this you still have questions whether your project is eligible, please ring me on the number below. We are keen to receive applications from those groups that have not applied before. Note that capital projects costing less than £2,000 may be fully funded.

**The deadline is 16 December 2014.** The success rate to this pot is around 70%. Applications that are turned down are those that have not included all their paperwork or where we consider that the project cannot be completed in a year.

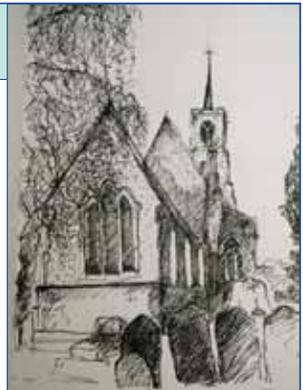
We look forward to receiving high quality applications to enhance valued community facilities.

Claire Pullen 01992 531459, Engagement and Partnerships Officer (Grants) and Scrutiny Officer (East Herts Health and Wellbeing) East Herts Council.

## Greetings Cards

Albury Parish Council have produced blank greetings cards with a beautiful line drawing of Albury church on the front, thanks to the very kind help of a Patmore Heath resident. These blank greetings cards along with an envelope can be purchased for £1.00 from Jane the Parish Council Clerk, and at our Parish Council meetings.

All the proceeds from these card sales will go back to the Parish Council for funds towards village projects and general village maintenance.



# October 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 16**

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

## **12 Sunday**

### **Trinity 17**

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

## **19 Sunday**

### **Trinity 18**

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

## **26 Sunday**

### **Last Sunday after Trinity**

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

## **29 Wednesday**

### **Mid-week Communion**

10.00am 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**

**Little Hadham Goes To War** - I send grateful thanks to everyone in the community who either helped out or supported our village event. I especially send thanks to all the parishioners who sent personal messages of thanks, some wonderful compliments were also gratefully received. Here's 'til next time.

Wishing you all the very best - Carmela

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