

Albury Newsletter

June 2020



Regular Events and Information

**Albury's Police Constables: PC Nicola Hunt (334), CSO Deborah Mead (6472)
PCSO Leon De Bruyn (6389) Non-emergency contact no: 101**

Every Mon: **All Ability Exercise** at the Village Hall 11-12am
Albury Badminton Club at the Village Hall 8-10pm
Every Wed **Yoga** at the Village Hall 8.00 – 9.00pm
Every Thurs: **Pilates** at the Village Hall 7.00 – 8.00pm

Albury Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall 7.15pm
1st Tues of Month: February, March, April, May, June, July, September, October, November
email: alburyparishclerk@hotmail.co.uk

2nd Tues of Month: **Little Hadham & Albury Parish Club**
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Church Diary

**St Mary's Albury with
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**St Mary's Albury, St Cecilia's Little Hadham, St Andrew's with Holy Cross and St
Thomas' Much Hadham, St Mary's Braughing, St Mary's Furneux Pelham, St Mary's
Stocking Pelham.**

Churchwarden: *Dr Vanessa Daley, Tel: 771205*

Sunday 7th June

8.00am
9.15am
11.15am

Sunday 14th June

9.15am
11.15am
5.45pm

Sunday 21st June

9.15am
11.15am

Sunday 28th June

9.15am
11.15am

**All public worship in the Church of England
& Catholic Church is suspended and the
services planned for June will not be taking
place.**

**The churches will remain open throughout
the week as places of prayer for the
community.**

**For further developments please see the
website: www.riverashchurches.org.uk**

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Team Vicar: Julie Gawthroe email: vicar@braughing.org.uk

Lifts to church: Should anyone need a lift please contact the churchwarden.

Roman Catholic Mass:

Puckeridge, St Thomas of Canterbury – Saturday 6pm - Suspended

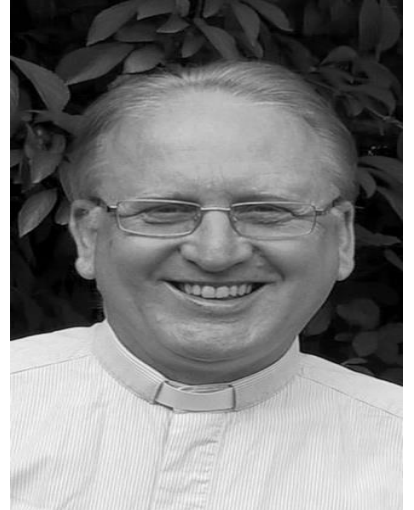
Much Hadham, St Andrew's/Holy Cross - Sundays 11.15 am - Suspended

Old Hall Green, St Edmund of Canterbury - Sundays 11.15 am - Suspended

A message from the Rector

This month, I'd like to take the opportunity to let you know what is happening with our church buildings and all that normally takes place inside them.

Our churches remain closed but **the church** isn't closed. It's been encouraging to see people recognising that they **are** the church as they live out the love of God in Christ – the love of God that they have discovered for themselves and can't keep to themselves. We've found new, imaginative ways of living out God's love in these challenging circumstances. However, like many, I do miss being present physically with others inside our churches.



Our churches are still closed and, at the time of writing, we await further guidance about when and how they will begin to be reopened. Sunday services no longer take place in church. Weddings cannot take place and couples have had to postpone their special day. There were christenings (baptisms) due to take place in our regular services or on a Sunday afternoon and these also have to wait until we open up our buildings again. At the moment, I continue to conduct funerals, but only in small gatherings at the crematorium or graveside.

I am very much looking forward to the time when we can open our doors again and, in particular, to enable people to enter into the quiet of our churches in order to pray or simply to come away from the busy-ness of life. Our churches are there for everyone, not only the congregation who worship there. In the meantime, please get in touch with me if you have any questions about life events that would normally take place in church.

For now, our worship continues online. Our regular Sunday services are streamed via Zoom at 10 am. We also meet on all the other days of the week at 10 am. 'The Daily Service' is a short service of Morning Prayer at 10 am. All are welcome – you just need the meeting ID and password from me. You're welcome to pop in and take a look at what we're doing online, or you're very welcome to stay and say 'hello' when we take the opportunity to chat briefly after the service ends. You don't need to be a 'high-tech' type of person to join in – it's now possible to phone in too. If you'd like to join in by phone, please give me a call and I will let you know the phone numbers to use and other useful details.

We weren't in church for 'Thy Kingdom Come' this May but were still praying with Christians worldwide for people to come to know the love of God in Jesus Christ for themselves. We usually provide Alpha - an opportunity to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed, home setting. We may not be able to meet in a home but we will continue Alpha online instead. To find out more, please see our website www.riverashchurches.org.uk or contact me by email or phone.

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They are also available from the parish clerk alburyparishclerk@hotmail.co.uk Tel: 01279 776184

No parish council update this month



Warning to residents after series of delivery scams

Hertfordshire Constabulary is warning residents to stay vigilant following reports of people receiving unexpected packages from couriers, over the last week.

Victims have received packages that were addressed to them but contained items that they had not ordered. A short while later a woman wearing a DPD courier uniform has arrived to collect the packages, claiming they had been delivered to the wrong address. In the reported instances the packages have contained either iPhones or laptops and have been despatched by AO.

If goods are delivered that you have not ordered and are marked with your address you should inform the company that sent it and wait for them to send a courier. Always check with them which courier company is making the collection and when they will arrive. If someone knocks on the door claiming to have come to pick it up after it was delivered by mistake, think twice about handing it over.

If someone tries to deliver a parcel you've not ordered, refuse to accept it so that it goes back to the depot or the sender. If you have handed a parcel over please report it to Action Fraud. If someone is at your door claiming to have come to pick up a parcel you never ordered ring 999.

Hertfordshire Constabulary offers the following crime prevention advice:

- If possible, don't accept or sign for parcels you haven't ordered.
- If a parcel you have received is not something you have ordered, you should not hand the parcel over to someone calling at your door unless you have made a prior arrangement for its collection and you are able to check the identity of the caller.
- If you realise a parcel you have received is something you have not ordered, you should immediately contact the company to arrange for its collection. Remember to ask how to ensure the identity of the person collecting it.
- If you have already handed over a package in the circumstances described contact Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or via www.actionfraud.police.uk.

If you need to reply regarding this message, tap on this email address: wlo@herts.pnn.police.uk

Regards,

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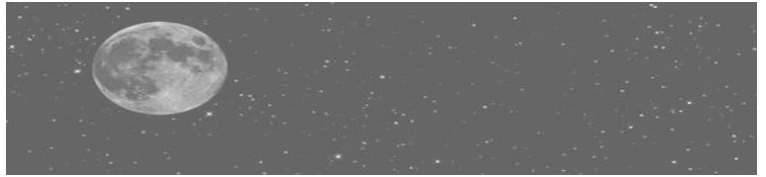
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June Night Sky

The Summer solstice falls on June 20th. For us here in the Northern hemisphere days will be at their longest. This means you have to stay up quite late to see the stars! After the solstice nights will slowly

start to lengthen once again. This month we can see the innermost planet of our solar system, Mercury. On June the 4th it is at its greatest angular separation from the Sun (the astronomical term for this event is known as an elongation). This means it will be possible to observe it shortly after the Sun has gone down below the horizon. Normally Mercury would be too close to the Sun and therefore unsafe to observe.



There will also be a penumbral lunar eclipse. This will take place on the evening of the 5th of June. This is where the moon dips into the Earth's penumbra. The penumbra is the lightest bit of the conical shadow cast by our Earth. This will appear to darken part of the Moons surface. Whilst not as dramatic as a total lunar eclipse it is well worth watching.

Full Moon: June 5th

New Moon: June 21st

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Please note – all copy for the newsletter is accepted on a 'first come' basis...this month's deadline is Friday 19th June

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.

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Patmore Wildlife – Gavin Vicary



I am writing this during the corona virus lockdown and hope that the restrictions are being eased by the time that you read it.

My meetings are now all on some sort of video conferencing platform, such as Teams or Zoom. With travelling for work eliminated, like many people, I have got more time at home and have been using the allocated exercise time to cycle, around the

countryside surrounding Albury and Patmore Heath.

I am grateful that the restrictions have come in springtime and really enjoyed, exploring all the lanes and villages in a radius a few miles around Patmore Heath. Some of the routes I knew, whereas, others I have travelled down for the first time.

The lack of traffic, has made the cycling all the more enjoyable. I have also been reminded, how fortunate we are to live in a place surrounded by such lovely countryside. Some of the villages are truly charming, the views glorious and we have so many beautiful churches, pubs, houses, and gardens of different, shapes, ages & sizes.

On one of my trips I passed an orchard that was planted in Much Hadham a few years ago. It seems to contain, mainly cherry trees which were in full blossom. The amount of birdsong was noticeably louder than elsewhere and underneath all the blossoming trees, the rough grassland no doubt supports all sorts of small mammals and other wildlife.

I thought about, how good such a relatively small area, is for wildlife and read later that ninety percent of orchards have been lost in the UK since the 1950s. I can remember my own grandparents, retiring from Kentish Town to a new housing estate in rural Essex in the 1970s. All around were orchards, but over the next few years each one was gradually grubbed out and replaced by housing as the estate expanded. I was only young at the time, but it must have made an impression on me, because I still remember noticing, with some sadness, what was being lost.

I decided to head through Allen's Green and Green Tye to the Rivers Orchard. In its heyday the orchard was renowned for introducing fruit varieties such as Conference pears and Czar plums. It comprised over 400 acres, but only a small remnant now remains. It was formed in 1725 and was a thriving business for over 250 years before it was sold in the 1980s when commercial viability ceased.

Adjacent to the remaining orchard is now the Rivers hospital. Unfortunately, some of us will end up visiting there, for various ailments and for anyone that does, the orchard is well worth a visit. I had a hernia repair there a couple of years ago and at a time when we are all rightly praising healthcare workers, I can genuinely say that my experience couldn't have been more efficiently or professionally handled and I can't praise them enough.

I sat in the orchard for a few minutes. It was incredibly peaceful. The cherry & pear blossom was in full bloom, whereas the apple blossom was just breaking. Underneath the trees were swathes of cowslips or peggles as my next-door neighbour calls them.

The first swallows had just arrived back from migration and I soon identified a dozen different birds, including song thrush and nuthatch. Orange tip, peacock, brimstone and small tortoiseshell butterflies were on the wing and I was struck by how many bumblebees there were. I could actually hear some of the trees "hum" there were so many honeybees on them.

The Rivers orchard has its own website (www.rhso.co.uk) and they run work parties and other events. I have long, had a pipe dream of buying a piece of land and planting an orchard. It will probably never happen, but you never know.

Work Party Dates

Work Parties are cancelled until the autumn, at the earliest, due to social distancing, to reduce infections and help the NHS during the corona virus outbreak

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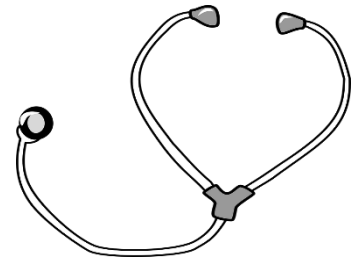
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In the coming weeks we will be making some small changes to health centre access. With regard to medication collection, we will be moving from a rather ad-hoc waiting in the car park to a more orderly queue, similar to that at supermarkets. There will be 2m markings put in place.

In addition, we will probably be seeing more patients face to face in the surgery. Once again the numbers will be strictly controlled and we will be insisting on face masks in this setting.

Please keep an eye on our website (www.muchhadhamhealthcentre.co.uk) for more information as this is updated frequently.

Finally, may I ask that if at all possible you allow 5 working days from ordering to collecting your repeat medication (this does not apply if you take the prescription elsewhere but wherever you go, you will be subject to their rules & guidelines) Our dispensers are doing a wonderful job but we anticipate some significant changes to staffing levels in the near future and would ask for your understanding.

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20th July 1935 - 17th May 2020

Jean our lovely friend and member of Albury 60+ passed away in her care home on the 17th May. Jean was an "Albury girl" she was born at Mount Pleasant in a tiny cottage where she was the youngest of 3 girls and 3 boys and attended Albury School. She would tell us stories of how as a little girl how scared she was of visiting the outside toilet at the bottom of the garden! Her great grandmother lived in Ye Olde Thatched Cottage a two up two down property, at the beginning of the Lane (there is a photo on the Albury website) and would rent her front room out to the visiting doctor who came to Albury once a week. Jean was delighted when the family were offered a brand new tied property in Mansfield Cottages, Clapgate (it had an inside toilet!). Jean left school at 15 and went to work in Catons Stores (now Stax)where they sold everything from gun cartridges to beans and hair grips They even sold petrol and if you were lucky one of the farmers would give you a tip.

In 1968 the shop was sold and Jean went to Bishops Stortford to work in Maslins (now Coopers) where she made many lifetime friends. Jean continued living in Mansfield cottages where she cared for her parents and eventually caring for her brother Lou. When Lou died in 2005 she had to move out as the cottage was tied to his job at the farm.

In 2007 she went to live with her brother Alfie in Pelham but she never really settled there as she felt Albury was where she belonged, however she joined in with all of the Albury 60+ events and activities enjoying her 80th birthday celebration at the Catherine Wheel.

Jean had an amazing amount of memorabilia she had albums of family postcards, letters and photos that dated back to WWI and WW2, she could tell you so many amazing stories. Eventually she became frail and the house was not suitable, so in 2017 she moved into Nevitts, a care home in Buntingford and she was happy there but the CQC closed it down and she was moved to Providence house in Baldock where sadly she passed away.

Jean was a very special person with a good sense of humour and we will always have very fond memories of her.

Jean, God bless, we will miss you X.

Pam Webb

ZOOM QUIZ FOR CHRISTIAN AID

A big Thank You to everyone who has supported our collection for Christian Aid in the village so far. On Monday 11th May, our Rector Steve hosted a brilliant and mind boggling quiz via Zoom to around 50 participants! We puzzled and giggled and thoroughly enjoyed it and grateful thanks to our fantastic quiz master!

Donations, from quizzers and non-quizzers alike were made through our just giving page <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/muchhadhamquiz> which will remain open for donations for the next month.

We are thrilled to say that with Gift Aid added, and some additional contributions we have raised almost £1000. This is around half the amount we usually raise with our house-to-house collections from the generous people of Much Hadham.

If you would like to donate via just giving to support the work of Christian Aid, responding to the needs of the world's poorest people, you can follow the link above, or go to [JustGiving.com](https://www.justgiving.com) and search Much Hadham Quiz.

With thanks,
Suzanne Kennard



Paddy's Patmore Challenge

The residents of Patmore Heath were out in force to cheer on local boy Paddy Dunne on the sunny morning of Saturday 9th May.

Paddy, a year 6 pupil at Furneux Pelham School had set himself a challenge to run a half marathon (21 laps around Patmore Heath) to raise money for the NHS staff and volunteers 'who are doing such amazing work right now in caring for COVID-19 patients'.



Paddy's older brother Jamie kept him company acting as 'pacer' running alongside for the first 20 laps but the last lap was Paddy's alone which he ran at phenomenal speed especially considering how hot the day was! In fact his overall time of 1 hour 54 minutes puts him at the peak of seasoned adult half marathon runners!

It was a family affair as Paddy's dad, Rob, walked the 21 laps & mum Sarah was manning the water/jelly babies/spray station!

He set himself a fundraising target of £250 which he has smashed and at time of going to print he has raised over £3,000.

Paddy said: "I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has supported and donated such generous amounts of money during my challenge. I wanted something to excite and entertain me during lockdown so I thought this was a great challenge to take on and I wanted to do it for the NHS as they are doing an incredible job at the moment. I really appreciate everyone on Patmore Heath who cheered and clapped and encouraged me to keep going; also thank you so much to everyone who has donated. Enjoy the sunshine whilst its out."

Well done Paddy!!

If you would like to donate to Paddy's Support NHS Charities Together please go to:

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/paddy-dunne?utm_medium=qr&utm_source=offline&utm_term=4eb5e3077





NEWS FROM THE GARDENS OF EASTON LODGE

Although we have had to close the Gardens during the lockdown, we remain hopeful that we will be able soon to welcome visitors, with appropriate social distancing and biosecurity. Please keep an eye on our website or Facebook page for the latest news.

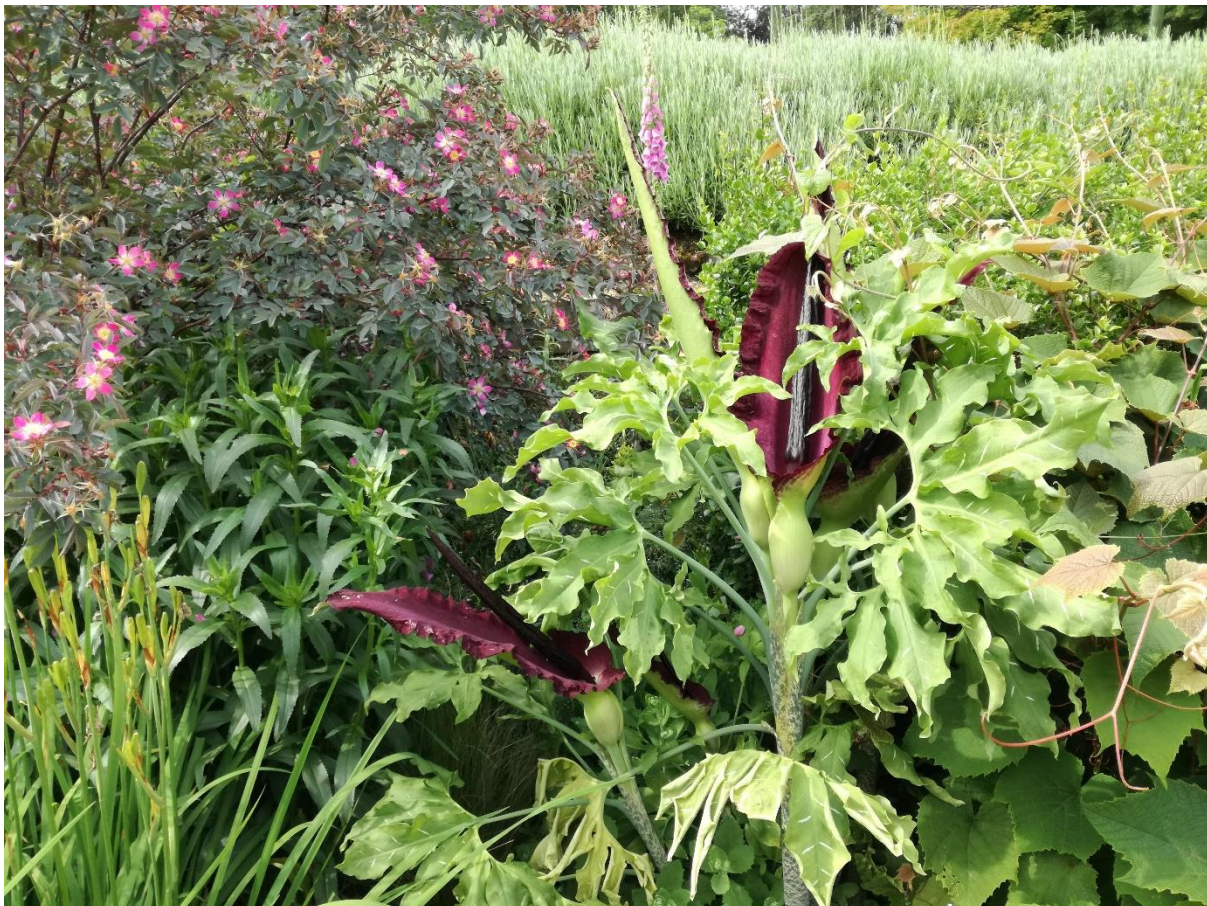
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In the meantime, a few local volunteers have been managing to do some basic maintenance and planting at the Gardens, so there will be lots of interest when we can open the gates. Last June the lovely pink rose with red leaves, *rosa rubrifolia*, and stray foxgloves framed the bizarre black dragon/voodoo lily in the Italian garden border. We have planted more roses each of the last few years and they will carry on giving colour and lovely scents right through the summer months. In the walled kitchen garden, new salvia, anisodonteia, penstemon, dahlias and the stunning titonia (Mexican sunflower), raised again from seed, have been added to the flower border. Vegetable plants, soft fruit and herbs are thriving and bulking up. You can find a whole host of lovely pictures of the Gardens if you look at Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/thegardensofeastonlodge/> or our Instagram account <https://www.instagram.com/eastonlgardens/>

In early May we were able to supply our rhubarb and herbs to locals through the Isolated Shop at Little Easton Manor and we will continue to make our new season vegetables and fruit available as they come on stream. Every little flow of income will help, as we aim to place an order for the restoration of the lilypond balustrade in the Italian garden this year.

Best wishes from us all & stay safe.

Jill Goldsmith



One of the features of The Hundred Parishes website is a section on famous people from our area. There is a short account of each of 21 past and present celebrities, from Dick Turpin to Jamie Oliver. Gustav Holst is one of these and I make no apology for repeating text from our website here:

GUSTAV HOLST (1874-1934)

While teaching and composing in London, Gustav Holst began a love affair with Thaxted after a walking holiday in the area led to his taking a weekend cottage nearby. A great attraction must have been its cathedral-sized church with spacious, white-painted interior, where he became involved with local music-making, encouraged by the town's socialist vicar, Conrad Noel. Holst himself was an active socialist.

In 1916, Holst invited some of his London pupils to spend four days of music-making in Thaxted in the town's first Whitsuntide festival. Sadly, this was repeated for only two more years before being moved to London to avoid Holst's pupils, especially those from St Paul's School, becoming associated with Noel's controversial extremist left-wing sermons. It was 1980 before the highly successful Thaxted Festival was re-established.

Holst stayed in Thaxted for several years working, amongst other things, on his acknowledged masterpiece, *The Planets*. He adapted the big melody from "Jupiter" to accompany the poem "I vow to thee, my country". This became a popular hymn and Holst named the tune "Thaxted". It has since been used for no fewer than fourteen other hymns worldwide as well as the anthem of the Rugby World Cup. Holst also composed the music for a popular Christmas carol, "In the Bleak Midwinter".

During these days of social distancing we are not able to travel and enjoy our beautiful area as much as before, but we can remind ourselves of what is out there and read about our rich local history on the Society's website.

Ken McDonald, Secretary



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