



WELCOME TO LITTLE GADDESSEN



This booklet has been produced by The Gaddesden Society, in conjunction with the Parish Church and the village school, to help welcome new residents to Little Gaddesden.

In the pages that follow, you will find out more about the various organisations and activities in our friendly, diverse village. There is always a great deal going on, so please make contact and get involved!

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THE GADDESSEN SOCIETY

The Gaddesden Society is the **'umbrella'** for the many clubs in the villages of Ashridge, Hudnall, Little Gaddesden and Ringshall. It helps fund many village activities and developments.

We produce ***The Gaddesden Diary*** four times a year. This gives club reports, a calendar of future events and a contact if you would like to join any club or organisation. If you would like to subscribe to the four Diaries, please telephone our Distribution Secretary. Copies are also available in the Village Shop.

The Gaddesden Society holds **social evenings with a talk** four to six times a year: our programme is published in the *Diary* and on our website. Everyone is welcome at these evenings, which are social occasions to meet others in the village over a glass of wine and listen to interesting talks. The cost is only £1.

You do not have to 'join' The Gaddesden Society, which is open to all.

We also arrange the **Village Sports**, when we hope that you and your children will compete in the races. The event usually takes place in mid-September and details are published in the *Diary*.

The Gaddesden Society runs a voluntary **Hospital Driving Service** for non-driving villagers needing free transport to hospitals, clinics and surgeries for pre-arranged appointments, or to visit a close relative.

Please contact the Hospital Driving Organiser.

The Gaddesden Society holds a **directory of village email addresses** through which it communicates Society meeting information, key village events and police Neighbourhood Watch notices.

Villagers who want to join this register should send an email to gaddesdensociety@haynesco.fsnet.co.uk.

For any further information about The Gaddesden Society, please contact our Honorary Secretary or visit our website.

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THE CHURCH OF ST PETER AND ST PAUL

The Vicar, Churchwardens and people of the church of St Peter and St Paul, would like to add our welcome to you as you begin life in Little Gaddesden. Our ancient parish church lies away from the centre of the village, down Church Road, on the site of the original village, in an idyllic setting, with commanding views over the valley.

The church is a thriving, worshipping community, with two services most Sundays and one service on a Thursday morning. We welcome people of all ages and denominations and offer many opportunities to meet other than Sundays. There is a Mother and Toddler service once a month on Wednesdays as well as coffee, cake and chat every Tuesday morning. Most second Sundays of the month there is a Family Service with worship and a message orientated to towards younger people as well as those new to, or searching for, faith, and there are regular workshops for children and parents as well as a young people's choir at Christmas. There is a four part harmony choir and a team of bellringers, both of which welcome newcomers. Notices at the village shop and other places around the village, give details of weekly events, and you can also look up these and other details on our website, www.littlegaddesdenchurch.org.uk. The church is also able to offer pastoral support to anyone in times of trouble or difficulty.

You have moved to a friendly, welcoming village in which the church plays a key role, and we hope you will be very happy here.

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LITTLE GADDESSEN CHURCH OF ENGLAND

PRIMARY SCHOOL

We are all very proud of our school. Our aim is to create curious and creative thinkers, independent and enthusiastic learners and confident individuals. OFSTED visited in spring 2014 and confirmed that we are an “outstanding” school and they commented on the fact the “high quality teaching” was the key to our success.

Children have a wide range of opportunities inside and outside the classroom and benefit from our well-equipped building, the sports fields and the beauty of Ashridge. We are proud that in our recent Inspection, it was commented that “the children are particularly well prepared for their next stage in education”.

Little Gaddesden School has a place at the centre of our community, with close links to the Church, local sports clubs and Parish Council. We openly welcome visitors who would like to learn more about what we do.

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The aims of the Club are for the promotion and furtherance of drawing, painting, sculpture, wood turning and wood sculpture within the Parish of Little Gaddesden. Now more than half the members come from outside the village!

We hold two exhibitions a year and several club evenings with a demonstration, talk or drawing with a model. We also hold two full day workshops with a tutor. These are all open meetings and non-members are welcome with payment of a small fee. Our AGM Is in February and this is followed by a lunch for members and their guests. We also hold a Summer Supper in July. They are great times to meet other members and have a good meal.

We like to encourage members to join in club activities and help at events, not just exhibit their pictures.

There is also a group who meet on Monday afternoon throughout the year in the Village Hall. There is no tutor and no instruction, so people “do their own thing”. We take it in turns to make tea and we divide the cost of the hall between us. You do not have to be a member of the Club to come.

Club membership is open to all Little Gaddesden residents. People outside the parish must have their membership application form supported by two club members. You do not have to be an artist to join, we have several members who just like coming to events and are willing to help.

Contact

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BADMINTON CLUB

We are a small friendly club with perhaps more enthusiasm than skill for the most part, although we do also have several members who play seriously and with talent.

Do come along and meet us even if you have never played before, as we always have spare racquets and we will be happy to teach you.

We meet on a Wednesday evening at 8.00pm in the school hall and welcome new members. After a strenuous evening dashing around the court we do adjourn to the Bridgewater Arms for some refreshments to round off the evening.

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BELL RINGERS

A ring of six bells was installed in the church in 1978 and they have been rung fairly regularly for the morning service on Sundays since then and for special services and weddings. We ring in the New Year then celebrate it with a glass of champagne and a mince pie!

We are a small band and could always do with more learners who hopefully will become experienced ringers. We have been blessed with two faithful ringers from Hemel Hempstead who come on Tuesdays to our Practise night from 8.00pm – 9.00pm. They teach our learners and teach the “oldies” new methods. Once you have mastered it, it is a bit like riding a bicycle, you don’t forget!

We celebrate Christmas with a small party for our ringers and helpers and devour copious amounts of pancakes on Shrove Tuesday.

Interested? Ring me and we will welcome you to our practise night. Maybe you are already a ringer, then come and join us.

Contact

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BOOK CLUB

Since Little Gaddesden Book Group was founded in 1998 we have read over 150 books including biographies, short stories and poetry. Mostly we read novels which have been set in locations as diverse as Iceland and Japan and from the time of the Trojan wars to the present day.

We enjoy being entertained, educated and enthused to find out more and however challenging or, dare I say, unpopular the book we always have a great discussion!

Unfortunately numbers are constrained as we meet in members’ homes but we would love to share our books with you! So along with our regular reviews in *The Gaddesden Diary* we will endeavour to keep you up to date with our choices and encourage you to submit (briefly please!) comments on your own reading experience which we can incorporate into our reviews.

Please feel free to email your responses and we will try to include them.
Happy reading!

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BOWLS AND CROQUET CLUB

Bowls

For a single membership fee, members can play bowls and / or croquet at our friendly club all summer long! All ages and abilities are welcome.

We have a youth section. Youth members, families and working adults have convenient evening practice sessions. Coaching and the use of club equipment is free. Novices are given full coaching to allow them to play their chosen sports quickly, properly and with ease.

The licensed clubhouse is available to hire for private parties, with reduced hire rates for members. Bowling continues at Dunstable Leisure Centre during the winter. Outdoor bowling and croquet runs from April to October/November. Club social events are organised throughout the year.

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Croquet

The croquet section of the Bowls and Croquet Club plays on the bowling green on Sundays and Wednesdays, and on Tuesday evenings when there is enough light, from April to October. Some members play Association Croquet, but the majority play Golf Croquet, a simpler version in which each player takes a turn to run his / her ball through the next hoop or stop an opponent from doing so.

Besides social play, there are open and handicap tournaments and friendly matches against other clubs. Coaching is available.

Contact

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BRIDGE CLUB

The Little Gaddesden Bridge Group meets in the Bowls and Croquet Club in the afternoons of the second and fourth Tuesdays each month.

The Bridge is relaxed and informal, usually with Chicago scoring. Membership is also informal - just turn up and play.

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Recently the club has invested to improve facilities and re-start the Colts section, with cricket coaching for children aged 7+ and 10+ on summer weekends.

Winter nets commence early in January, with league cricket from May to August. All newcomers are welcome, whatever their ability, to enjoy training, a game, or to enjoy supporting your local team over a beer and the finest teas in the county.

We look forward to seeing you.

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DRAMA CLUB

Little Gaddesden Drama Club (LGDC) was founded in 1947 and is very much a part of our local community. We have staged over one hundred productions - from drama to farce, musical to revue and pantomime. We aim to have two productions a year, as well as a regular program of play readings and occasional theatre trips.

LGDC is a family club and membership is open to adults and children. Most of the actors and technical crew either live in Little Gaddesden, have lived here in the past, or have some association with the village. This has encouraged a real community spirit in the club and is a very important element in its success. In recent years several members' children have taken part in the winter productions and really made the occasions a family affair. We also have a very loyal audience, the majority of whom are local. They really appreciate the high standard of our productions and come back again and again each year.

The play reading group usually meets in the Village Hall Committee Room on the third Wednesday of the month. It gives us a great opportunity to

enjoy a wide variety of plays (over a glass of wine or cup of coffee) without learning the lines!!

Once you have settled in to your new home we do hope you will get involved. New members are welcome, both on stage and backstage. No previous experience is necessary, just a willingness to have a go and have fun. Come along to a play or play reading or perhaps audition for our next show. For more information check the village noticeboards, see the *Diary*, visit our website or email the Club Secretary.

Contact

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FRIENDS OF LITTLE GADDESSEN SCHOOL

Little Gaddesden Village School has a very active and dynamic PTA known as 'The Friends', The Friends is a very social group, whose objectives are not only to raise money for the school, but to also forge links within the local community and organisations.

Fund Raising

The Friends host a variety of social events for parents and families each year. As well as being lots of fun, these activities help raise valuable funds used to increase opportunities for the children at Little Gaddesden School. The Friends could not survive without support from parents, carers and the wider community.

It is our goal that no child shall ever miss out on a school trip or class activity for financial reasons. But in addition to this, as recent Government cuts filter down to the local authorities and the school's budget is reduced, the School relies more and more on the Friends to help fund specific projects, including IT equipment, sports activities and the improvement of school facilities.

Being a small school the responsibility of fund raising often falls on a few people – however we are very lucky to have a dedicated committee and support from year reps. If you would like to help in anyway, or would like further information about The Friends please contact any of the committee members detailed below:

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GADDABOUTS

Welcome to Little Gaddesden! If you have young kids, you have come to a wonderful village. One of the nicest things about the lovely place we live is how many people have chosen to live here to raise their children in a friendly, safe, happy environment.

If you have pre-school children, please come along to the Pram Service in the Little Gaddesden Church on the first Wednesday of each month. We start at 10.30am with toddler-friendly songs and bible stories, move on to a fun craft activity and finish with a chat and lots of cake! It's a great way to meet other parents and little ones and introduce them to our welcoming, all-embracing church.

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IN GOOD COMPANY

A lovely way to spend an afternoon is 'in good company', enjoying a good chat with as much tea, cake and sandwiches as we can manage.

There is no age limit (upper or lower) and we only ask for a small donation towards costs. All are welcome, so please come and join us, every second Wednesday afternoon of the month in the Bowls Club pavilion.

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JUNIOR FOOTBALL

With nearly 200 members, children's football is very popular in the village. Little Gaddesden Rangers Junior Football Club have age groups from U6s through to U18s.

The younger children (up to U10s) all train on Saturday mornings at Church Road and then, as part of the West Herts Youth League, often have matches on Sunday morning against other clubs in our area.

U11s and above play at Ashridge, on the pitches dramatically set in front of the main building.

Children of all ages and ability are welcome.

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MUSIC CLUB

The Music Club, one of the oldest in this country, started in 1946 with recitals in private houses and in Ashridge College. Nowadays we usually meet in private houses in or near the village; we have also used Little Gaddesden Church or the Village Hall in past years. We have also been able to hold concerts in the Performance Hall at Beechwood Park School; this allows for larger ensembles and more room for guests.

Membership is open to all and we operate by an annual subscription (currently £50) for five recitals. The season runs from October to May or early June. We allow members to bring a limited number of guests to attend those concerts where space allows, subject to checking beforehand; we do **not** allow members of the public to attend concerts except those in the Church or the Village Hall, where tickets are available at the door.

The concerts are on a Sunday evening, and start promptly at 5:15 pm, finishing around 7 pm after a brief interval. After the concerts we serve a glass of wine or fruit juice and have some nibbles – during this time members enjoy the opportunity to mix with the performers.

The use of private houses as venues means that the performers are usually a soloist or a duo, but we regularly have wind trios and string trios as well. We usually have a solo piano recital in the programme, often from the Award for Young Concert Artists scheme run by Making Music.

Duos can take many forms: the most common is one instrument accompanied by piano, but we also have other pairings such as harp with flute or with voice, violin & guitar, clarinet & violin and guitar duo.

As can be seen from the comments above, we encourage young musicians, typically soon after they have graduated from music college, occasionally while still studying. Their standard is extraordinarily high and some go on to distinguished careers. We have heard many star performers including: the cellist Sandy Baillie; the flamenco guitarist Paco Pena; pianists Viv McLean and Margaret Fingerhut; violinists Paul Barritt and Peter Fisher and the guitarist Craig Ogden. We are fortunate to be able to hear music played by young virtuosi in an intimate setting within a few miles of the village.

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PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council meets monthly in the Village Hall, normally on the third Monday of each month.

The public are warmly invited to attend and usually several people do. Those present can ask questions and raise issues under Any Other Business. Discussion is managed on a reasonably informal basis by the Chair and those in the audience get a chance to say their piece. The Police, District and County Councillors sit on meetings on a reasonably regular basis too, so there is an opportunity to hear their take on issues and nobble them on something specific if you want to!

Parish Councillors play a necessary, non-political role in the Village. The public assets around the village, including the village green, have to be managed, planning applications commented on or objected to as part of the District planning process and contracts for local services properly let.

Residents' concerns and views about local issues need to be dealt with or communicated to the next, higher, tiers of local government at Dacorum District and Hertfordshire County Councils.

To aid all this, the Parish Council has a small but meaningful budget of about £30,000 a year that is invested in open spaces, signage, or in support of improved infrastructure. Decisions on local priorities are made by the Councillors. The work is unpaid but interesting and important to maintaining the village and our status as an area of outstanding natural beauty.

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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The Royal British Legion has a very active Branch in Little Gaddesden. Whilst our main focus is on raising money for, and increasing awareness of the importance of the Poppy, we hold informal monthly suppers at the Bridgewater Arms and two, more formal, events at the Golf Club and Ashridge House. There is absolutely no need for members ever to have worn a uniform; just an awareness and appreciation of the frequently unsung role our Forces play in the protection of our way of life.

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RHS

RURAL HERITAGE SOCIETY

The Rural Heritage Society was established in 1975 in response to a significant increase in building development in the area which was unsympathetic and detrimental to the environment as a whole. In the last 40 years little has changed. There are still many pockets of land around us which, if developed, would erode the particular, unique charm of this beautiful village and its surrounding areas. We provide an additional voice of reason to join with the democratically elected members of the parish council and various local and national conservation groups to give the planning authorities additional input, so that they are aware of local opinion when they deliberate matters which affect our way of life.

Our objectives are simple - generally to take an interest in any matters affecting the heritage of the villages and, in particular, to promote, assist or oppose any proposals for future changes, insofar as such proposals may

affect the character, tranquility and amenities of the district. In addition, the Society promotes the surrounding countryside in general. We enjoy a reputation for organising regular walks in and around the area which are informative, educational and great fun - never too strenuous but a good way to get to know your environment and make new friends, as well as ensuring that footpaths are used and not put at risk. Keep an eye on the village notice boards and, of course, the diary on the Society's website – www.little-gaddesden.co.uk - for advance warning of the next walk. Everyone is welcome whether you are a member or not and, usually, dogs are welcome too. We also publish an annual Newsletter with rural heritage news and articles of interest.

We have published two well-regarded books since 2002: “A Century Remembered”, a celebration of life in the village and its surrounding areas between 1900 and 2000, and a combined volume of two books, “Little Gaddesden” and “The Dodo” by Vicars Bell, the village schoolmaster between 1929 and 1963, describing his career and his life in the village – the books were long out of print until re-published by the Society. We also supply, free of charge to members, a footpath map based on the OS map, covering an area of approximately 50 square kilometres centred on the Manor House.

You can help by becoming a member (subscription £2/year) and adding strength to our efforts to persuade the planning authorities to respect the outstanding beauty of our environment. Just ring the membership secretary, Lyn Hyde, on 01442 842267, or email aawooster@gmail.com. We will send a member of the committee to say hello and leave you with our most recent newsletter and a map.

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1st LITTLE GADDESSEN SCOUT GROUP

Scouts were started in Little Gaddesden in 1911, so we have a long history, and were one of the first Scout Troops in the country. The Group in its present form has been running continuously since the 1960's, and now has sections for Beavers (6 and 7 year olds), Cubs (8, 9 and 10 year olds), and Scouts (10½ to 14 year olds). We take boys and girls from Little Gaddesden and the surrounding area, and we operate a waiting list (from age 5 years) as we can be oversubscribed. The majority of our youth members are boys, as there is also a Brownie Pack in Little Gaddesden catering for the girls from age 7 to 10 years.

Our Scout Group is part of the West Herts District, and in turn part of the Hertfordshire Scout County. We participate in District and County events from time to time, and run our own events and camps, as well as our weekly meetings.

Our meetings

We have our own HQ building where most of our meetings are held.

Scouts meet on a Thursday evening, from 7 pm or 7:15 pm (times vary).

Beavers meet on Fridays at 5:15 pm.

Cubs meet on Fridays at 6:30 pm.

Our leaders

All leadership in Scout Groups is voluntary. We have a team of 12 Leaders for the three Sections, and we also rely on the support of parents for our Executive Committee; and for extra help with our activities. If you would like to learn more about volunteering, please get in touch with our Group Scout Leader, Tim Cooper (phone and email contact details below).

We can use help on a regular or ad hoc basis. All our volunteers are CRB checked.

To apply to join

- If you have children who would like to join as Beavers, Cubs or Scouts,

- If you want some more information about us,
 - If you have a question about Scouting in general,
- Then please get in touch with our Group Scout Leader, Tim Cooper (phone and email contact details below).

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SPORTS CLUB

The Sports Club maintain the pavilion and shared facilities and work with the football, cricket and tennis clubs, whose details are elsewhere in this publication.

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TENNIS CLUB

The tennis club has three lovely courts on the playing fields on Church Road and members have access to the excellent facilities in the Sports Pavilion – shared with the Football Club and the Cricket Club.

We organise regular play for members from Easter to October on Thursday evenings and there is coaching for adults (mid-week) and juniors after school.

Our club coach James Goodchild is LTA licensed and also head coach at Chesham 1879. We also have the benefit of coaching sessions with Nick Leighton who is a leading coach at Halton Tennis Club, which is the nearest LTA High Performance centre.

The courts are for tennis activities and limited to members only and can be accessed with few restrictions for availability. Subscription rates are very reasonable with the most popular option being a family rate including children up to student levels at only £80 per annum (2014 rate). Guest memberships can be arranged for temporary visitors to the village or short-term guests.

There are regular social events involving meals for members and guests and occasional suppers after club night in the playing season.

Club members who are also members of the LTA British Tennis scheme are also eligible for the club draw for Wimbledon tickets. In the past we have received a generous regular allocation to the club allowing many members to visit the Championships.

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VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

Village Produce Associations grew across the country out of the World War 2 'Dig for Victory' campaign and our VPA is one of the longest standing organisations. We currently have over 220 families in the Village as members. We run two annual village shows a year, an annual plant sale, a Harvest Supper and Quiz and an annual visit to RHS Wisley.

We operate a 'gardening raw materials' store next to the Village Hall. Membership offers you access to our store, which is open every Sunday from 10:30 to 12.00noon where you will get discounted gardening supplies. Profits go to deserving causes within the village or to charitable organisations that serve the village such as local hospices or the school.

Contacts

Now is a good time to join the VPA. If you are interested please come along to the store on a Sunday morning, or send your subscription to our Treasurer.

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The Women's Institute will be 100 years old in 2015. Starting originally in Canada as a means of teaching and disseminating the better usage of resources with emphasis on home cookery and crafts during the lean war years, it soon spread across Great Britain from the first Institute in Anglesey. It provided a focus and friendship for country women who hitherto had very little opportunity for interests outside the home.

Here at Little Gaddesden WI we celebrated our 95th birthday in October 2014 with a meal at the Village Hall which we did not cook ourselves and enjoyed a glass or two dressed in the style of butterflies and ladybirds. The original members may not have approved but times have changed since those early days although the core values are still at the heart of the Institute.

The WI is a force for good and a respected reference in matters which affect the British way of life and have lobbied successfully on issues such as the Keep Britain Tidy campaign through to Fair Prices for Dairy Farmers and Save Our Bees. Of course, cookery and crafts are still at the heart of the organisation and the WI College Denman is noted for day and residential course in those and many other subjects.

Members of Little Gaddesden WI have enjoyed courses at Denman as diverse as rock drumming, book binding and yoga. We are known as a friendly and welcoming Institute providing a network of support and friendship whilst participating in the wider WI world. Here we can join in a book group, drama group, cross stitch, bowls, walks, lunches, supper club and whatever takes our fancy. We are part of the heart of the Village community, raising funds for local charities, justly famous for cakes, especially the Tea Party with Frills, usually held in April or early May.

At most monthly meetings (3rd Thursday of the month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall) we hear from a speaker, recently having learned about pearls, the 3rd Earl of Bute and Mary Wollscroft. We have also had a go at making a pot and participated in country dancing.

We do enjoy welcoming new members and you don't have to be good at cakes, chutney or crochet!

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