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Letter from the Rectory

Revd. Steve Bate



On 20 May we will be celebrating Pentecost Sunday, also known as Whit Sunday. This is the Sunday when Christians celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit that took place on the day of Pentecost. The Jewish festival of the Feast of Weeks was celebrated on the day following seven sabbaths after the Feast of Passover, i.e. the fiftieth day after Passover. The name 'Pentecost' comes from the Greek word for fiftieth. In the Bible, the book of Acts gives an account of the events of that day. Those first Christians are together in one place and a noise like a violent wind fills the house. What seems to be tongues of fire settle on the disciples and they start speaking other languages. Then, Jews who'd come from many different countries for the Feast of Pentecost realised they were hearing words in their own languages. "What does this mean?" they asked and it was Peter who gave them an answer. It was after hearing this that no less than 3000 people became Christians that day. They welcomed Peter's message about the promise of forgiveness through Jesus and the gift of the Holy Spirit, and they were baptised.

Peter was once so scared that he'd denied knowing Jesus three times but now he could speak fearlessly about Jesus. He was a changed man. The first Christians discovered that the Holy Spirit gave them the power to change too, the power to become more like Jesus Christ himself, to grow in love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. These are known as 'The fruit of the Spirit'. They also discovered that there was more. They discovered the gifts of the Spirit. Some are more spectacular than others but all are important. There are gifts like prophecy, tongues and healing; gifts like teaching, leadership and generosity; gifts like giving, hospitality and administration. There are many more gifts of the Spirit and they're all given to build up the church, to help us serve God and serve others. Over the last eighteen months, I've seen the Holy Spirit at work in the people of our churches and I've seen them putting their God-given gifts to use. I've also been able to accompany those who have come to be filled with the Holy Spirit at their confirmation. Please pray for the people from our churches who will be confirmed at St Albans Cathedral on Saturday 12 May.

Pentecost Sunday isn't only a celebration of something that happened 2000 years ago but something that's at the heart of the life of the church today. The Holy Spirit comes to enable Christians to play their part in the life of the church. Each one of us is given different gifts by Him but they are given for the same purpose – to enable us to serve God and to serve others. The great evangelist, Billy Graham, once wrote "We are no longer waiting for the Holy Spirit – He is waiting for us." He is waiting for us to invite him to fill us and to keep on being filled so that we can serve God and serve others.

Every blessing.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style. There is a horizontal line underneath the name.

Parish Council News

Thank you

A big thank you to the hard working deliverers of the Parish Magazine, who this month went above and beyond to make sure everyone got the Parish Assembly flier. Due to an oversight by the Parish Council this didn't make it into the April edition. We were really keen that everyone knew about the assembly and really appreciate the extra help we received getting these delivered. Thank You! A report on the Parish Assembly will be published in the June edition.

Planters

The Parish Council has donated one of the planters from the C15 to the Brownies so that they can use it to complete various badges. Mr Stigwood has kindly agreed to move it and it will be located by the noticeboard at the footpath entrance to the Hall. Please take time to view the work of the Brownies when you go to the Hall.

Donations

The Parish Council have made donations for this year to local good causes which include:

Village Hall £500, Mothers & Toddlers Group £100, Brownies £100, School £150

Youths throwing stones

Police are investigating youths throwing stones at moving cars at Albury Road and the A120 Traffic Lights. If your car has been damaged or you see youths

throwing stones or acting in an anti-social manner then please ring the Police on 101 to report it.

Hedge Cutting

Concerns were raised about the cutting of the hedge on the C15 north of the Village Hall playground where numerous thorns had been left on the footpath which caused problems for pedestrians, dogs being walked, and people with pushchairs that have pneumatic tyres. It had been reported to Herts Highways to ask for it to be cleared. When you cut your hedge please ensure that the area is made safe for others to use.

Bonfires

As we enter spring and tidy our gardens, please be considerate of your neighbours when having a bonfire and try to have them at times when others are not entertaining in their gardens.

The Parish Council meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 8pm at the Village Hall (except for Jan and Aug when there is no meeting held). We 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 happen in our village, and listen to the work being carried out.

Parish Clerk is contactable on 01279 842803 or email clerklittlehadham@gmail.com

Parish Council Website can be accessed via <http://www.littlehadham-pc.gov.uk>

Much Hadham Tennis Club 2018 Season



Come and join our friendly club situated at Much Hadham sports ground. All three courts have floodlighting. We would be delighted to welcome new members - try us out on Club nights for mixed play on Wednesdays from 7pm, men's nights on Tuesdays from 8pm or ladies' mornings on Fridays from 9.15am.

Annual membership fees are very reasonable at £140 for a family, £70 for an adult and £15 for a junior/student.

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It has been over 10 years that I contributed this column to the parish magazine and, personally, I feel it is becoming a little tired and in need of a new direction. I have one or two ideas that may be of interest to readers but I would be most grateful if you were to advise me on what you would like to see in its place. Possible mentions of particular habitats, areas to visit in the parish, details of specific species of birds, mammals, insects etc. that you may wish to watch. I would still like to mention any unusual or new sightings found within the parish, but just in the form of a few sentences. Please do let me know at jforgham@hotmail.com.

Having completed my 10 year survey of the entire natural history of the parish, it is often the case that I have very little new to report, hence the planned change.

However, the weather has eventually turned into spring as I type. Warm and sunny outside, the dawn chorus is gathering momentum and birds are now getting down to the serious business of nesting. Only this afternoon, I watched 2 long tailed tits in the garden. They were gathering spiders' webs and mosses to line their tennis ball sized nest.

I have made several local wanders in the last few weeks. A fortnight ago around Westland Green I noted my first brimstone and small tortoiseshell butterfly along with a singing chiffchaff. A woodcock actually on the Green here still indicated spring had not fully arrived. Yesterday (16th) I ventured out early over the golf course and returned via the Ash Valley where I observed my first peacock and comma butterflies as well as hearing the first local blackcap

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Dr Paul Haimes

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However, there are certain times of the year when patient expectation, with subsequent pressure on the dispensary, is increased and we had a good example of this recently. On the day after Easter Monday our girls received just over 70 requests from patients who had either run out of medication over the bank holiday weekend or only put in their request on the day before Good Friday (i.e. less than ONE working day before) A few of these patients were quite demanding and a small number managed to upset the staff. This is not acceptable and could lead to dispensing errors so please try to think ahead prior to bank holiday weekends, Christmas etc.

17 people attended our PPG cooking demonstration at Little Hadham Village Hall on 10th April. It was a very successful evening, we have received a lot of positive feedback and no one was taken ill the next day! In view of this, the PPG are planning to host another evening in the near future so keep an eye on our website or the PPG notice board in the waiting room if you are interested in attending.



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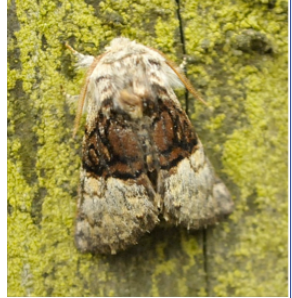


singing.

This female yellowhammer was very colour coordinated with the willow trees on the golf course. Still to see any martins or swallows in the parish this year, but I have received reports from several residents that they have already clocked these locally.

Whilst the warm days help the daytime insects, the nights remain colder than average and this has meant a paucity of moths to the trap. To compare, 2017 on 18th April I had noted 48 species of moth whilst this year I have managed only

30 species and in considerably lower numbers, too. This nut tree tussock was new for the year list on the 14th. Another wander to Hadham Hall lagoon on 7th gave up views of tufted duck (8 on the water) and plenty of linnets, goldfinches and gulls on the fields, but no early flying damselflies.



Plant wise, things are beginning to happen along our verges:

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coltsfoot, primulas, greater stitchwort, lesser celandine and red dead nettle are all in flower, whilst in Stocking Wood, good stands of wood anemone.

Away trips have been to Norfolk (6th) and Dungeness (19th March.) The trip to Dungeness worked out really well for me despite the -6C temperatures. I took a wander along to a rarely viewed area near the power station and came across a migratory bird, probably heading for Scandinavia. **A bluethroat.** This is a bird I have never seen before anywhere else in the world and a bird that always managed to avoid me. A rare but annual passage migrant. My day was complete when I came across a second individual. A superb bird to watch. The one depicted here is the second bird, showing a white spot in the blue, whereas the first bird had a solid blue throat and breast.



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Whilst Norfolk was warmer, there was nothing to compare with the bluethroat find – I was just content to wander the reserves watching a wide range of birds, species totalling over 80 for the day.

To conclude: I am looking for volunteers for a new project I am embarking upon. I have contacted the council about ear marking roadside verges that do not need to be gang mowed until autumn, thereby letting the plants grow through the season, giving pollinators the chance to do their work whilst feeding on the nectar. The council is forwarding me a map of the road network around Stortford and I am looking for residents to look at a specific roadside verge within the parish (where safe to do so,) take a few photos of flowering plants and decide whether there is a real need for that verge to be trimmed for sight line safety of the traffic.

Maybe best is that we have a brief meeting to explain in a little more detail so please do indicate to me a willingness to be involved either by email as above, or text 07805571551. To whet your appetite, take a look at <http://plantlife.love-wildflowers.org.uk/roadvergecampaign>

I look forward to hearing from you about both the roadside verge initiative and the planned changes to this column. Many thanks.

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On a happy note we are delighted that all our new members from last year have re-joined and keen to enter the many matches, both friendly and league/cup. We all look forward to that. Sadly, but as happens every year, a few of our long standing members have not re-joined for various reasons or have 'hung up their woods' and become social members and we shall miss them on the green.

I guess we are a bit like the village school - even if at a different age spectrum - we need a new intake every year.

And on that subject we are planning another recruitment campaign which will include an 'Open Day' and details will be out soon. However, do not wait for that as you are welcome to pop along and try your hand on any Wednesday evening - all age groups, male and female, are welcome. Alternatively or as well as, come to our Wednesday morning (from 10.00am) Pay & Play sessions. For just £2.50 you can join in and enjoy this sociable event and have a fun time. All you need is heelless flat shoes as woods can be provided so it really is a great opportunity to try out the sport without commitment or obligation. Why not also bring a friend or two?

Our challenge on the competitive front again this year is to take on and best those larger town clubs. We put up a good performance last year so why not join us and be part of that new wave sweeping all before it!

So you will be there on Wednesday!

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Little Hadham Brownies

Towards the end of last term the Brownies completed their 'Science Investigator' badges by creating compasses. The girls also visited the Rhodes Museum in Bishop's Stortford where they enjoyed dressing up, making rubbings and looking at lots of artefacts. The last meeting of the Spring term was at the church where the girls decorated eggs to use in the Easter window.

We wish the girls who moved on from Brownies well and hope they leave with lots of happy memories of fun activities and friends.

The Summer term promises to be another busy one; the girls have lots of ideas for things to do. In May the Brownies and Guides from the District will be visiting Colchester zoo.

Anyone interested in registering their daughter for Brownies should visit <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/>

Little Hadham Brownies meet in term time from 3.45-5.15 at the Village Hall.

Contact: littlehadhambrownies@gmail.com

It's Never Too Late to be Active

The over 50s in Hertfordshire are being told 'It's Never Too Late to be Active' in Hertfordshire County Council's new Public Health campaign to encourage residents to enjoy a more active and healthy lifestyle.

To launch the campaign, primary schools across the county have invited family, friends and neighbours to join them in their Daily Mile, an initiative which has been running since 2016.

Physical inactivity costs the Hertfordshire health economy more than £16million a year and is the fourth greatest cause of death and disability, causing 1 in 6 deaths in the UK.

Yet one in four Hertfordshire residents does less than 30 minutes of moderate physical activity a week, and many more are not meeting national guidelines of 150 minutes a week.

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What's on in May

in the Village Hall unless otherwise stated

5 Sat, Plant Sale and Coffee Morning, 9.30 in the Village Hall.

8 Tue, Social Club Supper 7.30 for 8pm.
See page 13.

10, 11, 12, Much Hadham Drama Group, directed by Sue Clarke, will stage an amateur production of **'The Pitmen Painters** at 8.00pm in the Village Hall. Tickets at £9 available from Londis, Much Hadham High Street, or nclarke167@aol.com (01279 842822).

11 Fri U3A meeting 3pm, Memorial Hall Sawbridgeworth, We meet on the second Friday of every month . For more details you can contact our Membership Secretary, John Dickenson on 01279 722297.

13 Sun, Little Hadham Antiques Fair 9.30 - 4pm. Refreshments and hot meals available. Entry £1, free on production of advert on page 15.

15 Tue, LH & A Garden Club, 7.45 for 8pm. when the speaker will talk on Cornish Gardens. Everyone welcome, members free, non-members £3. Refreshments included.

17 Thur, 3rd Thursday Lunch Don't forget to join us for the **Third Thursday Lunch** when a light, but delicious lunch is served in the Village Hall for a donation, from 12.30. Friends and neighbours meet here regularly for a chat and catch-up on all the news!

20 Sun, Open Day, Easton Lodge, see p 15.

21 Mon, "The Gun Powder Plot", by Richard Thomas, 8:pm Green Room, Much Hadham Village Hall. The well known local historian will discuss events leading up to the failed attempt on Parliament in 1605, **preceded by a short Extraordinary General Meeting, please see page 21 .**

23 Cammas Containers and Basket workshop has had to be cancelled. The course on the 5th June will continue to run as stated.

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26 Sat, Farmers' Market, 8.30 - 11.30am.

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June **26, Brownies' Tea Party** as a fundraiser for the Air Ambulance. All welcome. (4-5pm)

June **30, St Elizabeth's Summer Fayre.**
For more information, see page 14.

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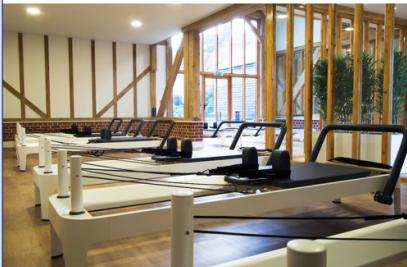
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News from the Gardens of Easton Lodge Preservation Trust

In May the Gardens should be lush, with wild flowers in the long grass and banks of foxgloves at the bottom of the Glade. We were thrilled to welcome new recruits on our volunteers' day in March – and with their help we have been quickly catching up on the gardening jobs we missed in the slow start to the Spring.

At our Open Day on May 20th we will have our first fun day for dogs at the Gardens. We will also welcome back the Rock Choir with their catchy take on a range of all-time greatest songs and we will have a fun trail and crafts for children.

The Countess of Warwick loved her dogs and at the time of her death had 13!! So we always welcome well-behaved dogs on leads and they very much enjoy a stroll around the Gardens. But for our May Open Day we are also welcoming dogs which want to show off and test their agility!! We will have a number of classes, including Prettiest Bitch, Handsomest Dog and Best Puppy, and an agility ring. There will also be displays by a husky team, a demonstration of heelwork to music and stalls. For details on timings go to our website: <http://www.eastonlodge.co.uk/> So, come and see for yourself on May 20th. The gardens will be open at the usual time, from 11.30 to 5.00 and we will be serving bacon & cheese rolls and homemade cakes.

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St Mary the Virgin in Arkesden has an elaborate and colourful Elizabethan monument to Richard Cutte who died in 1592 and his wife Marye.⁽¹⁾

At Little Easton, the church contains a great variety of interesting memorials including a charming 20th-century bust of the Countess of Warwick and two windows dedicated to the American air crews who flew from Little Easton and lost their lives during WWII.

Little Dunmow church has a memorial that is not named but is believed to depict Matilda, the daughter of Robert FitzWalter, one of the Magna Carta barons. Legend has it that she inspired the character of Maid Marian in the stories of Robin Hood.⁽²⁾

Great Waltham's Norman church houses a memorial to Sir Anthony Everard and his wife who died early in the 17th century.

They are depicted in elaborate costumes with gold braid.⁽³⁾

The parish church of Great St Mary in Sawbridgeworth is Grade I listed and the listing narrative states it has "an outstanding collection of memorials of the highest artistic quality".

One such is the painted alabaster tomb of Sir John Leventhorpe and his wife Joan in black mourning dress.⁽⁴⁾

If you can't get to these particular churches, photos of most of the monuments mentioned here will appear in the forthcoming book to be published by the Hundred Parishes Society. In the meantime, I encourage you to explore our many wonderful churches where more fascinating and varied monuments are waiting to be found.



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All residents that sign up receive a free local activity pass for themselves and a friend, which will entitle them to a free taster of some of the wide range of enjoyable activities and classes provided by our district councils and leisure centres across the county.

They can also get personalised support to help them become more active and enter a prize draw for an iPad, Fitbit or £100 clothing voucher.

Hertfordshire County Council's director of Public Health, Jim McManus, said: "We know that children are the best inspiration to motivate older adults to be more active so we are very grateful to the schools and young people who are helping us launch our 'Never Too Late' campaign. "Being active is nature's prescription as it has so many physical and mental health benefits whatever our age; yet a quarter of 55-64 year olds are completely inactive and over 40% are not meeting the recommended guidelines of 150 minutes activity a week. These figures are much higher for those aged 65+.

"We hope that this campaign will inspire older adults to move more, and help all ages feel the benefits of regular activity and having fun together!"

Staying active keeps our body strong, mind sharp and gives us more energy to keep

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We all know that getting old isn't easy. Unless you are extremely lucky, everything begins to wear out, little by little. So I was half expecting my health to show some signs of wear and tear. And it has! I can no longer enjoy my lovely sports car because getting in and out is not a pretty sight. Problems with both knees mean that I look decidedly ungainly as I try and fit myself into the low, small, space commonly known as the driving seat. To me it is more akin to a torture chamber! It's bad and painful enough for me. For onlookers it could be likened to a comedy sketch!

So this month I took the depressing decision of buying myself an 'old lady's car'. It has been a difficult decision.... bad enough to have to hand over a load of money, but for a car which I never wanted, it's tragic!

Having driven a 20 year old car for the past 20 years, a new car is akin to learning complicated algebra (and I was always rotten at maths!) There is just about everything you never needed on this car, bells and whistles I have yet to understand. There is a key which you click to get in yet you don't need it to start the engine. There is a way (if you have the key) of opening the door without clicking. I have yet to find how to do this. A 100 page book explaining everything came with the car – but who has the time, energy or enthusiasm to read and understand all that! The only thing I do appreciate is that there is Bluetooth... a word I had often heard of, but never knew about. Now, for my sins, I can answer my mobile by pressing a button, and talk to whoever without taking my eyes off the road. And, since I started this article, I have had cause to use it. Having become lost en route to an appointment, I was able to call and get directions and then ask for them to stay on line while I negotiated my way back to find the right route. Little old lady's car One: sports car Nil!

It's Never Too Late to be Active , from page 11

doing the things we love. It also boosts confidence, improves our mood and is a great way to meet people and have fun.

Hertfordshire GP Dr Richard Pile said: "Physical activity is vital to help prevent and manage a range of long-term conditions such as heart disease, stroke, cancer, dementia, diabetes and depression. Becoming more active can help you stay healthy, strong and independent for longer and reduce the need to be admitted to hospital. It really is never too late to be active, and there are some great opportunities on offer in Hertfordshire, from free walking groups and exercise classes at local leisure centres, to the occasional swim or bike-ride or even gardening. "We are very pleased to be supporting this important campaign and would urge everyone to get involved."

The Never Too Late campaign is part of Hertfordshire's Year of Physical Activity. The campaign launches from 23 April 2018. To find out more and sign up to the campaign, visit: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/nevertoolate . Alternatively you can drop into your local library or call HertsHelp on 0300 123 4044.

Crime Stats for March

Little Hadham March 2018

For details on crime in your area please visit: www.police.uk. Enter a postcode to see the 'crime

- There was a residential dwelling burglary reported at a property in Little Hadham. Offender(s) have attempted to gain entry via the downstairs toilet window, but have failed to do so and made off in an unknown direction.
- The other incident in Little Hadham related to a dog attack on another domestic pet. The dog is no longer present in the community of Little Hadham.

Other News and events

- Spring has finally arrived and with it the lighter evenings, but East Herts continues to be blighted by burglaries. Several have been carried out during daylight hours where entry has been gained at the rear of properties by either breaking a window or patio doors. Please continue to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity.
- Shed breaks have also increased so make sure that your outbuildings are locked and secured with robust padlocks. All items stored within should be clearly marked with your postcode or use permanent marker etc. to make the equipment easily identifiable as your property.

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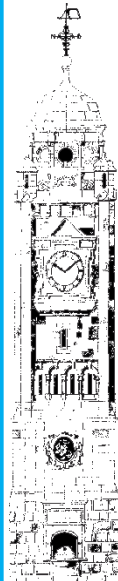
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Here we go for my last term at Little Hadham- where did those fourteen years go?
It was good to see many of you at this year's Parish A.G.M.- another last for me- sadly,
there's going to be a lot of them!

We had a surprise visit recently from OFSTED on 13th March, which strongly confirmed
that we continue to be a 'Good' school with lots of strengths and many positive
comments came in from the school community, thank you, everyone.

My favourite quote from the inspector was, 'The children love their school.' My job is
done!

Keep your fingers crossed for our Y6 pupils, as they sit their National SATs tests later
this month.

Thank you for your continued support.

Liz Stockley, Headteacher

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The Hadhams' History Society

Ryan Karolak, curator of Harlow Museum, gave a very scholarly and interesting account of the history of Harlow covering the period up to 1947, which was much appreciated by the well attended meeting. He will follow this in

September with a presentation on the development of the New Town.

From archaeological evidence, the Harlow area has been settled for about 40000 years. The topography of the Stort valley fulfilled the needs of shelter with plenty of water and woodland for materials and food. Local tribes lived in mud huts with timber supports and thatch for insulation and roofing. The Romans built a few villas and a Temple dedicated to Minerva but did not establish a town. The Temple expanded during Roman Rule, and excavations have found over 6000 objects – coins, bones, pottery etc. Modern place names reflect many of the local Saxon manors but no local administration such as a town was established. Harlow (Haerlowe) is thought to derive from Haeg rowe roughly translated as “temple hill”, whilst the Temple per se became disused due to its pagan past. After the Conquest, the Saxon parishes/manors of Harlow, Latton, Nettleswell and Parndon were given to Norman Lords, for example to Adolf de Merk in Latton. This became Mark Hall manor and where Elizabeth I stayed during one of her progresses. Potter Street derives from the pottery trade, and a market/fair was established about 1500 on Common Land at Bush Fair which survived many centuries. The Rev Joseph Arkwright, son of wealthy industrialist and landowner Richard, inherited the Mark Hall estate and in 1824 took up residence at Latton Priory (now the Moot House) and acquired land at Parndon in 1860. Son Loftus married Elizabeth, a noted artist, who re-decorated Parndon Hall after the couple had it rebuilt. By 1900, Harlow (ie Old Harlow) was a small village of about 2000 inhabitants, whilst the other parishes remained small hamlets. The Gilbey family leased Mark Hall in 1893 and a number of significant members were brought up there. The Harlow area remained mainly agricultural until the end of WW2.

A short Extraordinary General Meeting to approve new Terms of Reference for the Society, which incorporate its Data Protection Policy, will precede the talk on Monday 21st May @ 8:00pm Green Room, Much Hadham Village Hall. This is necessary as New Data Protection Legislation comes into effect on 25th May, requiring members to explicitly consent to the Society holding their contact details. Members who do not consent will not be contacted after 25th May and their contact details will be deleted from the Society's records. Members please return your consent forms to the secretary ASAP.

Stop Stansted Expansion

STANSTED TO PRESS FOR MORE NIGHT FLIGHTS

Stansted Airport is seeking to overturn legal conditions which for the last 15 years have prevented it from lobbying Government for more night flights.

The discovery has been made by Stop Stansted Expansion (SSE) within the airport's current planning application seeking permission for an annual throughput of 43 million passengers, an increase of 66% compared to the 25.9 million passengers handled in 2017.

The change being sought by Stansted's owners, Manchester Airport Group (MAG), is buried deep within the planning application in Appendix D of the Planning Statement. This sets out proposed conditions that would accompany any approval of the application. MAG wants to remove the present restriction which prevents Stansted Airport lobbying Government for more night flights. The restriction is enshrined in a Section 106 agreement dating back to 2003 when Stansted was given permission to grow from 15 million passengers a year (mppa) to 25mppa.

The discovery by SSE of this hidden bombshell would not have been possible had SSE not insisted that more time was needed to study the 2,930-page planning application, which is being rushed through under a 'fast track' agreement between MAG and Uttlesford District Council (UDC). In all their summaries and press releases explaining what this planning application is all about, neither UDC nor MAG has ever made any mention of this hidden proposal aimed at increasing night flights.

The move has been branded by SSE as a clandestine attempt to betray the community given that thousands of local residents already suffer from the misery of sleep disturbance and adverse health impacts caused by night flights.

"For years SSE has been calling for tougher controls to bear down on the impacts night flights have on sleep disturbance and the quality of life and wellbeing of people across the region," said the campaign group's noise adviser Martin Peachey. "Stansted is already allowed more than twice as many night flights as Heathrow, and night flights are set to be completely banned at Heathrow within the next ten years as a condition of expansion."

The long haul and freight aircraft which MAG is hoping to attract to Stansted, typically larger and noisier than most aircraft types currently based there, would also exacerbate the present disturbance suffered. If MAG succeeded in having the present restrictions on night flights relaxed, the floodgates could rapidly open to a noise nightmare with the community suffering even more if the planning application were to be approved.

SSE is advising those concerned about the proposed overturning of the night flights restriction to make representations by email (including full name and address) to Uttlesford District Council at stanstedairportplanningapplication@uttlesford.gov.uk before 30 April, quoting reference UTT/18/0460/FUL.

Message from your County Councillor, Graham McAndrew



Stansted Airport Community Trust (*applications to be in by end of April*)

Stansted Airport Community Trust supports capital projects which protect and enhance the social, economic and environmental well being of the community within a 10 miles radius of Stansted Airport. The fund is financed by Stansted Airport and any aircraft noise fines.

For more details about this trust and to apply please email or call 01245 231250.

Stansted Airport Passenger Community Fund

Stansted Airport Passenger Community Fund donates money (up to £1500) to local causes within a 20 miles radius of Stansted Airport. The money donated by the committee is raised from passengers' and staff's unwanted foreign currency which is collected in the terminal. Consideration will be given to requests from sports clubs, pre-school nurseries, junior sports clubs, brownies, guides, clubs, elderly and animal charities. Further information and to request an application form, please email.

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If you have any concerns about crime or anti-social behaviour please contact PCSO Leon De Bruyn on 101 or by email: leon.debruyne@herts.pnn.police.uk . Or if the matter is of a more serious nature, you can contact Sergeant Duncan Wallace when he is on duty, on his Airwave radio on 01707 354192. (In an emergency always use 999.)

May 2018

St Cecilia's, Little Hadham | St Mary's, Albury | St Andrew's, Much Hadham

6 Sunday, Easter 6
9.15 a.m. Family Communion at St. Andrew's, Much Hadham.
11.15 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Mary's, Albury

10 Thursday, Ascension Day
7.30 p.m. Group Ascension Day at St. Andrew's, Much Hadham.

13 Sunday, Sunday after Ascension Day
9.15 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Andrew's, Much Hadham.
11.15 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Cecilia's, Little Hadham.

20 Sunday, Pentecost
9.15 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Andrew's, Much Hadham.
11.15 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Mary's, Albury.
5.00 p.m. Evensong at St. Thomas', Perry Green.

23 Wednesday, Midweek Book of Common Prayer Communion.
10.00 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Cecilia's, Little Hadham.

27 Sunday,
9.15 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Andrew's, Much Hadham.
11.15 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Cecilia's, Little Hadham.

Don't forget to join us for the **Third Thursday Lunch** when a light, but delicious lunch is served in the Village Hall for a donation, from 12.30. Friends and neighbours meet here regularly for a chat and catch-up on all the news!

If you would like to find out more about the life of our church, please see our website www.riverashchurches.org.uk

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.

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There have been no entries in the Register this month

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