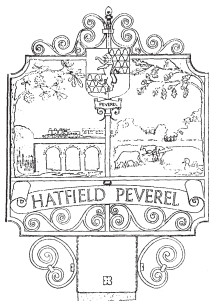


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7 St Andrews coffee morning 10am
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April

1 Flower Club
4 St Andrews coffee morning 10am
6 Parish Council meeting, village hall

Cover: 1932 pencil sketch of Marriage's Mill which, for more than a hundred years, stood next to the driveway to Gardener's Farm. It was demolished in 1942 because it was thought a potential landmark for German bombers en-route for Chelmsford. The artist's signature is difficult to decipher. - our best guess is PC Keen.

Thank you to Judy Witney for this picture

It's safe to talk about the weather, there's not much we can do about it!

Cold, windy days, but the sun has warmth, birds are singing and planning their nests, primroses, violets and even daffodils in sheltered spots, two buzzards circle overhead. The forecast for tomorrow Sunday is dire: strong winds, heavy rain so a little more like winter which has several weeks to run. All worrying signs of our changing weather patterns. But one good thing, evenings are getting lighter.

And now for something completely different. I had a lucky find the other morning. Some months ago I heard of a children's book about a chicken who, with her owner, travelled around the world on a very small boat. A true story and our grandchildren loved it (they have two irascible chickens who spend their time trying to get into the house, or digging under fences to get into other people's gardens). Two lop-eared rabbits have joined this duo, but that's for another time.

I learnt another tale of the travelling chicken had been published and enquired if one of our bookshops in Chelmsford had it. It was in the bookshop's bible, but in French with no prospect yet of a translation.

But miracles do happen: on my way out I fell in love with a book cover, white with a navy blue binding.. I had found *The Boy, the Mole the Fox and the Horse*. I wanted it - who can resist - and I brought it home and have felt uplifted every time I look at it. It will now wing its way to Oxfordshire to grandchildren, chickens and rabbits - and I shall pay another visit to the bookshop! The author is Charlie Mackery, and it is a magical read for everyone.

Hatfield Peverel railway station is not to close

Rt Hon Priti Patel Member of Parliament for Witham

I have recently been made aware that rumours have been circulating locally about Hatfield Peverel railway station being at risk of closure following the development of Beaulieu Park station in Chelmsford.

I want to assure you that these rumours are not accurate and that there are no plans to close the station.

I have secured written confirmation from the Corporate Affairs Team at Greater Anglia about this issue and I am enclosing a copy of this for your information (see below). Greater Anglia has confirmed that there are no proposals to close Hatfield Peverel station and Beaulieu Park will be an additional station that should not have an adverse impact on existing stations and services along the route.

I trust this response has allayed concerns about the future of the railway station in Hatfield Peverel and if I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

From: Corporate Affairs Team, Greater Anglia

I'm pleased to confirm that we are not aware of any plans or proposals to close Hatfield Peverel station at all. All the development plans and information we have seen and been involved with regarding Beaulieu Park have all assumed Beaulieu Park as an additional station, with the track layout designed to ensure an additional station doesn't create adverse impacts for customers using other stations along the route.

Defibrillator available

Infant and Junior Schools hold a defibrillator, located in the Infant School, which the public can come in and ask for during school hours.

A member of staff who has been trained in first aid and using the defib will be available..

Wheelchairs to borrow

St Andrews Church has a number of wheelchairs that may be borrowed. For information please contact a churchwarden, or the Vicar.

John Strange 01245 381004

John Tomlins 01245 380359

Revd Stephen Northfield 01245 380598

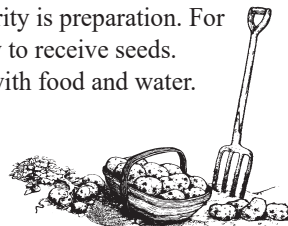
Hello and welcome to a new decade

Allotment and growing news, Drew Price HPAAs new site letting officer www.hpaa.org.uk

It is almost time to get on with the gardening, but for now, your number one priority is preparation. For your allotments, or you in your garden, get seed beds weeded, dug over and ready to receive seeds. Plan vegetable and flower crop rotations for this year. Look after your wild birds with food and water.

Some preparation tips

1. Enrich your soil beds with compost, well-rotted horse manure, chicken manure pellets or a multi-purpose fertiliser that is dug in.
2. Clean, sharpen, or swap tools before you need to use them.
3. Disperse worm casts in lawns. Hoe and mulch weeds to gain control early. Get rid of dead leaves and rubbish from your garden including gutters and drains. This reduces the load when you should be planting.
4. Prune – yes, if you didn't do it in the autumn, early spring is the time. Prune fruit trees, shrubs and climbers, such as Wisteria, hardy evergreen hedges and water these, and bush and climbing roses. And raspberry canes of summer-fruiting types to 6 inches and autumn-fruiting varieties down to ground level.



Planting

5. Cavolo Nero (a type of kale like cabbage), broad beans, winter salad, and radish seeds, onions, leeks and garlic may be planted or set now. Sow peas indoors to plant in March or April and chit seed potatoes to plant in late February or March.
7. Start forcing rhubarb. And this is your last chance to plant bare-rooted raspberries.
8. Sow sweet peas indoors in deep pots for endless flowers from July onwards.
9. Moss will start growing on lawns before the grass, so now is the time to start killing it with ferrous sulphate. Mow the lawn (not too short) on dry days (if needed).

Read all about it! 2020 year book and schedule are here

Hatfield Peverel/Ulting Horticultural Society

Trina Butcher, Publicity 01245 380532

www.essexinfo.net/hatpevgardens

Available now! You can collect your 2020 year book and schedule from Upsons Farm Shop, join the society and get your membership card. Subscriptions are £3, senior citizens £2.

Welcome to the snowdrops, as usual coming out in their hundreds in the churchyard in spite of wind and rain, and primroses and wild cyclamens - still some warmth in the sunshine. Daffodils are appearing too, don't want them to come early and miss the Spring Show.

First speaker meeting Wednesday 18 March

A tale of two passions - the family history of Olivers Nursery as told by Charlie Willitt, the present family owner who many of us know well. St Andrews Church hall - doors open 7.30pm, talk

starts at 8pm. Refreshments are free of charge but donations will be gratefully accepted. **Everyone welcome: members free, non members £2.**

Come and visit our Spring Show on Saturday 28 March, doors open 2pm

Daffodils are the stars of this show - weather permitting - and their beauty and scent are not to be missed. If you're not into flowers, now is the time to check on your vegetable - are they planted yet? Or how about baking? **Get your year book and schedule from Upson's Farm Shop and see what you can enter.** See you and your entries there!

Don't forget your potatoes for the annual competition - winner grows the most spuds in the bucket! These will be weighed in September and winner announced at Autumn Show.

Plant sale and coffee morning Saturday 9 May 10am - 12 noon, Oaklands, Nounsley Road. Best plants in the village!

New Year's Day walk

Ken Earney

The initial plan outlined in the December Review was abandoned: I recce'd it on the 29th and found the underfoot conditions very heavy going so it was unlikely that we'd get round in our customary limit of 2-2½ hours and it would not be much fun anyway (it wasn't May and there'd be no bluebells).

Taking up a suggestion from Gerald Dodson instead, fourteen of us and a couple of dogs took off to stroll around the roads and lanes of Terling and Gambles Green, stopping by the windmill* for a photo-op and another by the ford, returning to the village hall car park via the meadow opposite the church. The weather was kind, cloudy but dry.

** Terling Windmill, a smock mill (so-called because its shape resembled that of the smocks worn by farmers in earlier times) was built here in c1818. It was worked by wind until 1949, then by external power until 30 August 1950 when its working life was brought to an end by the unfortunate death of the miller when trapped in its machinery. Edited extract from the Wikipedia entry at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Terling_Windmill*

First walk of the year

Hatfield Peverel Walkers

Graham Bushby 381472

Meeting as usual at the village hall we drove to Heybridge Basin car park to begin our walk along the old sea wall overlooking the spectacular views of the ancient town of Maldon and its maritime way of life.

We followed on with a wander up into the part of Maldon where Edward Hammond Bentall, an iron founder and agricultural implement manufacturer, had set up housing for his employees similar to the Bournville scheme in Birmingham. Sadly very little of this now remains from when we last walked around the area a few years ago due to modern housing development.



The distance was just over 4 miles and the mild weather made for a pleasant morning walk.

Our next walk is on Thursday 27 February from the village hall at 10am. Anyone is welcome to come along on our walks (fourth Thursday of the month, meeting at the village hall car park 10am) which generally last for about 3-4 hours and cover 4-5 miles - but please no animals. For any further details please contact Graham Bushby on 01245 380472.

A belated happy New Year to everyone. Hope to see you on one of our walks in 2020.

Dates for the diary: 27 February, 26 March, 30 April, 28 May, 25 June, 30 July, 27 August, 24 September, 29 October, 26 November, 17 December.

Parish Council News

Sarah Gaeta, Clerk to the Parish Council

Parish Council Office, Community Association Village Hall

Maldon Road, Hatfield Peverel, CM3 2HP

Tel 01245 382865. Email: parishclerk@hatfieldpeverelpc.com

The Parish Council is delighted to welcome new Councillors, Steven Thorpe, co-opted at the January meeting, and Charlotte Greaves at February's meeting.



Vacancies on the Council. There are now two vacancies on the Council. If you would like further information on what being a Parish Councillor involves, please contact the Clerk. Alternatively, if you feel you have an area of expertise that the Parish Council would benefit from and are interested in joining an advisory group or working party, please get in touch.

Coming soon...

The Parish Council is excited to announce the forthcoming launch of its mobile phone app. The app will be free to download and will contain information on the Parish Council, local clubs and events, travel, weather and much more. Look out for further information when the app officially launches soon!

Your Village Needs You!

The Parish Council is working in partnership with Essex Police to recruit two Special Constables. If you are interested in applying to be a voluntary Police Officer for the village, please follow this link or see the Parish Council website for further information:

<https://www.essex.police.uk/join-the-police/special-constabulary/hatfield-peverel-community-special-constables/>

Planning

Planning decisions are made by Braintree District Council, following consultation with residents, the Parish Council and other agencies where necessary. For information on what planning applications have been received, granted and refused by Braintree District Council, please see the weekly planning lists which are updated daily and available to view here:

https://www.braintree.gov.uk/info/200225/search_and_track_planning_applications/592/weekly_lists

Details of all planning applications discussed by the Parish Council can be found on the monthly full Council meeting minutes (published on the website and copies held in the library). Whilst this does not detail Braintree District Council's decisions, it will indicate what applications have been received during the preceding month.

The following applications were considered at the meeting on 13 January

19/01979/HH – Erection of a single storey side extension, front porch and alterations to driveway at 30 Willow Crescent. No comment

19/01969/FUL – Erection of a two storey three bedroom detached dwelling house at Shalom, Peverel Avenue. Not supported

19/01960/DAC – Application for the approval of details reserved by condition 2 of approved application 18/01210/LBC at 2 Priory Lodge, Church Road. No comment

19/02027/HH – Erection of a two storey side extension, single storey rear extension with balcony above to replace existing conservatory, installation of electric gates and 1.2m high post and rail fencing, erection of single storey detached garage/workshop, erection of single storey extension and conversion of existing

detached garage into ancillary annexe accommodation, erection of an open carport and extension of existing driveway at Oakleigh House, Crabb's Hill. No comment, other than requesting the condition of keeping the annexe as part of the main house and not a separate dwelling.

19/02034/VAR – Application for removal of condition 10 ‘Acoustic Fencing’ of permission

18/00851/FUL at The Wheatsheaf, The Green. Not supported - the condition should be enforced

19/02073/HH – Erection of cart lodge following demolition of existing garage. Relocation of primary vehicle entrance to Jenkins Lane and removal of existing front vehicle entrance at Letch's Corner, Maldon Road. No comment

Traffic Advisory Group (TAG) – request for comments from residents

The TAG is in process of applying to County Local Highways Panel (LHP) for funding for four schemes:

- * white gates at various entrances to the village, possibly also carrying speed restriction signs
- * an upgrade to all three zebra crossings (new lighting/globes, repainting etc)
- * ‘rumble strips’ at various entrances to the village as an added speed reduction measure
- * an additional socket for a Speed Indicator Device in Bury Lane, on the A12 ‘off’ slip road

The LHP application and approval process is not a fast one. Support from the Parish Council, and from our local County and District Councillors will be sought, but in order to give each of the four individual application additional weight, we need to include supportive views and comments from residents. If you wish to add your support to any or all of the proposed schemes, please would you send this either by email to: parishclerk@hatfieldpeverelpc.com or by letter to the Parish Clerk (address above) - in either case no later than Saturday 29 February 2020. Your details will only be used for the purposes detailed above and will not be disclosed to third parties. The Parish Council's Data Protection Policy can be viewed on its website: <https://www.hatfieldpeverelpc.com/assets/documents/data-protection-policy>

Social Media - please follow the Parish Council on social media for news and updates:

Facebook: [@hatfieldpeverelpc](https://www.facebook.com/hatfieldpeverelpc) and Twitter: [@HatPevPC](https://twitter.com/HatPevPC)

Website - Don't forget you can view all Parish Council news on the website, **but note, the address has changed to <http://www.hatfieldpeverel.com>**

Monthly meetings of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 2 March and Monday 6 April 2020.

The Annual Parish meeting will be held during the Spring – further information will be posted on the village notice boards, the website and on social media.

Neighbourhood Development Plan formally adopted

The Referendum for the Neighbourhood Development Plan to be made took place on 28 November 2019 with an overwhelming vote of ‘Yes’. 914 ballot papers were issued, and the turnout percentage was 27%. 847 voted ‘Yes’, 66 voted ‘No’, and there was one void. **A big thank you to everyone who voted to make it a momentous occasion for the village.**

The Plan was formally adopted by Braintree District Council at full council meeting on 16 December 2019, and now forms part of BDC's development plan for the district and parish.

It has taken a number of years to achieve a made Plan as changing national planning guidance and interpretation of habitat regulations was slow in being clarified by government.

The NDP group would like to thank everyone who was involved throughout the journey, however great or small. Team work really does pay off. Hear, hear! Ed

Delicious home-made cakes for an early Christmas celebration

Hadfelda WI - Marel Elliston

As we don't meet in December, November is our Christmas event and we try to do something a bit special. This year was no exception. Flower arrangements decorating the tables had a distinct Christmas theme, pretty china, red serviettes, a glass of sparkling elderflower and grape juice on arrival, added to the festive spirit. Our entertainer was Emily Yarrow, a talented young lady with a beautiful voice. She sang a variety of songs from the shows, opera and, of course, carols, interspersed with amusing anecdotes and stories about her life. Everyone then enjoyed an excellent tea with a variety of sandwiches and a selection of delicious home-made cakes (well, it is the WI!)

January is usually a miserable month, but not for the WI. Firstly, we were delighted to welcome two new members, a good way to start 2020! We then enjoyed a fascinating talk from our two speakers, volunteers with the Essex & Herts Air Ambulance. Their enthusiasm was evident as they described how the service saves so many lives. Along with pilot and co-pilot, each helicopter has a doctor on board which means emergency treatment can be carried out at the scene of any incident they attend. They take A & E to the patient, saving time and lives.



On a cold windy Wednesday afternoon in late January eighteen hungry ladies from Hadfelda WI arrived at Cardfields looking forward to an afternoon tea - they were not disappointed! We were welcomed by Elaine and Angie who showed us into a pleasant room with large windows overlooking part of the garden. We enjoyed a selection of sandwiches, sausage rolls and mini quiches followed by scones, jam and cream and delicious cake. We were looked after by two lovely ladies who kept us supplied with tea and coffee. An excellent afternoon, we are looking forward to the next occasion - thank you Cardfields.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 26 February at 2pm in St. Andrew's Church Hall, and the talk is 'How we used to live in the home'. The competition is an old kitchen item.

March is our open meeting and you are all encouraged to 'bring a friend' along.

The Crucifixion John Stainer

A meditation for Palm Sunday

*Sung by St Andrews Church Choir
and Congregation*

*Sunday 5th April
6.30pm*

in

St Andrews Church



Lunch at Cardfields*

By popular request and the wave of a magic wand you are invited to lunch at **Cardfields on Thursday 12 March, 1pm.**

Numbers are limited to 50. Can you please let Elaine (01245 380371) know if you are coming and numbers as food has to be ordered.

Alas the Men of St Andrews are still in hibernation - spring's late this year - and their hassocks haven't been dry cleaned.

* There was to have been a tea party in early February but because of no Review since Christmas we couldn't let you know. You haven't missed out, enjoy your lunch instead!



*What is peace? Is it war? No. Is it strife?
No. Is it lovely, and gentle, and beautiful,
and pleasant, and serene, and joyful?
O yes!!*

Charles Dickens

Every little helps!

1st Hatfield Peverel Scout Group (boys and girls 6 - 18 years)

Publicity - Anna Perry (anna_h@btinternet.com)

We need your help!

Our fantastic group is completely run by volunteers and we are always looking for helpers, so if you can spare any time, even as little as 30 minutes a month to help with group activities or behind the scenes, please let us know. For more information about volunteering please contact either **Nick at nicknicholas1990@gmail.com** or **Simon at sgreed1972@gmail.com**



Beavers (6 - 8 years) have been practicing their skills with lighting candles, sewing and tying knots. They had a Christmas craft night making baubles, candle jars and biscuits. The term ended with a Christmas party and games night which they all thoroughly enjoyed! This year started with their Communicator badges and an evening cooking savouries and sweets on fires outside.

Cubs (8 - 10½ years) finished last term making chocolate yule logs and playing old-fashioned Christmas games. The new term started with an odds and ends night and they will be looking at international foods and knots. The Summer camp has been organised and the Cubs look forward to practicing their camping skills over the next term.

Scouts (10½ - 14 years) have been learning about knife safety, taking part in climbing, air rifles and archery at Prances campsite, an escape room themed puzzle night and their Christmas party. This term kicked off with a 'TV Quiz Show', an inspired quiz night, and there are activities and camps planned for the year.

Explorers (14 - 18 years) took part in fire making activities and a night hike last term and finished with their end of term party at Jump Street. This term the Explorers will be teaming up with other units in the district to go on a winter camp at Skreens Park.

Join Cubs and have an adventure!

We would like to invite more members to our Cub section. We offer fun and challenging activities, unique experiences and everyday adventure. There are a limited number of spaces available for those who wish to join us. You must live in Hatfield Peverel, Nounsley or Ulting and be between 8 - 10½ years old. If you are interested in your child joining, please complete the joining form on the website www.hpscouts.org.uk or contact us at hpscoutgroup@gmail.com

Paper/cardboard bin now at Upsons Farm Shop

If you live in Nounsley or shop at the Farm Shop, you can now also use the paper bin outside Upsons to dispose of your paper and cardboard at any time. Upsons kindly donate all proceeds from the collection to our Scout Group.

Newspaper and cardboard collection – first Saturday in the month (9am - 1pm)

The Scouts receive payment for all paper and cardboard collected. Please help us raise funds for our Group by putting your dry newspapers, magazines, paper and cardboard outside your property, where it can be seen clearly from the road **by 9am on the first Saturday of the month, or please deliver it to our skip in the HQ car park at any time (paper and card only please – NO glass, plastics, metal, garden rubbish etc)**. Volunteers to help with collection are welcome.



Quizzing, tasting, racing!

Wine Club – Vee Green, Secretary 01245 355723, peverelwineclub@hotmail.co.uk
www.peverelwineclub.co.uk



The club has enjoyed excellent meetings in past months, and looks forward to more fun as we embark on the programme for 2020. Our Christmas party in the village hall was well attended by members and guests, who tucked into a 4-course supper before dancing to live music provided by Ian Jordan. Photos are on our website at www.peverelwineclub.co.uk/news. We raised a very creditable £109 for Little Havens Hospice in our charity raffle – well done everyone!

In January we returned to the hall for the traditional quiz to shake off New Year lethargy. Graham Bushby provided the questions and winners were Jim Lane, Henry and Lorraine Podlesny, Gordon Finnan, Janis Aunon and David Wickenden, who provided answers for questions as varied as the identity of the Empress of Blandings (a pig) to the 1947 expedition led by Thor Heyerdahl (Kon-Tiki).

February's meeting is a tasting of American wines led by our expert on US viticulture, Steve Spearman. Further ahead, our March meeting will be a different evening, which non-members are invited to attend by pre-booking.

Peverel Wine Club: Wednesday 11 March village hall The Chelmsford Cheltenham Gold Cup, 8pm start

In March, we are trying a new venture – an exciting Race Night. You will be allocated grandstand seats at our very own race meeting comprising six events on screen, at the amazing price of £5 per person (members and guests) to include your race card, a free bet on the first race and a luxury 2-course supper.

Bets are £1 per flutter, and you will need a fiver to cover the other 5 races plus what you spend on raffle and drinks. Dress can be as smart or as simple as you like – Ascot hats and toppers to country tweeds or tic tac men. Non-members are welcome, but we need to know numbers for catering by deadline 29 February. Please phone Ann Riddleston on 01376 515400 or email peverelwineclub@hotmail.co.uk with your name, phone number, tickets required and address so tickets can be delivered/payment collected before the meeting.

If you'd like to join us for a light-hearted, inexpensive evening out, you would be very welcome. Please give Vee a ring to confirm attendance on 01245 355723, or Graham on 01245 380472. See the date and topic of each month's meeting on our website at www.peverelwineclub.co.uk.

Charity Barn Dance

Raising funds for
Helen Rollason Cancer Charity

Saturday 4th April
7.30-11.00pm

Woodham Walter Village Hall

Live music by Maldon group
Metric Foot Band

Tickets £7

Bring your own food & drink

Contact 01621 859202.

Langford & Ulting Annual Art Exhibition

Village Hall, Langford

**Saturday 4 and Sunday 5
April**

10am to 5pm both days

Entry £1 includes programme
Children under 12 free

Tea, coffee
Homemade cakes
Free parking



I can't believe we made it!

When we rode our bikes we had no helmets...

We drank water from the garden hose and not from a bottle...

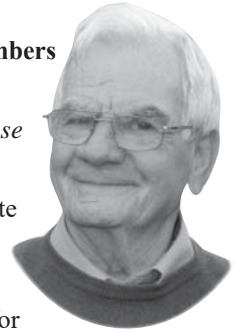
We got cut and broke bones and there were no lwsuits. They were accidents, no one was to blame, but us. Remember accidents?

Smile, open your eyes, love and go on...

Happy memories of Ralph Spooner (1929 - 2019) from his son Paul and family members

I once read a poem that said; 'what matters most is the dash between birth and death, the beginning and end, those years represent the time alive on earth and now only those who loved him know what that little line is worth.'

What did that dash mean for Dad/Uncle Ralph? Grandchildren Carl, Craig, Charlotte and Lauren miss him dearly, the great grandchildren Ethan and Theo will grow to miss him. We can't call him, pop round to chat, ask him about a car or a holiday.



Dad lived a long and happy life. He was a tough man, like his father, always there for everyone, family, neighbours, colleagues, friends. He was there for us as children and grandchildren too - he played an integral part in our lives - in my case, when I didn't want him there!

He loved the Navy and the mischief he got up to. I imagine it rued the day it enlisted a ginger Ralph Spooner. When Carl took the decision to join the military dad asked him, relentlessly, to speak to the navy recruitment officer at school. Eventually, after a spell at Sandhurst, Carl agreed just to please him. A young Royal Marines lieutenant arrived and the rest as they say is history. Craig had his fair share of his Grandad's attention too. From the first day at school, football, cricket, birthdays, exams, graduation, first job, none were as special if Grandad wasn't there. Craig will always hold a special place for his Grandad - the biggest believer, supporter, problem solver, smiler and the biggest heart, even when as Craig's partner Emma says, 'without Grandad's teeth in I couldn't understand a word.'

The loves of his life were many. His family, the Salvation Army, brass bands, friends, his dogs - marmalade on cream crackers for lunch - his cars and driving coaches or driving anything. Every year from a young age we had a coach holiday. We talk of people's legacy. Dad had many - his example, his family, his vision and his tolerance. As a young football fan (dad followed Wolverhampton Wanderers from the glory days of the 1950s) and as a member of the Army YP band identified the need to engage and retain youngsters in the Corps. He started a football team from the YP band, managed it, kitted it out, found a pitch and began, with Jock Thompson, the hugely successful Hatfield Peverel village youth team.

Everyone knew Dad in a different way - he wasn't all flowers and chocolates though a romantic at heart. Our mother Freda has the most treasured memories of any of us. None of us knew, loved or treasured dad as she did. Today, we give you your memories. Carl mentions that at the end he showed true Commando spirit, courage, determination, cheerfulness in adversity and unselfishness in his willingness to help others.

We remember and commemorate his life, and mourn the loss of a lively, dignified soul that brought joy and fulfilment to many, and whose legacy will live on forever. Dad is smiling down and wishing us all well.

St Andrews Lunch Club

Second Tuesday of every month, church hall at mid day for tea/coffee, lunch at 12.30pm, cost £4

We extend a warm welcome to new members. You yourself may know some of our regulars who would love to see you and catch up on your news. Or you may have an elderly friend or relative who would enjoy a tasty meal and a chat. There are always memories to share, and the food and company is excellent.

Soup and sandwiches are served on the fourth Tuesday of the month between 1pm and 2.30pm. Cost is £2.50 including tea and coffee.

Home visitors - if you would like someone to come and have a chat, our friends group would love to see you. We are all good at talking!

For information, to reserve a place or ask about transport, please contact Belinda Hull on 01376 512540, mobile 07854 122728.

News from St Andrews

Christmas seems to start earlier but for me it begins with the Nine Lessons and Carols service, held on Sunday 22. For most part Christmas services were well attended, with the exception of Christmas morning at St Andrews. With the ever increasing shortage of clergy; its viability will need to be looked into. The Light of the World service was, as usual, well attended: it was good to welcome Kathy Butler as a visitor. The people of Hatfield Peverel generously gave lots of toys which we didn't have to wrap this year. The Homestart elves worked overtime! On these occasions we realize our church isn't as big as we think! It goes to show the Christmas story still has the power to draw people into its embrace, and why not? How can one be unmoved by the story of God loving his people so much he shed his God-like characteristics and came to live as we do, frail, vulnerable, subject to human limitations.



We are in the Epiphany season and when you read this we will be teetering on the edge of Lent. For the most part readings concentrate on the revelation of Christ to the world, both Jews and Gentiles (non-Jews).

Lent is mercifully not so early as last year and we will celebrate **Ash Wednesday on 26 February at All Saints at 7.30pm**. We will run a Lent Course which will take place at various locations in the parish: 7.15pm for 7.30pm on the Mondays during Lent. Lent gives us a little time to think on the life-changing events brought about by the life of Jesus of Nazareth before we get to the drama of Holy Week and Easter.

On Sunday 19 January we changed the 10.15am format to Cafe Church held in the Church hall. It was a more informal service with coffee and biscuits (home made) at the beginning and then we worked on a key phrase in John's Gospel; 'Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sins of the world'. Many of us know this from the service of Holy Communion (some know it from Handel's 'Messiah') but few of us had investigated it any further. We hope to have more of these, possibly once a quarter.

A summary of happenings

Tuesday 25 February 1pm

Soup and Sandwich, Church hall. Everyone welcome

Wednesday 26 February

Ash Wednesday 7.30pm at All Saints, Ulting

Saturday 7 March 10am

Coffee morning in the Church hall. Same as above

Tuesday 10 March 1pm

Lunch Club, Church hall

Saturday/Sunday 21/22 March

Mothering Sunday weekend. Keep weekend free, details to follow

Tuesday 26 March 1pm

Soup and Sandwich in Church hall. Everyone welcome

All Saints Church, Ulting

Beautiful setting - What a wonderful atmosphere - great singing - fantastic turnout. These were some of the comments after the Carols by Candlelight Service here at All Saints Church just before Christmas. Candles lit the church as the congregation listened to the story of Christmas told through traditional passages in the Bible and modern poems. It was a case of 'standing room only' as the Hadfelda Singers sang some modern Christmas songs and everyone joined in enthusiastically with traditional carol singing. Afterwards a marquee, which was set up in the Church grounds, provided the ideal location for refreshments which were very well received, especially the unexpected ?sh and chips served up by the Hospitality Unit. I still have no idea how they managed to do this! Many thanks to everyone who made this special Service such a memorable event.

The newly installed under-pew heating system at All Saints was hardly needed at the Carol Service as the Church glowed from the warmth of the candles and the spirit of all attending, but it has come in handy

since then as the last days of December and early January brought colder weather and flooding to fields around the Church. All Saints has not been flooded in living memory but it came close as the river that runs past broke its banks. Those who built the Church back in the 12c Century knew the safest part of the terrain and All Saints remained 'high and dry' as the waters receded before reaching the Church. (Photo - Barbara Mason)



The new decade brings a new era to All Saints as not only does it have a new heating system but, thanks to a generous anonymous donation, the inside of the Church is to be redecorated during late January. It is badly needed but it was a project that had been abandoned until the receipt of the donation, which goes part of the way to covering the cost, made it a possibility.

Everyone can be assured of a warm welcome at the Church at Services on the first, second, third and fifth Sundays all at 9am. A personal blessing at the altar rail is available to anyone who may prefer this as an option to taking Holy Communion.

There will be a Service at All Saints on the evening of Ash Wednesday at 7.30pm on 26 February when, on the day after Shrove Tuesday, everyone is invited to mark the first day of Lent. During the Service members of the congregation can, if they wish, have the sign of the cross traced on their forehead in ashes by the priest as an expression of repentance and to identify with Christ. The ashes are made from burning the palm crosses given out on Palm Sunday the previous year. If you have not attended this Service before or may not wish to receive the tracing of ashes you will be very welcome to come on this special evening.

There is a prayer box in the Church porch where special prayers can be written and left so that they can be either read out during the Services or included in my private prayers.

It is always good to receive suggestions for hymns and if you are coming to a Service and would like a favourite hymn please let organist Barbara Mason know beforehand, telephone 01621 927066.

I will be at All Saints Church every Wednesday morning for Morning Office at 9am and if you would like to join me I should be pleased to see you. Prayers and blessings, Rev'd Derek Clark

Mothers Union

Jean Ashby

At our Christmas meeting we entertained each other with seasonal readings and favourite carols, and Fr Stephen played music from Bach's Christmas Oratorio. Tea and mince pies followed.

On 9 December some of us joined Terling MU for their advent service - very enjoyable despite a rather cold church. Refreshments included a slice of delicious cake supplied by a member who was about to celebrate her diamond wedding anniversary.

7 January, first meeting of 2020

New Year communion service, and AGM

Fr Stephen talked about trust - so important - but today talk or discussion is about lack of trust - in politics, business, public life, in almost everything and everyone. Without trust we cannot live our lives in a meaningful way. Sometimes trust is automatic. As children we trust our parents to take care of us, to see to our needs; as adults we are surrounded by deceit and cynicism and find trust hard. Continuing threat of terrorism makes us constantly fearful; where is the enemy? Because of the way global economy works we should not be surprised the powerful cannot be trusted. In this cynical world we need strength and imagination to keep alive this sense of being trusted, so that all we are will speak of a world

where promises can be kept, where needs can be seen and met and where we are committed to each others well-being. As our group is so small, the AGM followed in an informal way. Our acting Enrolling member is Fr Stephen, Elizabeth our Secretary has reluctantly had to step down, and we gave her a vote of thanks for all she has done. Please accept our grateful thanks Elizabeth.

Our Treasurer Andrea will carry on, despite ill

Hatfield Peverel Methodist Church

Carol Service 1st December

We welcomed our village Rainbows, Brownies and Guides with their families to join us for our annual Carol service held at our new venue at Little Bears Nursery in Maldon Road. The Church looked pretty bathed in the light of hundreds of candles. Our service was led by our Minister Rev Barry Allen assisted by Sandy Hulbert, our new Family and Schools Worker, who many of the children will now recognise from her Monday club lunchtime sessions at St Andrew's school. Eddie played guitar and Jane led our singing.

Rainbows took part in a 'pass the present' game linked to the story of the Wright family getting ready for Christmas. Brownies sang us songs – Rudolf the Red Nose Reindeer and O Christmas Tree and Church members acted out the Nativity story. It was lovely to see the youngsters gathering around the manger taking turns nursing Baby Jesus. Afterwards we enjoyed tea, cakes and conversation.

Thank you to all the groups for joining in our service and making it such a happy occasion.

Christmas at Reality Church

Our special Christmas celebration was held on 22 December when we commenced with a breakfast for all our friends – the tables were decorated, continental breakfast served and bacon cooked. Our service was led by David who compared the Nativity story to what we would expect to hear in the present day.

Jesus was born to an unmarried mother – not a 2019 celebrity.

Jesus was born in a stable amongst animals in very poor conditions – not in a modern hospital.

The first visitors were the shepherds which were the lowest of workers and probably dirty and smelly.

The 3 Wise Men brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh – hardly suitable for a baby – we would bring clothes, cot and a pram.

The birth of Jesus also foretold of his death 30 years later – not what we would wish for a newborn baby. Bringing the story up to date made the occasion very relevant to our lives today.

We finished with more Christmas songs which reminded us of the true meaning of Christmas.

John led our final Reality service of 2019, again thinking of the journey of the Wise Men. Gary explained the men may have been astrologers who had seen the unusual phenomenon of the convergence of 2 planets, possibly Jupiter and Saturn, around that time. Dawn introduced us to basket weaving using willow and dogwood to make stars and angels. This proved so interesting she came along to our January coffee morning to give us further opportunity to practise our weaving skills.

Reality Church at St Andrew's Junior School

Rev Barry and Sandy continue their Monday lunch sessions at St Andrew's school. They have iced

health, and we are grateful to her. Ann Clements stays on the committee and I shall be co-opted when needed. I shall write the MU monthly report and this way we hope to carry on for another year.

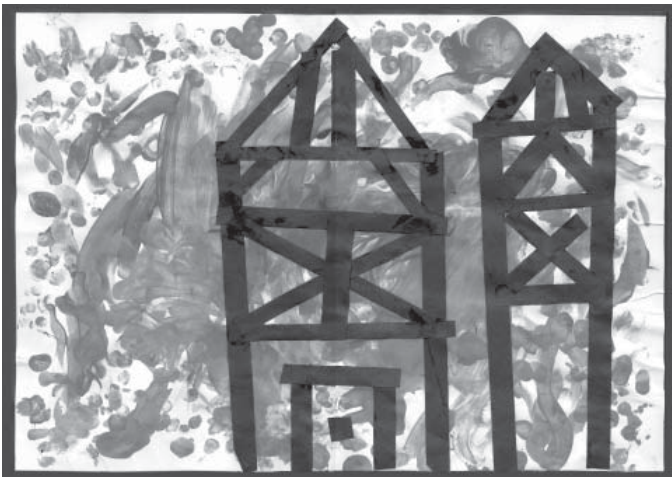
We have a list of interesting speakers booked for this year, the first is Diane Hodgkinson on 4 February. Her talk is called 'Wintertime, is it over or not?' Do join us, everyone is welcome.



biscuits, played pass the parcel and made advent books in the lead up to Christmas to introduce God's love to the children. Subjects discussed include being special, prayer and the birth of Jesus.

They have also taken another full assembly for the school with live music and puppets telling the Nativity story from the eyes of the innkeeper. Every child in school was given a book titled 'With Love from God to you', about the birth of Jesus, creation and original sin. The pages tell the story through fun cartoon-like illustrations and focuses on how special we are and how God loves us forever.

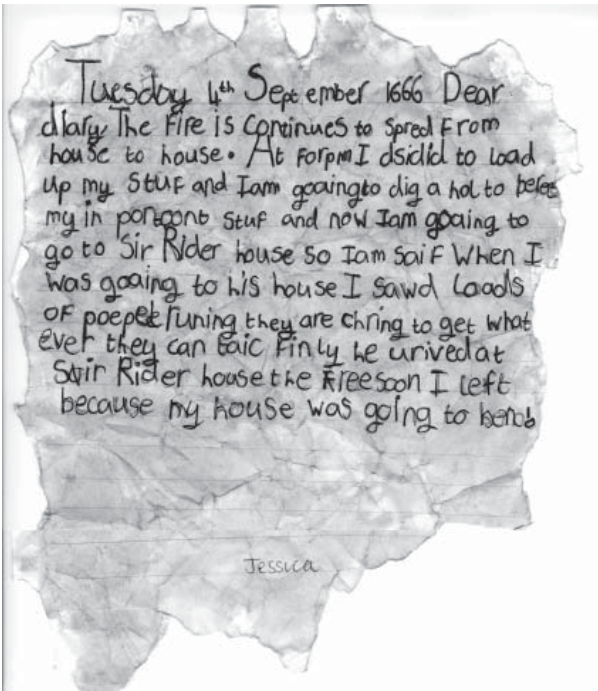
Reality Church wishes you every blessing in 2020 and invites you to join us at our services on a Sunday morning at 9.15m or to our other events listed in the review diary.



1666 - the Great Fire of London takes hold

2 - 6 September 1666. The fatal fire which started in a bakery in Pudding Lane, burnt 1300 houses to the ground and left 200,000 people homeless. 400 streets and lanes were devastated but surprisingly few people lost their lives.

Infant School children have been looking at the damage the great fire had on the inhabitants of this busy and overcrowded dirty city with its piles of rubbish. Thank you to Jack for his burning buildings and Jessica for her letter of Tuesday 4th September 1666



2019 Poppy Appeal - £5100 **Peter Archer, Poppy Appeal organizer**

Another good collection with the help of many in the village, and the fact some station commuters would have preferred to use a connect card.

Many thanks to Nicky Shelley and company who organised the Silent Soldier on The Green. It created great interest especially when Infant School children visited the 'soldier' on Remembrance Monday. Vanessa crocheted poppies and raised over £50 - some wore her hand made poppies weeks later.

The Junior and Infant Schools combined raised almost £440 - an outstanding amount.

Thank you all for your support.

A busy year ahead

Rita Thomson, Bowls Captain 01245 3800038

The Tuesday league is going well: Dennis Partridge leads by 5 points. Friendly matches have been played; we beat Essex Friends by 8 points and DML by 4 points, both good games.

Club singles was won by Steve Spooner in a play-off against Anne Nicholls. On 10 January the Trevor Matthams Cup was played for and won by Steve Spooner, Peter Halls and Margaret Hinsley

We started the Essex League on 22 January at home to Woodlands, and gained 5 points: we are third position in the league. On 8 February we held the Chrissie Harris singles, and the AGM was on 10 February.

Nearly 39 years old!

Hatfield Peverel Table Tennis Club



We were established in 1981 and since then have gone from strength to strength with 5 teams in the Chelmsford League. **We are always looking for additional, experienced players to reinforce our teams.**

Home playing night is Tuesday when we play matches in the village hall in Maldon Road, with bar, tea and coffee facilities, excellent playing conditions and top class equipment. Evenings are friendly and good fun with 3 players from each team in a match playing 3 singles and one doubles game. Our teams play in the Chelmsford League - Division 2 to Division 5 - and are performing well. We would benefit from more players to maintain our 5 teams possibly increase to 6 next season.

Club members have been kitted out with smart, new, blue table tennis shirts, and we have received a grant from the Parish Council to replace some of our older equipment.

To play non-competitive social table tennis the village hall has its own table. Contact Alan Benfield on 07741 140732.

If you wish to join a league team leave details with Secretary Neil Freeman 01245 382249 or Chairman Andy Simmonds 01245 381020 or 07932 057205.

In honour of Burns Night

As all whiskey drinkers will know 29 January!

The earliest written record of whisky distillation in Scotland dates from 1494, an entry in the Exchequer Rolls reads: *'Eight bolls of malt to Friar John Cor wherewith to make aqua vitae.'* Aqua vitae, Latin for 'water of life' in Scots Gaelic translates as uisge beatha. Over centuries, uisge became the modern word whisky.

Historically, farmers would distil their surplus grain at the end of the harvest season – Friar John's eight bolls was enough malted barley to produce around 1,500 bottles of potent spirit. By the mid-17th century the popularity of whisky had caught the eye of parliament, who sought to benefit from the booming market and introduced the first taxes on Scotch in 1644. Such taxes led to a flurry of illicit whisky distilling across Scotland, and smuggling was common practice for the next 150 years. The game of cat and mouse between the excisemen and the secret distillers led to some ingenious strategies, with even honest members of the clergy hiding their Scotch under the pulpit to avoid the taxman.

One such taxman was none other than our national bard, Robert Burns, who trained as an exciseman in the 18th century before making his name as poet. His love of Scotch is well documented, especially by Burns himself – in 1785 he wrote his ode to whisky, Scotch Drink, which tells of the warmth and friendly welcome that good spirits can bring. On Burns Night it's traditional to accompany the haggis with a few drams of his favourite drink.

In 1823 the Excise Act was passed allowing people to legally distil whisky in exchange for a licence fee and a payment per gallon. This killed the illicit trade, and beckoned in the modern era that saw the introduction of grain whisky and blended whisky. In the 19th century, producers like Johnnie Walker and Tommy Dewar started shipping their spirits all over the globe, paving the way for today's multi-billion pound industry.

A brief history of Scotch from the National Trust for Scotland.

Memories of Margaret Lesley Joslin 1945 - 2019

Thank you to Keith and his family and Dr Les Bran for sharing their memories with us. A full and rewarding life - and not the space to live it all with you.

Margaret was born in 1945 at The Terrace, Hatfield Peverel. The Terrace was a family affair: she lived there with her parents Lesley and Joyce Childs, sister Carole, brother Michael, and 2 uncles, 2 aunties, several cousins, and Grandad with his goats and rabbits, in the same row of houses. She attended Hatfield Junior School, and Bramston Senior School in Witham. I met her at a party in Boreham and during the evening she came over and gave me a kiss that changed my life - I was hooked, and have never regretted one minute of our life together. We were married in 1965 in the Methodist Church in The Street.



She had appendicitis when she was 7 and on coming out of hospital told her mum and dad she was going to be a nurse when she grew up. And she did. At 16 she enrolled on a 2 year pre nursing course at Mid Essex tech college and at 18 joined the nurse training school at London Road Hospital in Chelmsford. She lived in the nurses home there, and most of our courting days were spent travelling from hospital to home and vice versa, and studying the necessary books to become a state registered nurse. .

Work took us to West London where Margaret worked at Putney Hospital before we moved to Ruislip Manor. Five years later in 1972 and with 3 children we moved back to Hatfield and have lived in Lynmouth ever since. She started the Mother and Tots Group while the children were growing up and when they went to school she joined Dr Sid Emerick in his surgery in the old television shop at the top of Maldon Road. She moved to Boreham surgery with Dr Malcolm Shearer and across the road when the present surgery was built, and was there until she retired 35 years later. Dr Les Brann persuaded her to take up hypnotherapy, and she became a mature student at the age of 53, and went to University College London, gaining a diploma in clinical hypnosis in November 2003. She retired at 65: we were fortunate to have good health, and were able to travel to a few lovely places in the world. She was diagnosed with vascular dementia in April 2016 so our travelling came to a finish.

She was active in many village activities, poppy seller for the British Legion, Guide/Brownie committee member helping at Sago, WI member, Review deliverer. She took a keen interest in village history.

A personal tribute from her friend and colleague Dr Les Brann

I met Margaret in 1984 when I joined the practice: she was nurse receptionist at Boreham, checking patients in, giving advice, taking repeat prescriptions, helping with nursing duties, dispensing - multitasking in the extreme. She had an amazing knowledge of patients with an understanding of how family issues affected health. This understanding sparked her interest in hypnosis and I was delighted when she was accepted to do the postgraduate diploma in clinical hypnosis at University College London. She was only the second nurse to do this course and she became the first Practice nurse to be awarded the diploma.

Work was serious but away from the front line we had fun, a lot of it! I'm not sure how it started but over the years a fierce competition developed between us - 'pinch and punch, first day of the month'. From humble beginnings, strategies became more obscure and cunning - we hid under desks and in cupboards ready to jump out on the unwary. Once, when I thought I had escaped as she wasn't on duty, I went to my car gully to find a big bow with a gleeful pinch and punch 'gotcha' note! Margaret was a clear and worthy 'Pinch and Punch' Champion!. But she was much more than that - observing the amazing care the family gave her through the worsening dementia and following the stroke, it was quite clear that she was a champion wife, champion mother and grandmother and to us a champion friend and colleague.

Margaret will be hugely missed but always, always remembered.

Hatfield Peverel Parish Council

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Village hall happenings

Facebook: Hatfield Peverel village hall

Yearly membership £5

Opening times - Monday to Saturday 7 - 11pm
Sunday 12 noon - 4.30pm

Weather a bit miserable? Come and enjoy a drink and a chat, plenty to chat about!

Regular happenings

Badminton Club (every Monday 7pm to 10pm (excl Bank Holidays) Free to join and either £4 pay and play or £3.50 per game should you join. Contact Nick Wright on njwrighty@yahoo.com Tel : 07774 649899

Bingo (third Thursday in month)
20 February, 19 March

Brag (first Friday in month)
6 March, 2 April

Poker (third Saturday in month)
15 February, 21 March

Darts (Tuesday - Ladies team)

Booking for hall/meeting rooms

HPCA bookings@g.com

Village hall (after 7pm) 01245 381481

Leave a message if no reply, this will be answered as soon as possible.

Reservations

American travel agent's tales

A woman called to make a reservation. 'I want to go from Chicago to Hippotamus, New York'. The agent was at loss for words. 'I'm sorry ma'am, I've looked up every airport code but I can't find a Hippopotamas'. The customer retorted 'Don't be silly. Everyone knows where it is!'

The agent scoured a map of the state of New York and finally offered 'You don't mean Buffalo, do you?'

'That's it! I knew it was big animal!'

Then there was the agent who had someone ask for an aisle seat so that their hair wouldn't get messed up being near a window!

And there are many more where those came from!

Useful telephone numbers

Please contact the editors for additions/errors.

Age UK Essex 01245 346106

Anglian Water, 24 hours 0800 919 155

Braintree District Council 01376 552525

Clean Team ring number above and ask for

Customer Services

Witham Area Office in Witham Library

- for walk-in enquiries only

Churches

St Andrew's (C of E), vicar 01245 380958

Methodist Church, minister 01621 853423

Catholic Church, Witham, priest 01376 512219

All Saints Church, Ulting 01245 380627

Citizens Advice Bureau Witham 0344 4994719

Monday to Friday 10am - 4pm

Doctors, health services

Hatfield Peverel doctors' surgery 01245 380324

NHS - non-emergency helpline 111

Pharmacy, Hadfelda Square 01245 380130

Electricity - emergency 0800 7838838

Essex County Council 01245 492211

Essex & Suffolk Water 24 hours 0845 7820999

Gas - emergency 0800 111999

Harlequin Children's Centre 0300 2470014

Free support and services for children under 5

Hospitals

Broomfield (A&E); 01245 362000

St Peters, Maldon 01621 725323

Libraries (enquiry line) 0345 6037628

Hatfield Peverel

Tuesday, Thursday 1 - 5pm

Wednesday, Saturday 9am - 1pm

Witham - use enquiry line above

Police Non-emergency calls 101

Use 101 also for the local officer

Emergency calls 999

Police Stations, Braintree, Chelmsford

Opening hours, Monday - Saturday, 12.00 to 6pm

Post Office 01245 382787

Open 7am - 10pm, last collection 4.30pm

Railway Information

Greater Anglia 03456 007245

National Rail Enquiries (24 hrs) 03457 484950

Registrar of Births, Marriages & Deaths

Witham, by appointment only 03456 037632

Braintree, by appointment only 03456 037632

The Change Project 01245 258680

Personnel well-being through 08453 727701

positive change

Samaritans (24 hours - toll free) 08457 909090

Schools

St Andrew's Junior School 01245 380131

Hatfield Peverel Infant School 01245 380220

Hatfield Peverel Day Nursery 01245 382450

Tigertots Toddler Group 07866 518846

Charlotte Greaves 07527 763038

Social Services 0345 6037630

Community Agent for Hatfield Peverel

Jan Hawkins 07540 720605

Office 01376 574330

Village hall 01245 381481

Let us know of useful services to add to this list

Maldon Film Club

Maldon Town Hall

www.maldonfilmclub.info, or visit Maldon

Tourist Office, phone 01621 869340

The Club meets in Maldon Town Hall fortnightly on a Wednesday. Enjoy a night out watching films from best of recent English and foreign language releases. Doors open 7.15pm, wine/soft drinks from 7.30pm, films begin at 8pm.

Wednesday 19 February Stan and Ollie

English 98 minutes. Triumphant farewell tour.

Wednesday 4 March Border

Swedish 110 minutes. Drama, fantasy, romance

Wednesday 18 March Free Solo

English 100 minutes. Climber's dream is to ascent a 3,000ft rock cliff in Yosemite National Park

Wednesday 1 April Apostasy

Urdu/English 95 minutes. Drama written and directed by a former Jehovah's Witness

Annual subscription £25, or pay £5 on the door.

Sunday Cinema, Witham Library

£1 a ticket to see Golden Oldies on last Sunday of the month. Tea, coffee, biscuits available

Doors open 2pm, film starts 2.30pm. No booking necessary but seating limited.

Brigadoon 23 February, **Genevieve** 29 March,

The Glenn Miller Story 19 April

Folk Dance Club says goodbye

The club held its last Christmas dance in the village hall on Saturday 7 December 2019. Sue Bradshaw was a great caller and the super band was Sue and Peter Hall.

It was a lovely dance with over forty dancing friends from other clubs filling the hall with music, fun and laughter.

The raffle raised £104 for the Helen Rollason charity in the village.

During the evening Pam was presented with a beautifully engraved vase and a silver necklace to thank her for 53 years of folk dancing in the village.

Sadly the club closed at the end of 2019 with a final meeting on 19 December when everyone said goodbye to friends and supporters, past the present. A sad day but with many happy memories.



The inscription on the vase reads - To Pam - Many thanks - Hatfield Peverel Folk Dance Club - 1966-2019

'The Jazz Century' - Spring Term 2020

Ken Earney

After four weeks we are well into this very entertaining and engaging course presented by Graham Platts which outlines decade by decade the development and growth of jazz from its early beginnings in and around New Orleans at the dawn of the 20th century. It originated as an exclusively African-American art form and we saw how in its early development the first exponents were influenced by their history: principally slavery in the cotton fields of the southern states, work songs and chants, spiritual and gospel singing.

Its reach from beyond that region as far as New York was enabled by the major river links northward - the Mississippi-Missouri and its tributaries - and by the railroads. Then white musicians were increasingly attracted to it and became significant exponents. At the time of writing we have got to the close of the fourth decade, dealing principally with the swing era, Benny Goodman featuring prominently, and its reach to the USA's west coast.

Lots of recordings (principally from YouTube, where would we now be without it?) gave us a glimpse of many of these early exponents and their performance styles, and Graham always leaves us with a playlist for our homework. I'm thoroughly enjoying it and really regret missing the Swing Era due to the 'there's a lot of it about' bug.

The topic of guest speaker Keith Lovell at the AGM on 24 March will be 'Essex Village Signs'. The meeting starts at 10am in the Scout and Guide HQ. Refreshments will be served and everyone is welcome.

WEA