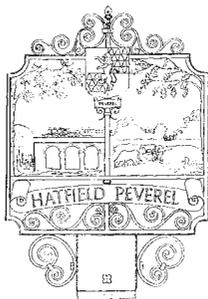


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June

- 1 Parish Council meeting
- 3 Flower Club
- 4 Folk Dance Club
- 6 St Andrew's coffee morning
- 10 Wine Club

Front cover - Scouts celebrated Shrove Tuesday by cooking giant pancakes to share. See page 9

Don't forget - how can you forget? - its election time

Our Parish Council elections, as the General Election, are on Wednesday 7th May, in the village hall 7am - 10pm.

These local elections are important to us. If you care about your community come and vote for your Parish Councillors, they will look out for you over the next four years. (more information under Parish Council news page 6).

The General Election: you may already be sick and tired of the politicking on radio and TV over the last few months, before even the official start of the election campaigning, but if you are minded not to turn out and vote, please think again. You may feel they're all the same etc, but bear in mind that some in past times and places have paid a price when campaigning for votes for all, and that people stand for parliament in the main because they genuinely want to make a difference. It might not be a difference that pleases you, but that's democracy, it's less bad than all the other systems of government, so please, go out and vote.

Photographers!

Please, please, please...when taking a photo of a person or a group of people you want to appear in the Review, give them some headroom, ie, make sure the top of their heads aren't cut off. I'd like a pound for every time I've had to 'grow' some background above the top of their heads using Photoshop!

We love your photographs, they brighten up the Review, please keep them coming, heads and all!

Neighbourhood Development Plan

More background information to this appeal (right) in Parish Council news on page 7

Neighbourhood Development Plan



Join the NDP Team

Help and get involved. Avoid fire from irate

Represent the wider community in the

Your village needs

YOU!

Communications: Design posters/flyers, Use Facebook/Twitter, Community Events

Project Planning: Budget, Data collection, Progress Monitoring

Developing and Testing Evidence

Housing: Requirement, type, scale, location, design

Facilities and Infrastructure

Local facilities, traffic and transport, footpaths and cycleway

Environment:

Environmental studies, recreation spaces, landscape and views Keith Bigden Memorial Ground, Community Park

Local Economy: Retail, industrial, business, Broadband

Pay: You are joking!

Conditions: Bring your own pencil

Fringe Benefits: Occasional cup of tea and biscuit

Contact: Les, Ted, Diane, Stella or Yvonne at: hatfieldpeverelplan@gmail.com

Les Priestley by phone on 01245 380404, but please make sure you speak to him, don't rely on the answerphone!

Facebook: Hatfield Peverel Neighbourhood Development Plan

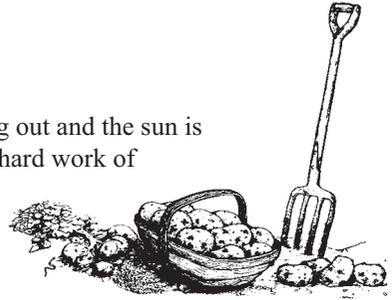
Twitter: @peverel_NDP

Allotment and growing news

Sean Pettit HPAA Chairman (01621 851929)

www.hpaa.org.uk

Well the crazy season is now arriving when the nights are drawing out and the sun is starting to warm the soil, breathing life into all its caresses. The hard work of getting those seed beds worked over should be done or well on the way to being completed, and the dreaded weeds will start to make themselves known so it will be out with the hoe at every chance to try and stay on top of them.



Now is the season I turn my thoughts to where I am going to grow my crops - I am lucky or mad enough to have several plots so crop rotation is fairly easy but I like to make myself a drawing of each plot to scale and set out each crop on this map, by doing it to scale I can measure off the space required. Planning now will save hours of pondering later, I also mark dates for sowing and planting out, so it acts as my reminder what beds need to be ready at what time of year. I keep last year's map and mark it as I harvest it so I also know what successes and failures I had and where they occurred, useful when considering rotational plans.

Why is planning your crop rotation and carrying it out so important? If you do not rotate your crops properly you run the risk of diseases and pests building up in localised areas and they will be difficult to eradicate once established. My rotational plan is a five year plan in each segment and follows like this: year 1 brassicas; year 2 peas and beans; year 3 potatoes and fruiting vegetables; year 4 the onion family; year 5 root and stem vegetables. I'll be covering this in more depth on the HPAA web site for all those interested.

So happy digging and growing, and here's to a bumper crop and a good coming harvest!

Spring is in the air!

Forty years of self sufficiency in town and country

At the Horticulture Society's first speaker meeting in March Peter Webb talked about the Good Life, with its ups and downs, successes and failures.

Splendid daffodils for the Spring Show

Visitors enjoyed floral displays, cookery exhibits, a range of photographs and children's paintings at the Spring Show at the end of March. Awards and trophies were presented to: Doe Memorial Cup (daffodils) and Diploma of Excellence, Mike Jollands; Garden News Shield (other flowers) Sarah Barker; Les Childs Memorial Bowl, Shirley Gadsby; Society Cup (cookers) Viv Cooke; British Legion Cup (handicrafts), Mary Hills; RAOB Cup, Claydon Memorial Shield (childrens) and Certificate of Merit, Freya Baker; Lens Cup (photography) and daffodil competition, Neville Bright; cake competition Trina Butcher. Certificates of Merit: Pauline Jollands (cookery), Julia Gammie (handicrafts), Frederick Baker (children), Val Barrett (photography).

Dates for your diary

Plant sale/coffee morning Saturday 9th May

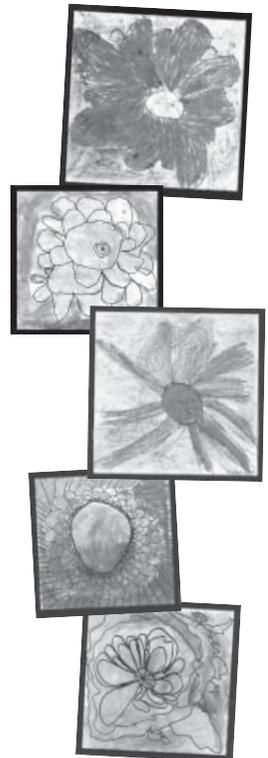
Oaklands, Nounsley Road
10am - 12 noon

Afternoon garden walk Sunday 21st June RHS Hyde Hall

The hilltop garden is renowned for its dry garden, and Australian and New Zealand gardens showing plants thriving in drought. Meet at Hyde Hall 2.30pm, admission free.

Ring Clive Emberson,
01245 381704, for details.
Transport can be arranged.

*Thankyou to Base 4 Infant
School children, for their
lovely flower pictures*



Fly tipping in Dines Lane

The road through from Maldon Road to Nounsley Road is a useful short cut for locals wanting to miss the village. You can sometimes meet a bus but usually the way is clear. The wet weather brought with it quite bad flooding on this stretch and Highways had just finished a good job clearing the ditches when our fly tipper arrived, leaving an unsightly mess spilling onto the highway. Thank you to the BDC's Clean Team for its quick removal.



WW2 searchlight sites in Hatfield Peverel

The Parish Council recently received a request from Mr John Archer of Earsham, near Bungay, asking if any of our older residents could help him with an aspect of WW2 history in our area. He writes:

"I wondered if you could help me with some information I am seeking concerning the area around Hatfield Peverel during the last war. I am doing a project on WW2 searchlights, attempting to record all confirmed sites, their exact positions where they were around the countryside."

Ken Clements, Bryant Prior and Peter Wright between them recalled steerable beam searchlights close to the windmill off Mowden Hall Lane and off Terling Hall Road near Hatfield Wick. These were in place throughout the war, and there were also fixed beam lights off Termitt's Farm Chase, and beside the old A12 just past Chantry Bridge.

Mr Archer's interest isn't restricted to Hatfield Peverel but includes the surrounding area of neighbouring parishes, eg Terling, Wickham Bishops, Little Baddow and Boreham. Would any of you older readers who may be able to throw any further light on this please get in touch with the editors in the first instance?

Boreham Art Circle's 39th exhibition

24th - 26th April

**Boreham village hall
Friday 12 noon - 8pm
Saturday 10am - 8pm
Sunday 10am - 5pm**

This highly regarded open exhibition and sale has pictures and folios showing a variety of subjects and mediums

For information contact Glad Deamer on
www.essexinfo.net/boreham-art-circle
Tel: 01245 223106

Exhibition of watercolour paintings

Our own Pam Warren is holding an exhibition and sale of her paintings (landscapes and flowers) at Essex Wildlife Trust's Abberton visitor centre from 2nd to 16th May. Buy a picture and a percentage of sales goes to the trust..

Congratulations to Brenda Smith who has come third out of 279 representatives in Avon's area sales figures.

Parish Council news

Lisa Miller, Clerk to the Parish Council
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Essex CM2 8UJ. Tel 01245 403071
parishclerk@hatfieldpeverelpc.co.uk



Parish Council election - Wednesday 7th May 2015

Countdown for election nominations - make the difference - get involved - care what happens in your community - be nominated to be a Parish Councillor

Here's how!

There are thirteen seats on Hatfield Peverel Parish Council. All thirteen seats will be up for election on 7th May 2015. **To qualify you need to be 18 or over and be a commonwealth citizen or of an EU member state and you must qualify in one or more of the following ways** (many will qualify on more than one of these criteria).

- * Be a local government elector in the parish (appear on the electoral roll)
- * own or rent land in the parish for the past twelve months
- * live in the parish, or within three miles of it, for the past twelve months
- * work in the parish for the last twelve months.

To stand for election you need to complete nomination papers. Forms can be downloaded from the Braintree District Council website or from the Returning Officer at the Braintree District Council. The nomination period is short commencing on the 1st April 2015. Completed nomination papers must be returned to the Returning Officer at Braintree District Council by noon on 9th April 2015. If help is required to complete or return the paperwork the Clerk to the Council will be pleased to help.

The Parish Council has many powers and Hatfield Peverel as a council may extend its powers over the next few years. Current responsibilities include provision and maintenance of recreational facilities, allotments, burial ground, bus shelters, small areas of open space around the village. The council works in partnership with other tiers of local authority and also provides a handyman and litter pickers for the benefit of the community. The council has influential powers relating to planning applications and is regularly consulted by District and County Councils, Government and the NHS.

A full council meeting takes place once each month plus a Planning Committee and Neighbourhood Plan Committee meet as and when required. For further details of the role and responsibilities, please contact the Clerk on the number above.

Go on, make a difference!

Planning

All planning meetings are open to the public. Notification of these meetings will be erected in the village notice boards three clear days prior to each meeting.

The following applications have recently been made

Application for a proposed lawful development certificate for single storey rear extension at The Bourne, Nounsley Road; partial demolition of existing rear extension and erection of part single and two storey extension to the rear of the property at Dagmar, Nounsley Road; Screen Opinion Request for proposed residential development of 48 dwellings on land at Bury Lane; application for a Lawful Development Certificate for a proposed development – for use as a small community home for 5/6 adults with a learning disability living together as a single household at White Cottage, Wickham Bishops Road; erection of rear/side extensions and construction of new pitched roof at 25 Sportsmans Lane.

The following applications have been approved by the District Council

Erection of two storey side extension and porch at 49 New Road; reconstruction of garden wall with revised gate position and crossover at Hill House, The Street; erection of single storey rear extension at 1 Rock Cottages, The Vineyards; demolition of an existing double garage and erection of 2 bay cart lodge with workshop area at The Nook, Wickham Bishops Road; erection of single storey front extension, extension to front of existing garage and conversion of rear garage to shower room at 23 Ranulph Way; application for removal or variation of condition 2 of approved application for erection of stable block, hardstanding and new tree planting at Belvoir, 35 Sportsmans Lane; improvement to main farm access at Wood End Farm, Hatfield Road, Witham; erection of a first floor bedroom extension at 99 Church Road.

The following applications have been refused by the District Council

Change of use of land for the stationing of containers for storage purposes and the storage of building materials, machinery and equipment at land adjacent to bungalow at Bovingtons Farm.

Tree preservation order granted - work to trees at 3 De Vere Close.

Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)

The Neighbourhood Development Plan committee has been very busy the last couple of months with drop in events, the workshop held in the village hall, and also a workshop with the junior school children to engage with the community (**see how they see it on pages 10 and 11**). At the Public Meeting held at the end of March a Steering Group was formed to commence work on the evidence base.

All events have proved successful, and a good start has been made in the awareness campaign. The committee would however urge **ALL** residents to take an interest in the development plan as it can only happen with everyone's input. It is not just a small team of people whose thoughts and ideas can be put forward. Please therefore do attend future events, and complete the surveys that will be carried out during the course of the year. **The plan is for ALL age groups, for the protection of the village for the future.**

The NDP will take approximately eighteen months to two years to complete, and when made will be a legal document to be used by both Braintree District Council and the Parish Council when determining planning applications over the following twenty years. If an NDP is not in place then the village will be at risk so it is in everyone's interest to have your say now. **YOUR SAY NOW.**

The committee is planning further workshops and drop in events. A quiz on the history of the village will be held in the near future as well as an exhibition at the Party in the Park.

The results of the Housing Needs Survey can be viewed on the Parish Council's website below.

If you wish to be kept informed of progress and dates of events by email then please contact: hatfieldpeverelplan@gmail.com

Clean up on the old football pavilion site

A skip was hired for the first weekend in March on the recreation ground, and a team of volunteers helped out on the Saturday to clear the debris around the old football pavilion site. A brilliant job was done - a big thank you to everyone who helped.

Website - don't forget you can view all Parish Council news on the new website which can be found at: <http://www.essex.info.net/hatfieldpeverel/>

Parish Council meetings - village hall 7.30pm, first Monday of the month unless otherwise stated, 13th April, 4th May, 1st June

Answer to 'Your starter for 10' on page 17 is a raspberry sponge sandwich

An invitation to tea at the Palace

Hadfelda WI - Chris Marks
c242marks@btinternet.com



The WI has been invited to the Palace for the Queen's garden party on 2nd June. One member from each WI will be able to attend but they have to get themselves there and pay for their own fares and fees - approximately £35 entry.

Pets as therapy

February's speaker was Helen Beard who had brought along her black Labrador Wren. Wren is a PAT dog (Pets as Therapy). Dogs and their owners go to special needs schools, nursery schools, residential homes for the elderly, psychiatric hospitals and jails. Through petting them and talking to them, the dogs bring comfort and compassion to people of all ages. Stroke patients find it helpful in their physiotherapy: by stroking the dog and putting their leads on they forget they are actually exercising their arms. Research with PAT dogs shows they help enormously with patients with dementia or Alzheimer's, giving them confidence to talk to the dog and about their experience to other people. It has been found that stroking an animal reduces people's blood pressure. Many of the audience went home with lower blood pressure than when they arrived!

Stand-in speaker in March

David Vroobal, a gemologist and jeweller, started off his working life in Hatton Garden where he learned about cutting diamonds: he showed us how diamonds sparkle if there are more cuts or facets on them. The majority of diamonds are mined in South Africa (Kimberley is the most famous mine) although there are a few elsewhere including one in the Ukraine. Most mining is done by blasting although there are places where they 'pan' for diamonds in rivers or 'sweep' the dust looking for diamonds - this is on the India and Pakistan Border - called surface mining. DeBeers let you dig for diamonds at the Kimberley visitor centre although you have to pay for the privilege - and if you find one they will tell you whether or not you can keep it! The most famous diamond is

the Kohinoor in the Crown Jewels.

After a couple of armed robberies on his shops he and his wife retired and he took up speaking at meetings and on cruise ships. After questions David gave a valuation to anyone who had brought along their precious gems.

Virginia asked everyone to note that tickets for anything happening at the WI Centre will not be booked on line! Members were asked who would like to stand for committee. In May Frances Harper will talk about 'Silk from China to Essex.'

From drizzle to sunshine...

Hatfield Peverel Walkers - Graham Bushby

Our walk took place on the last Thursday of March when eight walkers braved the drizzle, which later turned to sunshine, and completed a four mile ramble from Wickham Bishops across the fields past the old, now no longer in use church, the trestle bridge, one of the few remaining sites of the old Maldon to Witham railway line, along the edges of Benton Golf course and eventually back to Wickham Bishops.

We meet again on Thursday 30th April at the village hall at 10am. **New walkers are always welcome and for further information please contact Graham Bushby on (01245) 380472.**

Nounsley Ford flooding

Better late than never, and in anticipation of further high water levels at Nounsley Ford.

Many walkers had difficulty in recent winter months negotiating their way off the bridge footpath onto the road surface beyond the flooded section. If this situation should occur again at times of very heavy rainfall, and until the highway and water authorities have remedied the problems at the ford, Mr Godfrey Nelmes, landowner of the fields either side of the ford, has agreed that walkers may walk on the field margin at the top of the bank until they can safely and comfortably return to the road surface. **Please behave responsibly, stay on the field margin only as far as you need to get back onto the unflooded road surface.**

1st Hatfield Peverel Scout Group

(For boys and girls 6 - 18 yrs)

Group Secretary: Suzanne Evans

A church visit for the Beavers

Beavers visited St Andrews Church as part of their Faith Badge. Father Stephen was on hand to tell them about the history of the building and to explain about the different areas of the church. The Beavers (see photo below) enjoyed climbing up to the pulpit, exploring the vestry and were fascinated by the inside-outside-down clock. **To raise funds for their forthcoming summer camp, Beavers will be holding a coffee morning and book sale - see advertisement on page 13. Everyone is welcome.**



A busy term for Cubs

Cubs have been busy celebrating some of the notable dates which fall in the first term of the year. On pancake night a bit of competition added to the thrill of the evening as they raced to see how many pancakes could be made in an hour and then how much maple syrup could be put on one pancake...messy!

The Chinese New Year of the Goat was celebrated with a Chinese meal; the Cubs also made lanterns and learnt to write their name in Chinese. For Commonwealth Day, the Cubs enjoyed learning about food and traditions from around the Commonwealth.

The Map Readers Badge, important in Scouting, was completed with the help of adults from the SASU. Cubs were shown a village map from 1777 and were amazed how Hatfield Peverel has changed over the years. An informative visit to Maldon's historic Moot Hall enabled the pack to gain their Local Knowledge Badge.

Seven children have gained the highest award in Cubs, the Chief Scouts Silver Award - well done.

Competitive Scouts

On the Scouts return from the Christmas break, they took part in an inter-patrol competition involving a number of games, quizzes and small building and problem solving projects. The winning patrol (Hawks) were treated to breakfast at D's Diner. To celebrate Shrove Tuesday, Scouts cooked giant (half metre) pancakes to share and then made individual mini pancakes, using an upturned baked bean can and tea lights for heat. All tasted good. (See front cover photograph).

Patrol Leaders enjoyed a 'back to basics' weekend camp where they were able to hone their fire lighting and map reading skills. They also practised outdoor cooking and took part in some target shooting. A great time was had by all, with fantastic weather being the 'icing on the cake' (photo above).



Useful Contacts

Website: www.hpscouts.org.uk

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07850 024 578, phillips.chris@btinternet.com

Membership enquiries: Michelle Spicer,

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Monthly newspaper collection: Jonathan Dormon,

01245 382981, jonathan.dormon@btinternet.com

Secretary: Suzanne Evans, 01245 382397,

boons_calibre_travel@lineone.net

- There are local shops
- friendly people
- clubs
- rec
- good school
- make friends
- scout hut
- good play equipment at the rec
- helpful people
- Marshals garage
- chip shop
- everyone knows each other



- Traffic jams
- car parking
- sports



We also like the fish and chips shop they do really nice food

fish and chips

foot ball club

- Bad Traffic
- Some People
 - Littering
 - broken glass
 - fighting
- lack of sports facilities
 - no handball clubs
- Parking

We would like to keep the library because we like going to get books

book

library

Plus we like the Co-op because we get a lot of good food from it

Co-op



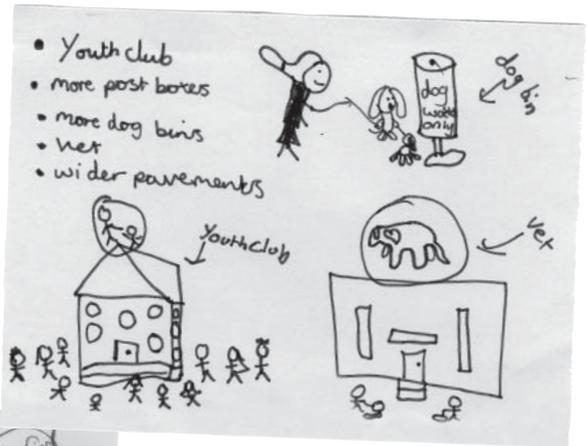
Children have a say in the future of

The development of our village, ten to twenty years hence, is in the hands of our children and their children's children. What is the legacy of the village of the future? What of the legacy we leave them? What do they think of the village in today and how can it be improved?

All St Andrew's Junior School children took part in a workshop with the village's Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Committee to find out what appeals to them about their environment, what is lacking in the village. Here are their comments and illustrations, their ideas need to be listened to as we love and enjoy while allowing for incomers in the future. No

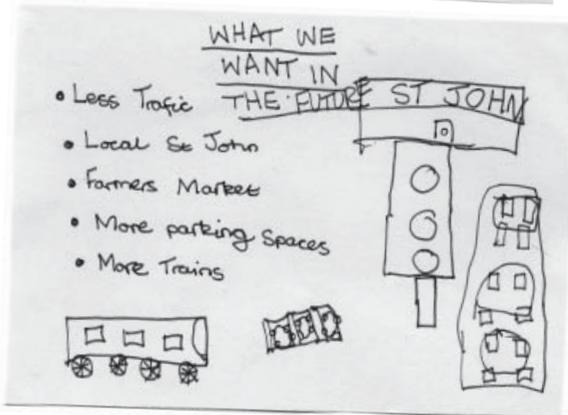
Thank you to everyone for their contributions - some may be different

- illegal parking
- dog poo!
- dead animals
- graffiti
- Speeding cars
- factory (smell + lorry)
- train station parking
- littering
- dogs not being cared for properly



of our village

ence, will be in the
 hat will they think
 the village they live



- A fairground at the park
- computers at village hall
- park club - go on walks - climb trees, build a campfire
- music in the park
- make sure the homeless have homes
- If they do something good for the village they get something in return
- sweet shop in the park - highest prize £2 - lowest prize 10p.
- A colouring table for little children
- obstackal course for children of any age!

op held by members of Hatfield Pever-
 find out their views on three aspects of village life - what
 way of facilities and, lastly, how can things be improved.
 e taken into account in the fight to keep our village the place
 othing can remain the same.

fficult to achieve!

What's my wine? And what's my favourite EU wine?

Pevel Wine Club – Vee Green, Secretary (01245 355723)

www.pevelwineclub.co.uk or email pevelwineclub@hotmail.co.uk



A good mix of the informative and the slightly idiotic at our February meeting on the theme of My Funny Valentine. Neil Bull of the Essex Wine School introduced four wines selected for their connection to Valentine's Day including a stunning red Passimonto Pasquia from Majestic. Tastings were accompanied by cheese pastry hearts, shortbread hearts (courtesy of Ann Richards, Anne Mountfort and Pat Kersley) and hand-crafted cheese hearts (courtesy of Vee), and wines were interspersed with games. The now-traditional Pevel Speed Dating revealed a surprising number of members who had a bought (though not necessarily read!) 50 Shades of Grey, and was won by Anne Williams, thanks to her ability to ask twice as many questions as anyone else in 10 minutes!

We also enjoyed a couple of rounds of Mr and Mrs, with some thought-provoking questions set by Treasurer Linda Fisher. The game ended as a dead heat between Bob and Barbara Hill and Anne and Trevor Williams – both couples former champions in this event!

In March, members tasted a selection of wines from Chile, and learnt something of the history of Chilean wine and of the new classifications for the wine, alleged to make it easier to select the styles we each prefer. Chilean wine represents excellent value for money at the moment, but not all those present were converted to the delights of Viognier and Carmenère!

We look forward to our meeting after Easter when we shall be recreating the old Sunday evening BBC TV favourite What's My Line? as What's My Wine? Each table will take its turn to provide the panel of experts guessing the wines by blind-tasting them and asking some well-chosen questions to identify each wine's grape variety and country of origin. The May meeting involves tasting yet more wine (it's a hard job, but someone has to do it!), this time involving samples from some of the EU's 14 wine-producing countries to determine which nation rules supreme, at least as far as good value wines go.

If you would like to come along to this or any other of our meetings, you will be very welcome. Please give Vee a ring beforehand to confirm attendance (and to ensure we have enough of everything to eat and drink!) on 01245 355723. The club meets normally on the second Wednesday of the month at 8pm in the village hall, but with some exceptions, so it is worth phoning first, especially during the summer months when we are often away from the village hall.

The Wine Club has its own website (see above) courtesy of the skills of Fred Brown (many thanks Fred), or via the Hatfield Pevel site at: www.essexinfo.net/hatfieldpevel/clubs-and-societies/ Take a look to find out a bit more about the Wine Club, its activities and its history before you come along!

Every cloud has a silver lining!

Surprise buffet lunch for EMS Club

No worries about what to have for lunch on Tuesday, 52 members of Ems Club sat down to a surprise buffet lunch at their meeting on 24th March, courtesy of Kavanagh's Catering Services due to a cancellation. Every cloud has a silver lining - a choice of delicious sandwiches and cakes, and fresh fruit. Members say thank you to Emma from the caterers for a lovely treat.

Keep fit - a gentle fun course

Linda Butcher

Beginner or more experienced you are welcome to a keep fit class in the Methodist Church hall in The Street on Thursday evenings between 8.15 and 9.15pm. Please bring an exercise mat and dumb-bells if you have them. I do have a few spare. Cost £5. For further details email Linda on lindabutcher@hotmail.co.uk or call 07966 2099074

DEAR...

...Drop Everything And Read

Book week at St Andrew's Junior School

Children and staff celebrated World Book Day by having their own Book Week. Children's author Allan Gibbons - his books include *Shadow of the Minotaur* (Blue Peter Book Award 2000), *Rib Ticklers* and *The Number 7 Shirt* - began the week with a series of writers' workshops in every class. He also spent time working with staff after school.

There were a number of competitions running during the week - best character from each base received a £10 book token (see top photograph). The winner of 'Who can find the most unusual place to read a book?' was Jake Spicer, hanging upside down in his hallway!

Every day, at a randomly selected time, a bell went to signal DEAR - Drop Everything And Read - children and staff immediately stopped what they were doing, picked up a book and read silently for 15 minutes. Children also brought in books in good condition they had read for a book swap.

The week culminated in everyone - children and staff - looking fantastic dressed as their favourite book characters. Check out the pictures - which characters can you recognise?



Learn to dance with Jeannette

Strictly new beginners ballroom/latin courses

Monday 27th April Hatfield Peverel Church Hall
Under 16s from 4.30pm to 5.30pm
Adults from 7 pm to 8 pm

Jeanette, who has run **Jays School of Dance** for over 30 years, aims to make all classes a fun and enjoyable experience. Dancing is a lovely way to make new friends and to keep fit!

To book your place call Jeannette Gordon
Telephone 01473 686166 Mobile 07754199174
jeannette@jaysschoolofdance.co.uk
www.jaysschoolofdance.co.uk

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COFFEE MORNING / BOOK SALE

SATURDAY 25TH APRIL 10AM - 2PM

SCOUT HQ, CHURCH ROAD, HATFIELD PEVEREL



Come and have a refreshing cuppa,
enjoy some lovely home-made cakes
and browse through the books

Funds raised go towards Beaver Scout camp and equipment

News from St Andrews

Easter is early this year and Holy Week and Easter Day have passed by. I am writing on Passion Sunday, the Sunday before Palm Sunday, and it feels odd to be focussing on Easter and beyond before writing any church article which is inevitably about Easter. In the week leading up to the cataclysmic events of Holy Week, it doesn't seem right to be writing about the resurrection, or events relating directly to it. It is almost like hearing the 'Amen' chorus of Handel's Messiah after the overture, with the rest of the piece following! But we are, whether we realize it or not, living in what theologians call the new age and, in a sense, every Sunday to a Christian is Easter Day. We are, as the late Pope John Paul II once said, 'resurrection people'.



We are now in the period between Easter and Pentecost called the great 50 days. Gospel readings concentrate on both the resurrection appearances of Jesus in St John's Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles, which details how the early church began and spread, and the problems it faced, many of which are still with us!

For the Parish Lent course, we have looked at the life of Jesus and his impact on both us as individuals and on the world generally. Called 'Magnificent Jesus' we have been following the 'I am' sayings of Jesus from St John's Gospel. The book itself contains useful questions that focus the sayings back on us, so that we have to say how these sayings have affected, and do affect us.

On Palm Sunday morning there was the procession from the Junior School to St Andrews and a Parish Eucharist, with a special ecumenical service at the Salvation Army hall in the afternoon. In the evening there was a meditation on St Mark's Passion Narrative (St Mark is the controlling gospel for this year's readings). Under the conducting of Barbara Mason and the playing of Howard Southgate St Andrews Church Choir sing appropriate music in between sections of the narrative as well as the congregation joining in with the hymns.

The Annual Parochial Church meeting will be held on a Sunday after the morning service, this year on 26th April. Anyone is welcome though only people on the Church Electoral Roll can vote.

Finally may I wish you a happy and productive Easter and a great summer.

Love and best wishes to Kay....

Some of you will remember Kay, Jean and Denis Ashby's daughter, who lived in Hatfield Peverel in her younger days. She now lives in Ireland and has written to Father Stephen following a kidney transplant operation.

Dear Fr Stephen and all at St Andrews Church. Just a few lines to thank you for your prayers and support over the last month through my kidney transplant. You will be glad to know all went well and the new kidney is thus far working well. I must be prepared for ups and downs as in the first year of transplant it is quite normal. Getting the right balance of drugs and keeping a very close eye on blood work is essential and I have to go up to the hospital twice a week to keep a strict

eye on all these factors. We can only hope for the best. The drugs repress the immune system so the kidney does not reject and I am under 'house arrest' for two months as at present I have very little immunity to anything. This will get better as the drugs are reduced but I will always have to be careful. I am feeling better and stronger every day.

I am so blessed to have such a wonderful brother who without hesitation gave me this very special gift to give me back my quality of life. He is truly amazing! It has been lovely having Mum and Russell staying with me as I have seen so little of them over the past three years being tied to a dialysis machine.

I wish you all the very best. God bless: Kay.

Methodist Church

In February our Church held our annual Covenant Service, which is a distinct Methodist service in which we renew our commitment to our Church and remind ourselves to continue our faith in spiritual and practical ways.

In this year we are concerned that our Sunday congregation is reducing in numbers due to ageing and illness. This is happening nationally where Methodist membership has reduced by 33%. Our Circuit (the group of thirteen Churches in the Chelmsford area) has been asked for suggestions to grow our Churches from 845 to 1000 members.

What can we do to tempt you into our Church?

Our Sunday service at 11am is a very relaxed hour where we join together around a table and the service is led by either by our Minister, Rev Sue King, or a local preacher. We sing hymns, pray and listen to a talk by the worship leader. After the service we have the opportunity to discuss any matters raised, often with tea and biscuits. We try to be a caring Church where people can share their joys and their woes and where we learn together and put into practise our Christian faith in fellowship with one another and our local community.

On **Thursday we have a coffee morning** which anyone can come to and have a coffee or tea and chat with other visitors.

On the **2nd Saturday in the month - 10am to 12 noon - we have a coffee morning** with a cake stall filled with delicious cakes.

Once a month we have an evening house group led by one of our members where we discuss a passage from the bible.

We support the Methodist charities for home and overseas mission and the Action for Children, a UK Methodist charity which supports children in need.

Local food bank

We continue to collect for the local food bank. Cold weather has meant an increased need for food as many people have found it hard to keep their homes warm and provide food. The latest figures for December and January show the food

bank distributed nearly 6 tonnes of food to 478 people. If you wish to join us in supporting the food bank bring along items to the church when we are open.

Currently there are shortages of:

- * UHT fruit juice 1lt—any juice
- * Long life milk (full or semi-skimmed cartons—especially 500ml)
- * Cereal/oat bars (Alpen, Nature Valley)
- * Instant mash (sachets)
- * Instant custard powder (sachets of powder to be made with boiling water)
- * Pasta Snacks (Mug Shots, Pot Noodles etc)
- * Tinned meat - cold
- * Rice 500g, jam, sugar 500g, coffee, biscuits
- * Toiletries, toothpaste, nappies, baby wipes and baby food and toilet rolls.

Celebrate 6th May

We are hosting a ‘Celebrate’ event on Wednesday 6th May commencing at 8pm (refreshments from 7.30pm). By then you may be weary of the political discussions for the election the following day, so come along and join us for something completely different. These events are modern, and upbeat with a live group and a time for ministry. We are expecting a full Church so come and make a cheerful noise.

What else would you be looking for in your local Church?

Special events

6th May 7.30 for 8pm - ‘Celebrate’ upbeat, modern worship with 3.16 band

31st May at 11am - 140th Anniversary Service at 11am followed by refreshments.

United Palm Sunday service

John Turner

Methodist and Anglican congregations joined with Salvationists in the Maldon Road Salvation Army hall for a united Palm Sunday service on Sunday 29th. March. Members of St Andrews Church presented a dramatized reading of Psalm 118, whilst Methodist readers told the Palm Sunday story in dramatized form.

Singer John Mitchinson travelled from Southend to both sing and to turn the congregation into a gospel choir. John sang one song in Welsh and ably accompanied himself on the ukulele for another.

A second guest was Mrs Marian Still, head teacher of Barling Magna Primary School who spoke about her role and her approach to her work as a Christian. Reverend Susan King lead opening

prayers, and the Reverend Stephen Northwood prayed at the conclusion. A collection was taken up in support of Save The Children Fund to assist work in war-torn Syria and over £170 was given.

The service was led jointly by Majors John and Nina Turner and thanks were expressed to all for their involvement. Tea was served and the four ministers distributed palm crosses to everyone, donated by the Methodist Church.

A great start to the New Year and a warm welcome to all our new faces

EMS Club - Emma Morris (01376 516674)

We've enjoyed a visit from Hatfield Peverel Rainbows who showed us the games they play, telling us how it all started with a history lesson and what is involved when they make their promise. They visited us on Shrove Tuesday so we had pancakes together too! We've had Alexa, a pearly queen taking us back with a 40s medley, a good old sing was enjoyed by all. We visited the Infant School and had refreshments brought by the children and listened their songs and poems. We always have a lovely warm welcome from children and teachers so thank you very much for such a lovely afternoon - we'll be seeing you again in July.

We had a hilarious but informative talk on gardening where prizes were given out to test who was actually listening, a great afternoon. Maldon handbell ringers visited us and played tunes we had to guess and we all had the opportunity to have a go. Another fun filled afternoon! Mrs Claire Anderson came along that afternoon to talk to us about volunteering at the J's hospice in Great Baddow. The Maldon hand bell ringers raise a lot of money for them so we felt it apt to have her visit the same day. The hospice provides respite care and services to young adults aged 16 - 40 who are living with life limiting and life threatening conditions. Claire visits these young people in their homes and provides massage and reflexology to ease anxiety, aid symptom control and encourage relaxation and comfort. She spoke openly and honestly about providing this much needed care her patients. Thank you Claire for sharing that with us and informing us of the amazing work the J's do.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Emma Kavanagh from Kavanagh's Catering for the delicious buffet she so kindly provided for us all. This buffet had been booked out but cancelled last minute so we reaped the benefits. Thank you so much for thinking of us Emma! Their loss was most certainly our gain!

Finally a quick message to you sitting at home reading this, who maybe fancy coming to see what we are all about, but 'a club is not for me'. Go on, push yourself and give us a try. You wont know until you do. We have fun, you'll make new friends, we'll keep your mind active and there's no pressure to come back if its not your thing. I promise you it will be, there's something for everyone and you'll wonder why on earth you didn't come sooner. Feel free to give me a ring, no one wants to walk into something brand new, uncertain and on their own.. We can chat over the phone and I'll meet you outside the club and introduce you slowly and comfortably to a few of us. Take a leap of faith, come have a cuppa and lots of giggles.



A win for the village

**Bowling Club - Rita Thomson,
Club Captain (380038)**

www.hatfieldpeverelbowling.org

The John Franklin Open competition was held in February with eight teams from all over the County taking part. After a three game round robin Hatfield Peverel reached the semi final beating Heron Park from Westcliff 7 - 3. We then played Castlepoint from



Benfleet in the final - a great game being two shots down going into the last end. We managed to get three shots up and won 8 - 7. The winning team: Chrissie Harris, Steve Barry, Sandra Tolfrey and Rita Thomson.

The Jim Cowell triple competition was held in March: thirty six bowlers took part in a very enjoyable evening. Winners were Rob Dyer, Pam Stewart and Alan Dangerfield with runners up Joy Watson, Geoff Blackburn and Rita Thomson. The club finals night was on 20th March: in the club singles Steve Spooner beat Rita Thomson and in the pairs Steve and John Douthwaite won over Ron Jarvis and Yvonne Steel. Trophies will be presented at the dinner on 25th April.

The outside green will open on 20th April - this is the club's twenty fifth anniversary. How things have changed, from playing in the village hall on two strips of carpet from an office in Witham, to what we have today. It's been hard work by a lot of people but a lot of pleasure.

Bad Hair Day

Anything goes on Bad Hair Day and this, combined with Red Nose Day, created a lot of fun at St Andrew's Junior School in February - pupils wearing their usual uniforms but sporting imaginative wayout hair styles, lacquered spikes, locks in a choice of colours- and red noses!

Bad Hair Day is a national event in aid of Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH): Rafe Louis, a pupil at the school, has been looked after by the hospital since 2008. He writes 'The doctors and nurses of Gt Ormond Street have helped make me well enough to come to school, they are really kind'. Rafe and his brother Henry, with collecting tub, are delighted this fun day raised £500.



Your starter for ten...

...any idea what this might be?

Sugar, Fortified Wheat Flour (Wheat Flour, Calcium Carbonate, Iron, Niacin, Thiamin), Raspberry Jam (12%) (Glucose Syrup, Sugar Syrup, Concentrated Raspberry Puree, Water, Modified Maize Starch, Gelling Agent (Pectin), Acidity Regulators (Citric acid, Sodium citrate), Colour (Anthocyanins), Flavouring, Preservative (Potassium sorbate)), Egg (Free Range), Water, Butter (Milk), Glucose Syrup, Rapeseed Oil, Egg White (Free Range), Humectant (Glycerol -Vegetable), Milk Protein, Sugar Dusting (Sugar, Palm Oil, Cornflour), Soya Flour, Wheat Starch, Invert Sugar Syrup, Raising Agents (Disodium diphosphate, Sodium hydrogen carbonate), Emulsifiers (Mono-and diglycerides of fatty acids - Vegetable, Polyglycerol esters of fatty acids -Vegetable), Preservative (Potassium sorbate), Cornflour, Dried Egg White (Free Range). *(Answer on page 13)*



Gardener's delight

Ulting Wick gardens will be open on Sunday

26th April, 11am to 5pm,

as part of the National Gardens

Scheme. All Saints Church, Ulting, a short walk from the Wick, will be open between 12.30am to 4 pm, come and explore this historic church.

Village hall happenings

Opening times 7 - 11pm

Forthcoming dates

Annual General Meeting, Friday 9th May

8pm start. Everyone is welcome. Have your say, come and see what your Community Association has in store for the future

Party in the Park, Saturday 11th July

- if you would like a stall, contact Sandra on the hall's phone 01245 381481 and leave a message

Regular happenings

Bingo (third Thursday in the month)

16th April, 21st May, 18th June

Brag (first Friday in the month)

1st May, 5th June

Poker (third Saturday in the month)

18th April, 16th May, 20th June

Darts Monday nights, ladies team Tuesdays

Booking for hall and meetings rooms

HPCA bookings@gmail.com

Phone Alan on 07741 140732

Village hall (after 7pm) 01245 381481

See Facebook under -

Hatfield Peverel village hall

Whoops!

Please note **British Summer Time ends on the last Sunday in October which this year will fall on the 25th March!** A reminder announced in the North Wales Daily Post!

Happy birthday Jim

Birthday wishes (his 90th) to Jim Page at the WEA annual general meeting at the end of March. A Planning Officer for fifty years, Jim worked for 35 years with the London District WEA before coming to Hatfield Peverel where he continued his involvement, lecturing to our local group - his wide knowledge of the architecture of our towns and cities would fill a library - as well as speaking at our evening one-off talks. Jim cut his special cake and everyone at the meeting wished him well and enjoyed a slice!



Our Spring term - 'My history of the world in 100 objects' with tutor Frances Boardman has been an adventure into beautiful and fascinating articles from jewellery to ancient wall paintings, to the stone figures at Pompeii.

Forthcoming visits: Birdwatching at Heybridge Basin in May, Stow Maries aerodrome in June.

Our Autumn course 'Islam and Muslims in the UK and the modern world' with Muhammad Manwar Ali starts in September in the Scout and Guide HQ.

WEA's Area Learning Manager Sarah Moore spoke on 'The Wider WEA' which offers a range of free outreach partnership courses - seven weeks 48 hours/11 weeks 22 hours - from complimentary therapies, self defence, bringing out the best in your child, the choice is wide.

Information ring Lesley Naish, 01245 380837.

Celebrate Jesus

Methodist Church, The Street

Wednesday 6th May

8pm (refreshments from 7.30pm)

Speakers Mike Shelbourne and Dave Drewett

Music by 3.16

All welcome

For more information contact:
Mike Shelbourne 01245 601478 or
Penny Bloom 01245 49621

Useful telephone numbers

Please contact the editors for additions/errors.

Age Concern Essex 01245 264499

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 01376 519625

Churches

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

Methodist Church, minister 01621 853423

Salvation Army, officer i/c 01245 380842

Catholic Church, Witham, priest 01376 512219

Citizens Advice Bureau Witham 0844 4994719

Drop-in sessions Mon/Tue/Thur/Fri 10am - 1pm

Appointments only Thurs afternoon 1 - 4pm

Doctors, health services

Hatfield Peverel doctors' surgery 01245 380324

Boreham doctors' surgery 01245 467364

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

First Essex Buses Ltd 01245 293400

Gas - emergency 0800 111999

Harlequin Children's Centre 01376 535270

Free support and services for children under 5

Hospitals

Broomfield (A&E); St John's, 01245 362000

St Peter's, Maldon

Libraries

Hatfield Peverel 01245 380988

Tuesday, Thursday 1 - 5pm

Wednesday, Saturday 9am - 1pm

Witham 01376 519625

Police non-emergency calls 101

(use 101 also for the local officer)

emergency calls 999

Witham Police Station opening hours

Saturday - Tuesday 9am - 5pm

Wednesday - Friday 8am - 8pm

Post Office 01245 380201

Railway Information

National Express East Anglia 0845 6007245

National Rail Enquiries (24 hrs) 08457 484950

Registrar of Births, Marriages & Deaths

Witham, by appointment only 01376 323463

Braintree, by appointment only 01376 320762

Relate 01245 258680

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

Acorn Childcare 07580 834417

Social Services 0845 6037630

Village Agent Richard Ould 0800 9775858

Village Hall (after 7pm) 01245 381481

Let us know of useful services to add to this list

Hatfield Peverel Parish Council

Committees and working parties

Planning (P), Traffic (T)

Village Environment (E)

Keith Bigden Memorial Ground User Group (KB)

Country Park Focus Group (CP)

External Audit Review (A)

Football Pavilion (F)

Neighbourhood Development Plan (N)

Councillors (and their working parties)

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parishclerk@hatfieldpeverelpc.co.uk

David Broddle - Chairman 01245 382829

(P/KB/CP/A)

George Boyd Ratcliff (T) 01245 380496

Rosanna Briggs (E) 01245 381618

Garry Cockrill Traffic chair 01245 697263

Peter Endersby (E/KB/A/F) 01245 381919

Colin Giffin (Planning chair/ 01621 892351

Country Park chair/T/A)

Bernard Heard - Vice Chairman 01245 380370

(P/T/A)

Alan Ingram (Audit chair/E/CP) 01245 381880

Les Priestley (A/E/N) 01245 380404

Ted Munt (Football chair/E/A) 01245 381135

Linda Shaw (T) 01245 382669

Diane Wallace (P/CP) 01245 381485

District Councillors

David Bebb 01245 381065

District and County Councillor

Derrick Louis 07918 721526



Fencing experience day. A member of the Olympic fencing team visited the Infant School during the winter term and told the children about fencing, showing them how to hold their weapons and demonstrating some of the moves for them to experience the sport for themselves

Hatfield Peverel needs you!

Traffic Working Group - Linda Shaw

Unfortunately the Annual Parish meeting was poorly attended and due to pressure of the Neighbourhood Plan we have not had space to report on a number of important issues discussed at this meeting. One such is traffic: we are constantly monitoring its flow and the effects it has on us. There is too much traffic into and out of the village; a further access route to the A12 would alleviate much of this problem. The environmental impact is unacceptable: Maldon Road and The Street cannot take any more.

We are a commuter village and as such commuters are travelling into Hatfield Peverel from outside and parking in our side roads even though there is parking at the station. Garry Cockrill, Chairman of the Traffic Working Party, has asked residents of the effected streets for volunteers to assist with a petition to see if we can prevent this parking on our roads. A petition put forward by residents is considered to be the most effective tool for initiating the prevention of this parking. Whilst parking is allowed at present anywhere that is not marked with 'no parking' or yellow lines, it is unfair on the residents and causes problems. (If anyone is holding a completed petition please could you return it to Garry).

We would love to see more of you at the Council meetings. We sit every first Monday of the month. We have a website www.essexinfo.net/hatfieldpeverel and the Neighbourhood Plan has a face book page. Don't wait until the Party in the Park to meet us, we're happy to see you any time.