

*Hatfield Peverel*

# *Review*

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### June

- 1 Folk Dance Club
- 3 St Andrew's coffee morning
- 5 Parish Council meeting
- 7 Flower Club
- 10 Methodist Church coffee morning/cake stall
- 14 Wine Club

*Front cover: story time for Edward Bear children before a visit to Father Stephen's garden for the Easter egg hunt*

## Stonepath Meadow RIP

So much for the government's localism agenda, supposedly to give more say to local communities on where development in their area should take place. Stonepath Meadow has been lost to Gladmans. They and no doubt other predatory get rich quick planning consultants are a national menace, or a disgrace - no, both. They operate by targeting local authorities who have no forward 5-year housing plan in place, and then seeking landowners within those authorities and offering 'no win no fee' deals to secure house-building planning permission on their land.

Braintree District Council is one such with no plan in place. Its last incarnation was withdrawn for review - Maldon District Council's own plan was rejected by the Planning Inspectorate - thus leaving an open door to the likes of Gladman. Any rejection must be based on cast-iron planning grounds, any chink and the applicant's oh-so-clever lawyers will spot it and immediately appeal, most likely winning and landing BDC with costs of the appeal. They are currently due to pay costs in the region of £70K following a successful Gladman appeal at Silver End. Note that, notwithstanding their success with the 140 dwelling application in our village, they have appealed against the refusal of the original 80 dwelling application earlier this year. Our own Neighbourhood Development Plan does carry some weight, unfortunately not enough in this case.

Local authorities are hit by a double whammy, the current government's deficit reduction programme resulting in severe cuts to cash-strapped LA budgets, and, because of the current dire housing shortage due to the failure of governments of both hues to build sufficient housing stock over many years, a presumption in favour of development - apply, apply, apply, build build, build! Local authorities are thus powerless against the likes of Gladman.

This village has much to be proud of - the team who produced our Neighbourhood Development Plan, currently with BDC in its final stages, and the Stonepath Residents Action Group who have been tireless in whipping up opposition, there were well over 200 letters of objection to the Gladman application. **They and we are bitterly disappointed by this situation, but they are not taking it lying down - see Andy Simmond's piece on back page.**

## NDP update

The Neighbourhood Development Plan submission version together with the Basic Conditions Statement, Consultation Statement and Hatfield Peverel Site Assessment 2017 were delivered to Braintree District Council on Wednesday 8th March to start Regulation 15 publicity.

It is anticipated that Braintree District Council will formally launch the next consultation period this month following which the Policy Planner will then review the Plan with the NDP group before submitting for examination.

**Copies of these documents can be borrowed or viewed at the village Library or the Parish**

**Council website.** There is a link on the Council's website which takes you directly to the NDP g-drive where all the accompanying documents

## June Review warning

**A reminder to all contributors and readers.** Editing the Review can be a bit of a tie at times so we'd like a bit of 'us time' now and again. The June Review is likely to be very late, probably towards the end of the month, and very slim. Please get any important contributions in early, in the first/second week in May to give us a chance to get a little bit ahead of the game.

# A host of golden daffodils at the Spring Show

Horticultural Society - Trina Butcher

Membership Secretary 01245 380532

Website [www.essexinfo.net/hatpevgardens](http://www.essexinfo.net/hatpevgardens)

A touch of humour at our first speaker meeting in March when Brian Carline spoke on soil, sweat and tears - us gardeners know all about that and his lighthearted talk kept us ruefully smiling!

## Spring Show, Saturday 1st April

Daffodils were at their biggest and best this year, providing a touch of sunshine to the village hall, and much admired by visitors. At prizegiving the Doe Memorial Cup and Class 13 for daffodils was won by Mike Jollands, The Garden News Shield (other flowers) was won by Sarah Barker and the Les Childs Memorial Bowl for best individual exhibit by Clive Emberson. Class 55 (other flowers) was won by Trina Butcher, and the Society Cup for cookery by Anne Mountfort and Viv Cooke.

Virginia Strange won the British Legion Cup for handicrafts and Neville Bright the Lens Cup for photography. The best cake competition (£10 prize) was won by Janet Emberson, and the spring bulb competition (with daffodil bulbs purchased at last year's Spring show) by Dennis Dawson.

## Awards

**Diploma of Excellence in Horticulture** Section A

Neville Bright

**Certificate of Merit best individual exhibit in**

Section C Mary Brann; Section D Virginia Strange; Section E David Patterson; Section G Neville Bright.

## Dates for your diary

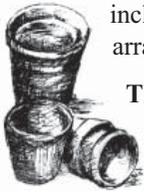
**Plant sale/coffee morning, Saturday 6th May**

10am - 12 noon Oaklands, Nounsley Road. Fuschia plants for competition to be judged at Autumn Show

**Afternoon garden walk, Sunday 28th May**

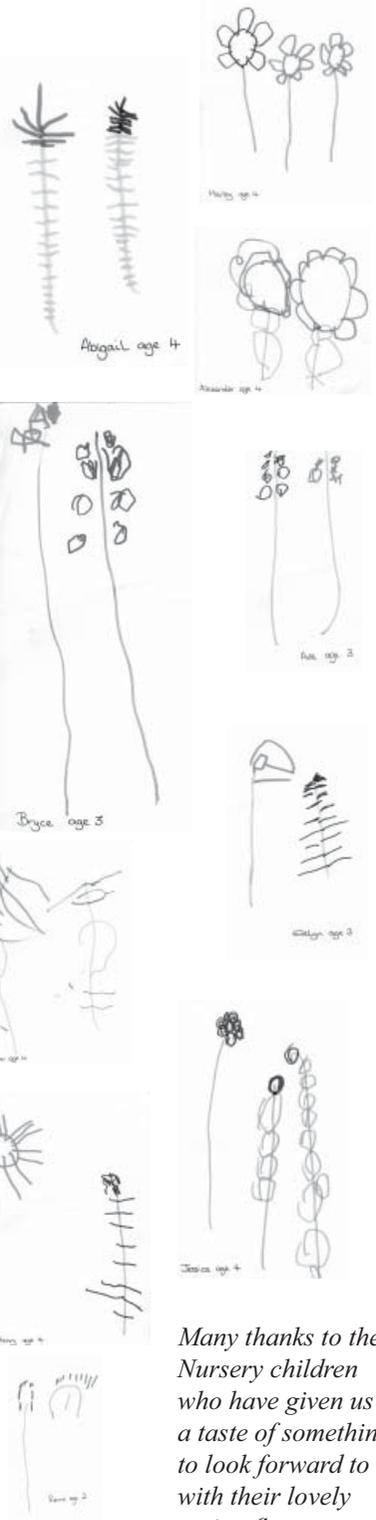
**Rayne Hatch Farm, Stisted**

Meet at garden 2pm. Admission £7, tea and cake included. Details and directions from Clive who can arrange transport if required.



**The holiday to Somerset in early July** is based in Wells and visits will include Riddleys Cheer (not a brewery!) Kilver Court and East Lambrook Manor with an afternoon to explore Wells.

Footnote for those who've thought Horticultural Society 'sounds a bit too intellectual for me', it's not, we're a really friendly gardening club.



*Many thanks to the Nursery children who have given us a taste of something to look forward to with their lovely spring flowers*

## A ride in the country for Helen Rollason

Whether you are an experienced cyclist or a quick down to the shops for a bottle of milk, this is for you. Lovely countryside to enjoy and four distances to choose from - 6, 15, 35 or 65 miles. Last year 1,012 riders took to their wheels and added to the incredible total of £100,000 raised over the past three years for this charity. With registration already up on past years, you need to get going.

Register on line at [www.rideforhelen.co.uk](http://www.rideforhelen.co.uk) or call 01245 380719.



**RIDE FOR HELEN**  
SUNDAY 7 MAY 2017

ADULTS from £15  
TWO FREE JUNIORS with each adult on 25 mile route

JUNIORS £8  
16 and under

6 miles 15 miles 35 miles 65 miles

Four circular cycle routes through the Essex countryside from Hatfield Peverel

Helen Rollason Cancer Charity

Enabling quality of life while living with cancer  
Registered charity number 1032841

supported by  
Essex Audi

Register online at [www.rideforhelen.co.uk](http://www.rideforhelen.co.uk)

## Any basses out there?

Ken Earney, 01245 381235,  
[kenearney@hotmail.com](mailto:kenearney@hotmail.com)



The Men of St Andrews are a group of around eight - men obviously - who sing a mixed programme of music – barbershop, spirituals, folk songs, golden oldies and so on. We started more years ago than I care to remember, and indeed before I was involved, doing a turn at St Andrews church harvest supper. We then got asked if we would sing at another group and another and so on.

We meet in St Andrews after the Sunday evening service and rehearse for an hour, with a glass of wine, and occasionally get asked to sing for local organisations at one of their regular meetings or for perhaps for a Christmas lunch in exchange for a donation to our chosen charity Farleigh Hospice.

One of our basses recently moved away and we need to replace him. We do it for fun, and when it stops being fun we'll call a halt. No serious ability to read music necessary, but singing in tune and in time are essential, so if the idea appeals please get in touch with me, as above, or with the boss Howard Southgate on 01245 381094, email address [hsouthgate96@gmail.com](mailto:hsouthgate96@gmail.com)

## Southern parish boundary walk

Ken Earney, [kenearney@hotmail.com](mailto:kenearney@hotmail.com)  
01245 381235



Two years ago this project was stillborn, but there will be a walk this year. Can't promise that it will be at the traditional church calendar time of Rogation-tide (early May), it'll probably have to be later in the summer. Keep an eye open for information in the June Review, and keep in touch with me, details as above.

## Lucy is home!

After two weeks on the loose, with sitings over the village from Termitts Farm to the A12, thinner, tired, lucky but safely home my dog Lucy is back in New Road.

A big thank you to everyone who gave up their time to look for Lucy, some walking, many driving. And a special thank you to Lorna who gently but firmly slipped the lead over Lucy's head when she had been tracked down.

As soon as she realised she was safe her legs crumbled and we had to carry her to the car and home.

Many thanks to everyone from Phyl Rixon and a sleeping Lucy.

## Parish Council News

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Email: parishclerk@hatfieldpeverelpc.co.uk



### Vacancies on the Council

The Council has three vacancies - anyone interested in local issues having a few spare moments each month, please contact the Clerk on the above.

### Planning

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

### The following applications have recently been made

Outline planning application for residential development for up to 173 dwellings (use Class C) with public open space, vehicular access and associated infrastructure at land at Station Road. Application for approval of reserved matters following outline approval for erection of 3 bed dwelling at land rear of 1 The Limes. Application for an existing lawful development certificate – change of use to dwelling – annexe at Oakford Farm. Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 3 two and a half storey terrace houses with associate works at Cantabrigia, Maldon Road. Erection of part two storey and part single storey rear extensions at Stuarts, Maldon Road. Provision of holiday accommodation 2 fisherman lodges with hot tubs, 1 yurt and 1 toilet/shower/kitchen unit at Lakeland Fishery, Wickham Bishops Road. Erection of detached dwelling at land adjacent to 5 Church Road.

### The following applications have recently been granted

Erection of single storey rear extension and erection of garage/garden store at Atlas, The Green. Installation of new service lift at Hatfield Peverel Lodge, Crabbs Hill. Erection of two storey rear extension, conversion of garage and new pitched roof to port at 17 Laburnum Way. Erection of rear/side extensions and construction of new pitched roof at Avon Lea, Ulting Road. Proposed side extension at Moor Gardens, Maldon Road. Erection of rear/front extensions and construction of new pitched roof at 23 Sportsmans Lane. Erection of two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and a new 2 bay open carport at Coombe Martin, Maldon Road. Application for a proposed lawful development certificate – erection of single storey flat roof side extension at 29 Chestnut Avenue.

### The following applications have been refused

Proposed new entrance at Smallands Cottage, Spring Lane.

### The following applications have been withdrawn

Application for removal of condition 2 of approved application - erection of annexe for current occupant of main dwelling to reside within domestic curtilage - at Oakford Farm, Nounsley Road. Erection of porch and alterations to existing roof structure to include a front dormer at Brooklyn, Ulting Road.

**Tree Preservation Orders granted** - 8 Elizabeth Way, 19 DeVere Close, 55 Willow Crescent.

### Stonepath Meadow application

It is with deep regret that the Parish Council has to report that the village lost its battle to save Stonepath Meadow from development. The Parish Council would like to thank all those residents who sent in letters of objection and gave up time to attend the various protests/marches and planning meetings over recent weeks. Although it was not the outcome the majority of residents hoped for, it was refreshing to see residents working together for the benefit of the local community.

## **Annual Parish Meeting**

The Parish Council held its Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 15th March 2017 at St Andrews Church hall. The leaflet drop promoting this event with the February edition of the Review certainly paid off as approximately 50 residents attended, a record attendance in the 8 years I've been clerk!

## **Country/Community Park**

The Parish Council is very pleased to announce that following successful legal action taken by Essex County Council earlier this year in obtaining in principle the land designated for our Country/Community Park, Essex County Council legal team achieved in full under the Section 52 Agreement the total area of land nominated. Presently, Essex County Council legal team is now trying to take further action to recover costs and damages. Hatfield Peverel Parish Council is advised it may be a number of months before all actions are completed and the transfer of land to our council is finalised.

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

**The next meetings of the parish council** will be held on Monday 8th May and Monday 5th June 2017 in meeting room 1 at the village hall starting at 7.30pm.

## **WI celebrates 100 years**

### **Hadfelda WI**

This year Essex Federation of WIs celebrates 100 years: many special events have been organised around the county where there are 214 institutes and approximately 9,000 members. Our county office is situated at Whitelands near Terling about a mile from Hatfield Peverel railway station. Lady Petre was the first County Chairman in 1917 and our 26th and present County Chairman is Mrs Kay Lodge.

About 2,000 ladies from all over Essex attended the County Annual Meeting which was held at Five Lakes, and several members from Hadfelda WI attended. The two main speakers for the day were Alex Jennings and Anton du Bec. Alex played the part of the long suffering man in The Lady in the Van, and talked about his acting career. In the afternoon Anton was the speaker, and as expected was very funny.

Our own meetings in February and March were very different. In February our booked speaker had to cancel but we were very lucky to have Chris Cork, the head gardener from Beeleigh Abbey, step in and give a very informative and interesting talk (with slides) about Beeleigh Abbey. We also visited Marks Hall to see the snowdrops - with coffee and lunch!



Our March meeting was about rubbish. Ms Gabriella Asara from Braintree Council, gave a talk on recycling, and what we should and should not put in our bins.

We have a very varied programme this year from a Female in Fleet Street to The History of Perrywoods. In June we are having an afternoon tea to celebrate 100 years of WIs in Essex.

We meet on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7.45pm in St Andrew's Church Hall and would welcome any people who would like to come.

## **Podiatry Clinic opens in Hatfield Peverel**

A busy foot clinic in Colchester, we have recently opened an outreach/satellite clinic in Hatfield Peverel at

**Synergy Health Centre, Hillcrest House,  
The Street, Hatfield Peverel, CM3 2DL**

We are in the village on Saturdays from 9am to 1pm. Please ring the Colchester number 01206 854300 for information or an appointment, or contact:  
[www.colchesterfootclinic.co.uk](http://www.colchesterfootclinic.co.uk)

## **Polish your prams and tickle your tonsils.....**

**Mark Weale Chairman of the community event committee (01245 381726)**

### **Hatty Pev Pram Race and the Talent Contest are taking place on Sunday 30th April**

**C**ome and take part in this fun afternoon - there is still time to enter the Pram Race on our recreation ground. Remember what a laugh it was last year. And you don't have to be super fit - men and women, boys and girls, we welcome you all. Contact Mark Weale, see above

It's £15 for a team of three. You must have a pram, wheel chair or a vehicle that can only be powered by pushing (a wheelbarrow?) and fit for purpose. Six times round the rec, and be prepared to get wet as there will be sponges available to throw at the contestants, and water pistols.

Come and support us. The event starts at 1pm with registration and safety briefings. If you don't want to enter come along and watch and cheer on the contestants. There will be bouncy castles, burgers and music - a good fun afternoon.

### **Hatty Pevs got Talent**

After the pram race you are invited into the village hall to watch the talented of Hatfield Peverel perform for a place to sing at Party in the Park on 8th July. This is a fun afternoon, come and watch. It is free though we will pass round a bucket for you to donate towards our village charities and deserving causes. Influence the judges with your support for your favourite acts - we might have a Susan Boyle out there or a Diversity, who knows?

There still time to enter so please contact me on 01245 381726 or [herbertweale@aol.com](mailto:herbertweale@aol.com) The Talent Contest starts at 4pm after the Pram Race winner's presentation.

## **Vehicle thefts**

**Suzanne Evans**

**W**ith my PC hat on, I have spoken to BDC about the recent spate of vehicle/caravan thefts from the village. They are going to speak to the police and hopefully get back to me with some literature about people increasing their own security. No money for security cameras in the village!



*Three new seats have been erected around the village by the Parish Council and trying this one out for size on The Green are youngsters from Nicky's childminding. Other benches are on the old allotment site and the recreation ground*

## **Charlotte Greaves Childcare**

**M**ighty Oaks nursery closed last November and I've now taken over the room in the village hall and reopened it. Charlotte Greaves Childcare is now taking reservations for the September school intakes for before and after school.

We also have a limited number of full time spaces. We are open all year round 7am until 6pm and can offer term time only contracts, full time or school holiday cover. In addition we are offering school holiday activity sessions in sport, art and crafts, and science on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 9am until noon.

Please contact Charlotte Greaves for more information on [greaves.charlotte@yahoo.com](mailto:greaves.charlotte@yahoo.com), telephone 07527 763038 or pop in to see us at the village hall before or after school.

## EMS Club welcomes Rainbows Hatfield Peverel Girlguiding Group

**Rainbows** have started a new roundabout badge – Around the World. We hunted for nocturnal animals (pictures of) by torchlight after learning about them and made sparkly spiders so far! We will continue after Easter but have taken a break to make a beautiful Mother's Day gift to give Mums on our Special Ladies evening. (pictures in next review).

We held our annual visit to Every Members Club in Hatfield Peverel (*see photo right*) and surprised them on Valentines Day with 2 crafts – Valentines wreaths and a Valentine card made with our own hands! The members were great sports taking part. We also had fun with a skittle activity. Put a selection of skittles around the edge of a paper plate, pour water into the middle and see what happens!

**Brownies** This term Brownies have been finishing off their Friend to Animals Badge, concluding with a visit from Canine Partners. They came with a dog in training and told us how puppies are fostered in homes for the first year, before finishing their training at a training centre and being matched to someone that needs a dog to help them live normal lives. The foster parents told us that the best thing a puppy can learn is to play 'tug' with their toys - this leads to them being able to pull light switches, help with undressing, take clothes from the washing machine etc. Foster parents are always very sad to see the puppies go, but they know they have done a good job and that the trained dog will enable people to live independently.

We have moved on to the World Guiding Badge, learning songs and crafts from around the world. We have written Thinking Day cards to a Brownie Group in Spain and were excited to receive their replies

**Guides this term** - amongst other things, we have celebrated Thinking Day by an Australian inspired evening. We invited older Brownies from units within our district to join us for a taster of what we do at Guides. By all accounts an enjoyable evening was had by all, particularly as creating smores\* on the open fire always goes down well. Over the next few weeks the girls will be completing their party planner badge and we also have some enrolments taking place soon. As ever, looking forward to lighter evenings when fun outside can be had and we have a sleepover to look forward to towards the end of the summer term.

\* *smores - s'mores, short for some mores - an American guiding campfire speciality, a cracker and marshmallow sandwich toasted on the fire.*

## Spring has come!

The first nightingale was seen - but not heard - in the Essex Wildlife Trust's Centre at Fingringhoe Wick on 6th April, slightly later than last year. These welcome birds will soon be filling the air with their magical song. Come and experience one of Essex's greatest wildlife events - this nature reserve is one of the best places to hear them.



**Nightingale guided walks**, led by the warden Matt, will be held at the reserve daily from Sunday 23rd April until Friday 12th May, 7.30 until 9pm. The walks are popular so you need to book early in advance. During these walks the reserve closes at 5pm as normal, but there is no reason why you should not go out and about on your own during open hours.

**To book telephone 01206 729678. Donation £6 per person.**

## **Wizards of Oz and New Zealand plus wonderful wine labels**

**Peverel Wine Club – Vee Green, Secretary (01245 355723)**  
**[www.peverelwineclub.co.uk](http://www.peverelwineclub.co.uk) or email**  
**[peverelwineclub@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:peverelwineclub@hotmail.co.uk)**



**O**ur February meeting was on an unusual and interesting topic – Brazilian wine, introduced by the Commercial Director of Go-Brazil Wines. We might think Brazil is too hot and steamy to produce any wine at all, but the winegrowing is in the deep south, up in the hills where it is possible to produce cool climate wines, and very good they were too. Unlike Chile and Argentina, Brazilians are a nation of beer-drinkers, and produce very little wine for home consumption, but still manage to be the Southern Hemisphere's fifth largest wine producer. We were joined by fellow-wine-lovers from Beacon Wine Club in Wickham Bishops, and a good time was enjoyed by all.

In March, the club's biggest event of the year was held at the Forrester Park Country Club – Peverel Wine Club's Fortieth Anniversary Dinner Dance. Most members were able to attend, and were warmly welcomed by Chairman Graham Bushby, who reflected on the club's achievements over the years, not least that of still being a lively, vibrant and original club after all this time. Denise Brazier, our founder and still an active member, was presented with a bouquet of thanks, and gave us some spirited reminiscences of the Club's activities in the 70s! The meal and service were excellent as was the ambiance of the evening, when we all forgot bad backs and bunions dancing to the wonderful sounds of local group Words and Music. So here's to the next 40 years!

We are looking forward to our meeting on 12th April: Anzac Day Allies and Rivals, which takes a not very serious look at the wines of Australia and New Zealand plus some typical food from the two countries. And our May meeting is also a tasting, considering whether a pretty label on a bottle of wine is also a sign that the bottle contains a good wine.

If you'd like to join us for a light-hearted evening, you're very welcome, but 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, 8pm in the village hall, but with some exceptions - phone first, especially during summer months. Our website, courtesy of the skills of Fred Brown, can be accessed via the Hatfield Peverel community site at [www.essexinfo.net/hatfieldpeverel/clubs-and-societies/](http://www.essexinfo.net/hatfieldpeverel/clubs-and-societies/) or via [www.peverelwineclub.co.uk/](http://www.peverelwineclub.co.uk/) Take a look to find out more about the Wine Club, its activities and 40-year history before you come along!

**Refreshments, various stalls**

**Saturday 24th June**

**11am - 2.30pm**



## **Summer Fayre**

**Parish Church of  
St John Baptist  
Danbury**

### **After Eight Social Club**

**Saturday 22 April**

Cold Norton village hall  
Dancing to Barry Hayes

Saturday 6th May

Langford village hall  
Fun at the Beetle Drive

After Eight social club runs activities every month of the year  
Ring Mike on 01621 856219,  
[www.aftereightsocialclub.co.uk](http://www.aftereightsocialclub.co.uk)

### **Are you a film buff?**

**Y**ou might feel the choice the Odeons offer is pretty dire: you don't have to put up with it. There are a number of independent film clubs locally - Maldon, Wickham Bishops, Goldhanger, Feering and two in Chelmsford.

We've started going to Maldon, it's every other Wednesday from January to around June, and Tuesdays in the autumn.

Go online for dates, times and films. No internet? Ring us.



*Teas and Hovis - The Thatched Cottage tea rooms, just this side of the boundary with Boreham, taken in the 1950s. Hilary Doe lent us this photograph: she remembers the tea rooms were run by Mr and Mrs Bampton, sister to Mrs Cleave and Mrs Wilkinson, all Hatfield families. Can't recognise the make of car*

## To Ulting and back...

### Hatfield Peverel Walkers

A good day for the March walk, the last in Catherine's book. Gerald has since sent a message to those on the walk regarding, not fallen branches, but ticks which are becoming a risk. He says



*I have been talking to Marie with whom I worked on North Heath: she found four ticks on her clothing. I checked Rivers (my dog) and found one on him. These are very small - just the body with legs and mouth parts - no blood sack. They are smaller than ladybirds and dark brown. Bearing in mind the time we were on the reserve and leaving things on the ground and Rivers was lying on the ground for several hours, it is far more likely we would have picked up some than walkers passing through this morning.*

*If you do find some firmly attached to your skin, I have special tweasers for their removal - sent especially by EWT in 2011 and never used!*

Thank you Gerald, this is useful information. But first we'll have to find you and your tweasers, then remove the ticks! - Ed

Walkers meet at 10am on the last Thursday of the month in the village hall car park unless otherwise stated, and dates coming up are 27th April, 25th May. Further information available from Graham Bushby on 01245 380472.



Soft tick



Hard tick

On page 5 there is news of the southern parish boundary walk, hopefully to take place sometime in the summer. Watch this space.

## About with the Scouts

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

Suzanne Evans - Publicity

**Polite notice - please note the Scout HQ wheelie bins are for the Scouts and Guides use ONLY;** they are **NOT** to be used by local residents to dispose of their waste. **Also, the skip in the HQ car park is for paper and cardboard only.**

Recently, on two occasions, a large quantity of polystyrene packing material was found in the skip; this had to be removed, and disposed of, by one of our hard working volunteers. Materials, such as polystyrene, contaminate our paper/cardboard collection and could render the whole skip worthless. In addition, a pile of wood set aside for fire building has been stolen. Cooking over an open fire is one of the core activities in Scouting; those responsible for this theft have selfishly deprived the leaders and youngsters of material regularly used at meetings.



**HELP...HELP...HELP...** We still require additional adults to manage the units within our successful Group, to join our HQ Committee and to help with our monthly paper collection. If you have some spare time, and would like to become involved in Scouting, there are many roles on offer, both uniformed and non-uniformed, all very rewarding. Currently we have the following vacancies: Uniformed Leaders, Assistant Leaders and Assistant Group Scout Leader, Executive Committee Chairperson, HQ Committee members, paper/cardboard collectors. **Please contact Group Scout Leader (GSL) Nick on 07841 597 977 for details of any of these roles.**

### **Celebrating a special occasion or running a club/society?**

Why not hire our centrally located HQ? Our HQ boasts a large main hall, a well equipped, newly refurbished kitchen, new toilet facilities and a recently re-surfaced, on-site car park. Our very competitive hire rate is £10 per hour Please see over page for contact details.



**We need you...** have you an interesting job or a skill, hobby or collection that would be of interest to our youngsters? We would love to hear from you if you could give a talk or demonstration at one of our meetings. Please contact GSL Nick on 07841 597 977.

**Jump to it Beavers!** Beavers enjoyed a fantastic trip to Jump Street in Chelmsford showing impressive moves on the trampolines, playing dodge ball and jumping off high blocks. This term they made delicious scones, practiced knots,

learnt about healthy eating and made futuristic machines from recycled materials.

**Cubs go Global** - Cubs have completed their Global Issues Badge - discovering where in the world their belongings come from, what to pack in an emergency bag (in case of floods or an earthquake) and finding out about international charities. In addition, they have taken part in Commonwealth Day, and tried foods from various Commonwealth countries. Other activities include an old fashioned games evening, a creative night, a sleepover in the HQ and a cooking night. They also enjoyed a visit from PC Marks.

**Explorers** – Lloyd, the latest recruit to our very capable Explorers leadership team, has compiled his first review on the progress of the unit, a rapidly expanding and popular section within our Group. Lloyd says, ‘I am pleased to report we’ve had another exciting term at Explorers. Our programme has included a culinary ‘seeing in’ of the Chinese New Year, a mystifyingly mysterious game of Murder Mystery and a Spy Night (the details of which are classified!). As we leave the dreary winter months behind us, Explorers are planning expeditions for their Duke of Edinburgh Award. Our unit has become so successful, reaching a record number of members, that we are able to simultaneously offer the Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards, catering for all age groups. Despite my patchy ability to remember everyone’s names, we are always happy to welcome new members.’

**Don’t forget to visit our website** - [www.hpscouts.org.uk](http://www.hpscouts.org.uk) - it is jam-packed with useful information for existing members and those seeking to enrol their young person in scouting activities within the village.

**Useful Contacts:** Group Scout Leader Nick Nicholas, 07841-597 977; Membership enquiries: Michelle Spicer, [hpscoutgroup@gmail.com](mailto:hpscoutgroup@gmail.com), 01245-380 630; HQ bookings Debbie Fuller, [copper\\_ben@hotmail.com](mailto:copper_ben@hotmail.com), 07920 512471; monthly newspaper collection Jonathan Dormon, 01245 -382 981, [jonathan.dormon@btinternet.com](mailto:jonathan.dormon@btinternet.com); Publicity Suzanne Evans, 01245-382 397, [info@boons-holidays.co.uk](mailto:info@boons-holidays.co.uk)

## Help put our Cricket Club back on the map

The club lies in one of the most beautiful areas of the village - come and visit, pick up a bat and play, cheer on your side.

To encourage locals to visit the club, to see for themselves what it can offer, in March invitations were sent out to attract teams to take part in a cricketing quiz. Eight teams responded including two from the Stonepath Meadow action group and Hatfield Peverel Lodge, and under the watchful eye of quizmaster Mark Weale and chairman of the club Paul Thorogood a convivial evening was enjoyed by everyone. Eventual winners were ‘The Losers’ from the club.

The season has started and the first league game is on the first Saturday in May. Come and sit in the sunshine and enjoy the peace and quiet of this beautiful spot - and cheer on your mates.

The club has a side in Division 7 of TC Rippon, in the Warsop Sunday League, a Colts under 15 and Twenty/Twenty playing on Tuesday nights. Information call Paul Thorogood 07793 125951

*Photo above, the massive trophy held aloft by the victorious captain of the defending champions and below, Old’ns Team - Frank Watts, Jen and Delboy Moggridge*



## News from St Andrews

It seems strange to be writing about Easter when we are just past the middle of Lent. We have the events of Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Good Friday to go through before we get near the joyous festival of Easter. It was the first Christian festival and it is to this that other Christian festivals look to. It is primarily a festival of hope, a commodity that is badly needed in the world today. Without the resurrection there would be no Christianity.

We have just celebrated Mothering Sunday - **not Mother's Day** - and over 50 people came at 10.15am Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March to celebrate with us. The day before we had a Mothering Sunday preparation session in the Church hall, with bunching flower posies and the production of the simnel cake. Thanks to Anna and John Tomlins for organising this and the adults and children who stirred the cake. Dorothy Keenan cooked it and we partook of it on Mothering Sunday.

As usual, we ask for a donation to go to a particular overseas charity: this year the Africa Appeal as the situation is so dire there at the moment and, to date, we have raised over £120.00. We intend to keep it going until Easter Day, so if you wish to donate to this Appeal, give it to the Vicar or Churchwardens before Easter.

### Events happening in the next few weeks as follows

**14 April - Good Friday** 2pm - 'Jesus's last hour', a service of hymns, reading and meditation.

**15 April - Easter Eve (Holy Saturday)**  
9.30am onwards - Easter preparations.

**16 April - Easter Day** (Christ is risen!) 8am  
Holy Communion (said) Book of Common Prayer  
10.15am - Parish Eucharist, Renewal of Baptismal Vows  
6.30pm - **Easter 'Songs of Praise'**.

Services in the sister church, **All Saints Ulting**

**9th April - Palm Sunday** 9am - Holy Communion (Prayer Book) with Hymns.

**16 April - Easter Day** 9am  
Holy Communion (Prayer Book) with Hymns.

Later this month

**23 April** - 11.30am - Vestry meeting and Annual Parochial Church meeting after 10.15am service.

**30 April** - 11am - Ecumenical Service at Hatfield Peverel Methodist Church. **There is no** 10.15am service.



## Edward Bear

Jackie and I took a camera along to the Edward Bear meeting on the 30th March to take some unposed 'fly on the wall' pictures of everything that goes on there. The picture on the front page and the one below are the result - the front page with Jean and Thomas in the foreground getting close to the action of the bible story they were being read, and below, Emily and Edward with the pram

We had a fantastic hour, it was full-on all the time - youngsters taking in every word of the story during the reading sessions, then everything abuzz when playing. One of our aims was to take a few shots of the Easter egg hunt in the vicarage garden, but they streamed outside and before we had the time to catch a bit of the action it was all over and they trooped back into the hall.

We'd recommend a visit on a Thursday morning. Ring Nicky on 380814 or 07590 618343 to see if that's OK.



## Why China?

**At our March meeting Jane Miller gave us a fascinating insight into the year she spent as a children's nurse in China in 1996/97.**

Jane was 26 years old, a qualified experienced nurse, who decided she would like to work abroad. Her parents were dismayed, 'Why China'? Jane had read about nursing missionaries in China and wanted to travel there herself. She answered a newspaper advertisement and to her surprise was given a chance to go as a private children's nurse to the family of the First Envoy of the British Mission based in Peking (Beijing).

And so began an unforgettable year. Jane accepted the post in great excitement - she had never been out of England and never experienced a plane journey! After filling in forms, packing a trunk plus her bicycle, she began her journey to China on 6th December 1966. She met the Envoy and his family in Hong Kong and travelled on to Peking where 'home' was a diplomatic apartment in the British Embassy. There were two small children and Jane soon settled in.

This was 1966, the beginning of Chairman Mao's Cultural Revolution, a time of suffering for the Chinese people. The family was assigned servants; their cook was a cultured, well educated man, stripped of his authority and made to do menial work. (an excellent cook!) and the laundry lady was a spy so they were careful what they said and nothing important was discussed indoors as the apartment was bugged.

Christmas was odd. No decorations or preparations, but they held a DIY carol service in the Embassy and enjoyed a few parties. Jane managed several sightseeing trips including the Forbidden City and the Ming Tombs. At Chinese New Year Mao was in Tiananmen Square, packed full of Red Guards waving little red books. Overlying this was the terrifying sight of lorries full of unfortunate citizens facing denunciations and beatings for alleged 'crimes' against the State.

They spent Easter in Nanking at the French Attache's house. Springtime is short in China but they enjoyed boating on the Summer Palace

Lake and picnics. Jane said ordinary Chinese people were polite and courteous and she was humbled by the love they showed to the English people. On our Queen's birthday in 1967 something happened to change the attitude of the Authorities towards the British Mission which, up to then, had been considered harmless. In Hong Kong, at that time run by the British, a Chinese journalist was convicted of a crime and imprisoned. There were riots in Peking, the British Embassy was besieged and ransacked (later burned down) and families were evacuated to the Danish Embassy.

Although they set up a temporary Embassy in two empty offices, staff made arrangements to leave the country as soon as they could. The First Envoy had been in China for three years so his was the first family to leave. Security was tight, everyone had to apply for new passports. Jane packed her trunk and took her bike to bits, not wanting a Chinese person riding it! (later her perfectly mended bike was returned, illustrating the inherent kindness of the Chinese people). A goodbye party and Jane and her 'family' were on the flight to Shanghai and home..

When they reached Heathrow (*Jane is centre back in the above photo*) the First Envoy was greeted by journalists and TV cameras, wanting to know about events in Peking. Jane was glad to see her parents waiting for her. "I expect you could do with a drink?" they said. "Yes please, a double scotch!" "Good Lord" said her father, "where did you learn to drink Scotch?"

Jane had an interesting collection of Chinese artifacts and photos to show us and we gave her a round of applause for such a wonderful afternoon.



## Methodist Church

The international observance of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is traditionally held at the end of January and coincided with one of our joint services with St Andrew's Parish Church. We take it in turns to join together once a quarter to experience each others style of worship. Whilst we are not formally linked in partnership with our Anglican friends there are many bonds which unite us with that congregation. Past members from the Salvation Army are also finding a welcome at our services and individual events when they do not want to travel to the Chelmsford Citadel for worship. Our joint service in January focused on the work of the Open Doors charity, an international ministry serving persecuted Christians and churches worldwide. The Charity supplies Bibles, leadership training, literacy programmes, and livelihood support and advocacy services. In our service we learn more about the plight of Christians in Syria and Iraq where families are displaced, struggling to survive, poor and often unwell yet trying to rebuild for their future. Learn more about the work going on by visiting <http://www.opendoorsuk.org/campaign/hope-for-the-middle-east>.

In March we went to see the musical production at our sister church in Maldon where they were celebrating 30 years of performances by their music and drama group. Their new show, Face to Face, linked together songs from previous shows in a new programme which followed the journey of the Bible stories from Adam and Eve to the Ministry of Christ in a lively and entertaining evening. The church had invited back familiar faces who had been part of the past performances which linked with a new generation of children participating in their first event.

We were also pleased to welcome back the 'Celebrate Jesus' group to our church who led a service of up-tempo praise using guitars, drums and modern music, joyous singing and happy worship and prayer. Peter Ball from the Chelmsford Community Church gave an enthusiastic account of how this church has progressed in Trent Road. He also related his personal testimony of overcoming his fears and problems through faith and finding the ability to use that strength to help others. The worship included a time of ministry where individuals can be prayed for and blessings given.

In this month we held the funeral service for Muriel Beadell who had lived in this village for many years and worshipped at the Salvation Army as well as our church. She was fondly remembered by her family of whom she was very proud and our community where she was a cheerful and supportive member. At the present time our church is saving loose change to support the Methodist Relief and Development organisation in their campaign to provide a pig farm with piglets to vulnerable widows, who have lost possessions and hope due to the discriminatory practices that these ladies face in Cameroon (where widows can lose all the assets they have worked for if a husband dies). £267 pays all the construction costs for a pig farm which will provide a sustainable and secure future for each woman. If you have loose change spare, bring it along to our church to add to our pot as we seek to reach our target.

### Regular events

**Every Sunday 11am**

**Morning Service – everyone welcome**

**Every Thursday 10am - 12 noon**

**Open Door - come and join us for tea/coffee and chat**

**2nd Saturday in month 10am -12 noon**

**Coffee morning and cake stall**

**3rd Monday in the month 7.30 - 9.30pm**

**Bible study group**

16th April      Easter Day Service 11am

13th May      Coffee morning and cake stall - funds to go to the East Africa crisis.

10th June      Coffee morning and cake stall

## Football Club engages with the community

Terry Lingley Hatfield Peverel FC  
terrylingley@hatfieldpeverelfc.co.uk

The Football Club has been working closely with the local community recently. First, the club was pleased to be selected as one of the monthly supported charities by Tesco Essex which meant we were collecting tokens from shoppers in stores. We plan to use the funding that will follow this initiative to repair our rabbit proof fencing enclosing our pitches which unfortunately isn't very rabbit proof and the rabbits are having fun digging our pitches up.

The club also supported a local charity, Boots2Africa ([www.boots2africa.co.uk](http://www.boots2africa.co.uk)) which is collecting used football boots to take to Africa and enable less-privileged children to have their first and own pair of football boots. We were pleased to make our first donation on a wet and windy Sunday recently to this charity. (See photo above)

The club is having a magnificent season on the pitch with a number of teams in semi-finals and finals and we hope to be able to share good news about these at a later date. The club has teams from U7 to U17, including U10 and U11 girls teams and are on the lookout for new players.

## Fancy a game of table tennis? Chairman Andy Simmonds 01245 381020

We hope to form a fifth team in the Chelmsford League for the coming season and are looking for additional experienced players to join us. We are a friendly club established in 1981 and our home playing night, in the village hall in Maldon Road, is Tuesday from 7.30pm. New members, either male or female, can come along and brush up their skills and get to know us.

League match evenings are friendly and good fun with 3 players from each team in a match playing 3 singles and one doubles game.



In February our annual club meal was at the excellent Empire Palace Chinese Restaurant in Chelmsford, which was well attended and very enjoyable. Other events are planned for the future.

Anyone wishing to play or to re-start their playing career would be welcome, please contact us. Leave your details with either Secretary Neil Freeman, 01245 382249 or myself Chairman Andy Simmonds 01245 381020 or 07932 057205.

## Short mat winter season comes to a close

Rita Thomson, Bowls Captain,  
01245 380038



The annual general meeting was held in March when the committee was re-elected en bloc. The inside short mat season has come to the end - the club's finals night was on 7th April.

In the League the A team at home beat West Hanningfield and finished in fourth position, and the B team will play away at Wickford on Sunday 9th April. The presentation is on 29th April.

The outside green opens on 24th April, let's hope the weather will be kind to us. Several new members are going to have a try on the grass. We have over sixty games through the summer months to look forward to - we shall be very busy!

## Village Hall happenings

Facebook: Hatfield Peveler village hall

Yearly membership £5

**Opening times** Monday to Saturday 7 - 11pm

Sunday 12 noon - 4.30pm

### Specials

**15th April** Singer

**30th April** Pram race 1 pm start  
Hatty Pevs got talent 4pm start

### Regular happenings

**Bingo** (8pm first Wednesday, third Thursday)

20th April, 3rd, 18th May, 7th June

**Brag** (first Friday in month) 5th May, 2nd June

**Poker** (third Saturday in month) 15th April,

20th May, 17th June

**Pool** (second Saturday in month) 13th May, 10th June

**Darts** Monday and Tuesday evenings

### Bookings for hall/meeting rooms

HPCA bookings@mail.com

Village hall 07541 516243

Please leave a voice mail and Sandra or a member of the committee will call you asap. This is the booking number only for clubs and parties

Village Hall (after 7pm) 01245 381481

## The Fat Man of Maldon

An enjoyable AGM and with the business over, and refreshments eaten enjoyed, we listened to a fascinating tale of one of our most flamboyant and well-known local personages, given by Lynne Raymond, Edward Bright, the fat man of Maldon.

Born in 1721 and considered a true gentleman by all who knew him, Edward was a large baby who never stopped growing, and at the early age of twenty nine he died, weighing in at nearly 42 stone. A plaque on the wall of the Plume Church commemorating the life of Edward Bright is not actually him but his grandson - also called Edward.

Ken's thoughts on the spring course 'Remembering the Great War'  
I was not at all sure about attending our spring

## Volunteer driving opportunities

Hatfield Peveler, Witham and surrounding area

If you are retired, in between paid employment or simply have time on your hands this rewarding and worthwhile role could be for you. If you are patient, have a willingness to help and would like to put something back into your Community, we are always in need of volunteers to drive for us, either in your own car or one of our 6 fully accessible minibuses.

Volunteering can enhance your CV if you are seeking employment. There is no commitment and you can drive as much or as little as you like.

For an informal chat contact the Community Transport team 01376 557883 or email us at [community.transport@braintree.gov.uk](mailto:community.transport@braintree.gov.uk)  
Tracey Corcoran, Transport Manager  
Braintree District Council, Causeway House  
Bocking End, Braintree, CM7 9HB  
phone 01376 557883, [www.braintree.gov.uk](http://www.braintree.gov.uk)  
[traceycorcoran@braintree.gov.uk](mailto:traceycorcoran@braintree.gov.uk)

term course - 'Remembering the Great War', given by Roger Cooke. My main interest was the build up and geopolitical reasons for the outbreak of the war, and the aftermath - what were the wider post war effects? I wasn't so interested in hearing about the detail of campaigns and battles whilst it was in progress. In the event I missed the first two Tuesdays due to illness, and Roger didn't really go beyond the cessation of hostilities, but I warmed to it, there was something of interest to me in every session. The final morning on the home front, in particular on the impact on women's lives was well worth the effort. All in all, I'm glad I attended - that's a WEA course for you, there's usually something to make you feel it was worth the effort. Not sure about 'Brief History of the English Garden', our 2018 spring course however, although herself will definitely be going!

## 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

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

Monday - Saturday 12 noon to 6pm

**Post Office** 01245 382787

Within Co-op Stores, The Street

### 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

Charlotte Greaves Childcare 07527 763038

**Social Services** 0845 6037630

**Village Agent** Richard Ould 0800 9775858

**Village Hall** (after 7pm) 01245 381481

## Hatfield Peverel Parish Council

### Committees and working parties

Burial Ground Working Party (B)

Country Park Focus Group (CP)

External Audit Review (A)

Football Pavilion (F)

Keith Bigden Memorial Ground User Group (KB)

Neighbourhood Development Plan (N)

Planning (P), Traffic (T)

Village Environment (E)

### Councillors (and their working parties)

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parishclerk@hatfieldpeverelpc.co.uk

**David Broddle** - Chaiman 01245 382829

(P/KB/CP/A)

**George Boyd Ratcliff** (T/P) 01245 380496

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

**Simon Hinkley** 07525 645532

**Ted Munt** (F chair/E/A/CP/B/N) 01245 381135

**Les Priestley** (A/N) 01245 380404

**Linda Shaw** (T/N/P/CP) 01245 382669

**Diane Wallace** (P/CP/PiP/B?N) 01245 381485

**Mark Weale** vice chairman (PiP) 01245 381726

### District Councillor

**David Bebb** 01245 381065

### District and County Councillor

**Daryn Hufton-Rees** 07729 458757

### County Councillor

**Derrick Louis** 079187 21526

*Both lists updated 4th April 2017*



*In 1924 there was an historical pageant in the village, one highlight of which was walk by lanternlight from Hatfield Place to the village centre. This was recalled on the 28th March as part of the Stonepath Action Group's campaign.-Here we are returning from Hatfield Place - it wasn't half cold. I was wrapped up to the eyeballs somewhere in that crowd. But the mug of cocoa with a tot of brandy in it when I got home made things an awful lot better! Essex Chronicle photograph*

## **Loss of Stonepath Meadow**

**Andy Simmonds**

**Y**ou will have heard that Braintree District Council, led by Councillor Lady Newton, gave the go ahead for the building of 140 houses on Stonepath Meadow on 28th March. The final list showing the 206 objections against this application 16/01813/OUT, including one from our own MP is on the BDC website.

The Hatfield Peverel Parish Council meeting held on Monday 3rd April was well attended and, as you might expect the assembly was very vocal in their condemnation of Braintree's decision, and the Parish Council unanimously agreed to send a formal complaint letter issuing a strong written challenge to the way the Braintree decision was taken, pointing out the many inconsistencies made in coming to their conclusion. (The final Braintree vote was six councillors in favour of building and four against with - strangely - two abstentions!).

It was also suggested at the Parish Council that behind the scenes there are senior people discussing the pros and cons of a legal challenge.

The next milestone will be the developer Gladman's Appeal Hearing against BDC's refusal last October of the original application 16/00545/OUT to build 80 houses on Stonepath Meadow - once again, please get your **objections in by the 12th April**. The hearing will be held on Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th May, starting at 10am, at Braintree Town Hall, Fairfield Road, Braintree, CM7 3YG.

**Please mark this in your diary and come to Braintree Town Hall and fill the public gallery on those days, it will send out a strong message showing the strength of opposition to this development.**