

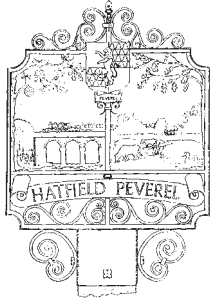
Hatfield Peverel

Review

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Scouts enjoying themselves aboard the Thames sailing barge Pudge, moored on Maldon quay, where they received a full guided tour and learnt about the history of the vessel



Local events and happenings round and about

Diary Dates

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From splashy wet to crispy dry...and all in a matter of days

We should be used to that, our one source of conversation that never dries up - excuse the pun! The weeds on the allotment are giving up and when I dug two potato plants the other day - their leaves were going brown and crinkled and I thought - blight, it was thirst. One had four large marble-sized fruit, tasty if you had time to get your teeth into them as they went down, the other nothing.

The end of July is getting to be quite an exciting time. We've recovered from our horticultural visit to Kent - wonderful gardens, a mass of colour, and Sissinghurst particularly glorious, and celebrated this and that, and our visit to Womad looms. But tents are out, we have a handy bed and breakfast ten minutes from the site. Goodbye revolting loos (unforgettable at the end of five days) and hullo clean showers and a comfortable bed. That's what age does for you! You loose that adventurous spirit.

Birthday celebrations

Congratulations to Joan Nettleton on her 100th birthday, celebrated in style at the Blackwater Sailing Club with friends and neighbours who have known her through her long life: girls from her Guiding and Trefoil groups, and the Sea Rangers, the Chelmsford Singers, Essex Weekly News. Her mother often dressed her in a sailor suit which may have given her a love of the sea and in her later years she owned a dinghy which she kept at Heybridge.



Born in Forest Gate in 1913, Joan came with her parents and sister to Hatfield Peverel in 1919 when her father, who learnt his farming from Mr Charles Wilkin of Tiptree, bought Bovingtons, a 200-acre fruit farm stretching from the A12 to Wickham Bishops Road, producing apples and pears, strawberries and raspberries. During the season the first load of fruit picked on a Monday at 4am, was taken by lorry to get to market in Covent Garden. Children from the local school were given leave to fruit pick and the headmaster would come round to find out when he could have his pupils back! Two years after moving to the village Joan's father died and her uncle took over the farm: he liked Joan to man the telephone, keep an eye on the orders and get the money to pay the pickers (two shillings a bag). Joan wanted to go to school so she and her sister got on the train and went to Chelmsford County High for an interview with the headmistress who asked Joan to write a letter to her aunt. She was surprised and impressed with the result and Joan was given a place.

Leaving Bovingtons in 1949 when her uncle died, she built Marneys, opposite The Green. During this time she worked at Lord Rayleighs at Whitelands but not enjoying the secretarial work a friend found her a job at the Essex Weekly News where she worked on the payroll. At 62 she was given her pension.

An artistic lady who paints in pastels and watercolour - she did the painting on her birthday cake above - embroiders, knits for herself and others (hats for the seamen's mission), loves to sew and makes her own clothes, time does not hang heavy, there is not enough of it!

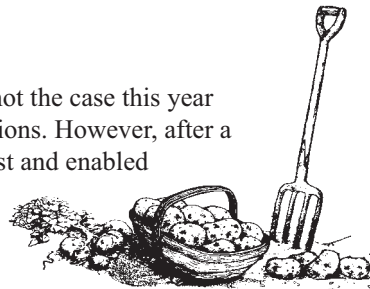
Superfast broadband provision

Currently the county's broadband infrastructure is not fit for purpose. This highly ruralised county lacks the infrastructure needed to connect to superfast broadband providers, and Braintree District is one of the poorest areas for broadband in the county: this needs to change. Funding has been granted from central government for the County Council to place high volumes of fibre optic wires in Essex, to access superfast broadband currently not available. Braintree District needs to make its case for access to this funding as strong as possible. Register your interest for better broadband by contacting BDC's economic development team or visit the Superfast Essex Broadband website: www.superfastessex.org

Free sun tan on the plots

David Goodey (01245 380389)

My piece last year was headed 'Rain, rain, go away'. This was not the case this year as we endured eye-watering temperatures and very dry conditions. However, after a slow start to the year the weather has provided a growing boost and enabled excellent crops to be harvested. Unlike last year the slugs and snails have had a torrid time. Much watering has been needed so we have installed and repaired more water tanks to ease this process.



Our competition was held at the end of June and the 'drinks and nibbles' were provided on the new site bringing many new faces to the fore. Last year it rained, this year it was glorious. Teas and coffees were expertly provided by the Scouts who raised £62 for their own funds (*see letter below*); Barbara Richardson coordinated the whole event very successfully and John Cockell did his usual excellent job with the gazebo and logistics. Many thanks go to providers of drinks and food and others who helped in many ways. Darren Fazackerley, Essex Chairman of the National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners, judged the competition for the 14th consecutive year. The outcome was decisive and popular, with Peter and Steph Gammons winning for the second year running with their gorgeous plot on the old site. Paul Smith won on the new site and Dave Russell came third, an amazing achievement as he only started walking again at Christmas after his serious biking accident. Results were -

Old site

1st 147 points Pete and Steph Gammons
2nd 137 points Terry and Liz Atkinson
3rd 132 points Thomas Smith

New site

1st 140 points Paul Smith
2nd 136 points Phil and Sheila Turner
3rd 130 points Dave Russell

We are full at the moment but we normally lose a number of members at rent renewal time in September. Want a plot? Contact John Cockell (01245 381646) old site next to the church or, for the new site next to the cricket pitch, call Paul Waite (01245 380429). Alternatively contact us through our website hpa.org.uk

Allotment judging day - a letter from Nick Nicholas, Group Scout Leader, 1st Hatfield Peverel Scouts

Thanks very much for having us on Saturday. The team had an enjoyable morning helped by the weather. It was also nice to meet some of our neighbours which we often see over the back fence but never get a chance to speak with. You'll be glad to hear that we managed to raise £62 during the event and I would be grateful if you would pass on our thanks to the allotment committee and your members. This money will be put to good use in the very near future when we start our refurbishment. If we can help with anything in the future, please do not hesitate to contact me.

After the rain, before the heat...

Early July, a good choice for the Horticultural Society's break to the gardens and houses of Kent where the sun shone but not too hotly and the flowers were at their best. Thank you Clive from us all for arranging another excellent holiday, with the chance to buy yet more wonderful plants. Oh where to put them!

Family home of Charles Darwin, Down House, was our first stop on the way, a fascinating insight

into this great man's life and an interesting garden - an easy run from Hatfield Peverel (*See photograph opposite*). Other highlights included the Secret Gardens of Sandwich at the Salutation - a Lutyens and Jekyll design garden dating from 1911 and a Grade 1 listed house; and a trip on a Medway paddle steamer to visit Kent Life, 28 acres of rich and vibrant history of the county with exhibitions, dismantled and relocated buildings and rare breeds.

On our return journey we visited Sissinghurst

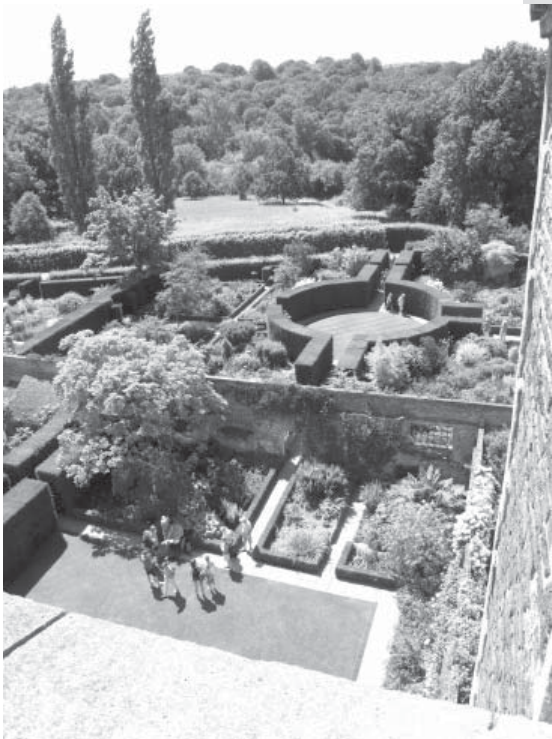
Castle, for some the highlight of the holiday, a garden in the ruin of an Elizabethan house, set in its own woods, streams and farmland with views on all sides across the fields and meadows of the Kentish landscape.

Writer Harold Nicholson and Vita Sackville-West, poet, novelist and gardener, first came here in 1930. The house and gardens were in a ruinous state and between them - on occasions quite acrimoniously - they created the garden we see today.

Dates for your diary

Plant sale and coffee morning, 7th September at Oaklands, Nounsley Road. 10am - 12 noon. Spring bulbs available for competition.

Intersociety Quiz, Purleigh village hall, Wednesday 25th September - volunteers for team or come and support.



Autumn Show, 5th October, village hall. Judging of pelargonium competition.

For information contact Clive Emberson on 01245 381704.

Photographs - from top; Down House; the tower, and formal gardens at Sissinghurst

Parish Council news

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Please call the above number to make an appointment with the Clerk at the Parish Office.



Parish Council vacancy

The Parish Council currently has a vacancy and would welcome applications from anyone who is interested in promoting local issues and ideas for the future of the village.

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

Erection of single storey rear garden room extension at The Old Vicarage, The Pines; erection of single storey cart shed and formation of new vehicular access at Shepherds Cottage, Church Road; erection of single storey side extension, replacement windows on front elevation and replacement porch at Oaklands, Ulting Road; erection of single storey side extension, erection of chimney and alterations and replacement windows at 45 Willow Crescent.

Application for removal of variation of condition following grant of planning permission - 99/01192/FUL. Demolition of redundant treatment plant and a portakabin type office building. To install large liquid storage tanks and treatment plant, plus new portakabin type office and steel storage container at Arla Foods Plc, Bury Lane; demolition of existing bungalow and erection of three dwellings at Baswin, Church Road.

The following applications have been approved by the District Council

Erection of two rear single storey extensions, addition of windows at rear and replacement side at Crofton, Station Road.

Tree Preservation Orders

Work to trees at 34 Woodham Drive and 7 De Vere Close, and work to trees in the car park at Elizabeth Way - all passed to Tree Warden for comment.

Party in the Park

The Party in the Park took place on Saturday 13th July 2013 (see back page for full details). The Parish Council would like to thank Cllrs Endersby and Wallace and all the rest of the team of volunteers who assisted in the organisation of the party and to those that helped on the day to make it such a success.

Highways

Atkins have confirmed the current scheduled start date for works to the Wellington Bridge is 29th July 2013 for a duration of 12 weeks. There will be two narrow lanes in each direction on the A12 under the bridge and a 40mph speed limit for the duration of the works. There will be overnight closures on the A12 to allow contractors to install and remove the narrow lanes. Wellington Bridge will be closed overnight for part of the works.

Football Pavilion

Unfortunately, in June the football pavilion sustained substantial criminal damage to one wall by youths and therefore the Parish Council is currently obtaining quotations to demolish it. The whole incident was captured on CCTV which has been passed to Essex Police to assist with their enquiries and we understand one of the perpetrators has been identified. Discussion on whether to build another facility in its place is ongoing.



Information 01621 843183, www.museumofpower.org.uk

Down the road from Hatfield Peverel lay the Langford pumping station, built in 1928 to supply treated water to the Southend area. A piece of industrial history, The Museum of Power was created on the site in the 1990s by a group of enthusiasts who collected and restored redundant machinery. Much work, mostly carried out by volunteers, has continued over the years and the museum and its surroundings is well worth a visit - either by car, bike or on foot on some of our local paths. Here are some of the highlights over the coming months



Thursday 15th August - DOT Productions presents the Oscar Wilde comedy Lady Windermere's Fan

Open air performance on museum field starting at 7:30pm. Gates open at 6:30pm. Bring chairs and suitable clothing. Tea room open for refreshments.

Tickets £10 in advance, £12 on the night. Children under 14 £8

Information - telephone 0843 208 0628 or visit www.dot-productions.co.uk

Sunday 8th September - American and Custom Car Show

Show featuring classic American cars together with an auto jumble with music and family entertainment.

Marshall the Lilleshall steam driven pumping engine will be in steam.

Adult £6; concessions, Senior citizens and students (the latter on production of a current student ID card) £5; children under twelve free. Miniature steam train will be running (extra charge applies)

14th and 15th September - Heritage Weekend - free entry to the museum

Miniature steam train will be running on **Sunday only** (extra charge applies), Marshall, the Lilleshall steam driven pumping engine will **not** be in steam but run on compressed air on the 15th

29th September to 6th October - Sculpture Trail, part of Maldon Art Trail

The sculpture above was part of last year's trail; this year promises to be just as exciting.

Daily opening times during summer: Wednesday to Sunday, 10am to 4pm

Never volunteer!

'Never volunteer' was the motto during National Service but volunteering can be fun and a great way of keeping active, meeting people and helping the local community. The Museum of Power at offers volunteers the opportunity to help with conservation, greeting visitors, gardening and many other tasks. Times are flexible starting from just a few hours a month. Although many volunteers tend to be retired, we welcome those who are unemployed or between jobs, and 'empty-nesters' with spare time now their children have grown up. There is even free coffee and doughnuts!

Open to visitors from Wednesday to Sunday throughout the summer. The former machine shop is now a delightful tearoom, and a miniature steam railway runs around the grounds on the first Sunday each month.

Visit our website (www.museumofpower.org.uk), or come along to the museum on 24th September between 4pm and 8pm, where volunteers, staff and trustees will be on hand to show you around and answer questions on volunteering and membership.

Art Group's two-day event a great success

Peter Walker (peter@walker.net)

Hatfield Peverel Art Group's exhibition held in the village hall on Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd June, was a great success despite disappointing weather. The number of pictures on display, and actual sales, were the best ever, as were the number of people attending over the two days. Pupils from St Andrew's School again provided some excellent pictures for their display, with the winning artist in each age group receiving a useful item of art equipment as an award. The mouth-watering cakes available along with the normal refreshment items proved popular, although a sunny day might have tempted a more visitors to avail themselves of a relaxing snack on the outside patio!

Art Group members who gave up their valuable time in supporting the exhibition made it all possible, and my sincere thanks goes out to every one of them for their contribution, whether through their pictures for display, actively in the setting-up or stewardship or by way of cakes and other items supplied for the refreshments. Others to be thanked include our sponsors, exhibitors from outside the group and members of the public who came through the doors. Hopefully, many of you will visit us again next year!

The Art Group continues to hold its weekly meetings on Monday afternoons from 2pm to 4pm in St Andrews Church hall, and should you wish to join or find out more about the **activities of the group, please contact Peter Walker on 01245 381798**, visit the website at www.hatfieldpeverelartgroup.co.uk or come along and see us during one of our Monday sessions. You would be warmly welcomed!

Coffee morning raises £450

In July the coffee morning to raise funds for Marie Curie Cancer Care at 35 New Road raised £450. Wendy Doe would like to thank everyone who helped with the afternoon, donated raffle prizes and came to support the event.

Harlequin Children's Centres

Sarah Mason, Coordinator, 01376 535270

All parents in the village are welcome to attend the free Stay and Play sessions which run in Witham at the Harlequin Centre, Spa Road on Tuesday afternoons 1.30 - 3pm and at The Roundabout Centre, Crossing Road, on Friday mornings from 9.30 - 11am. These operate throughout the year and are **not closed during term time**

Free Stay and Play sessions for under 5s run from Hatfield Peverel Infant School every Tuesday from 9 - 10am, term time only. Will reopen in September, for information, ring number above.

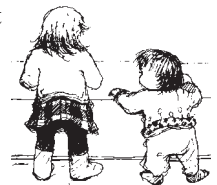
Toddlers move up to school

Liane J Rowland

Hatfield Peverel Toddlers (HPTG) closed for the holidays in July and sends best wishes to children moving up to school.

We look forward to re-opening on 4th September when we hope to offer a second ride-on tractor, toy groceries to go with the shop and counter, and a baby gym for the littlest members. New mums, mums-to-be, dads and carers are welcome to attend with their bumps, babies and pre-schoolers. The group is held in a large hall with lots of space for ride-on toys, playhouse and slide and a sheltered area for the babies. We have a large variety of toys for all ages and there are teas, coffees, squash and biscuits available. We run from 10.30am to 12 noon and the cost is £2 per group, or £1.50 if you pay the annual membership of £5, with the first session free. **There is no waiting list although we can get busy with typically 20-30 infants and children.**

When we return we will be taking membership details and subscriptions for the year ahead. For further information contact hatfieldpevereltoddlers@yahoo.co.uk or turn up to Hatfield Peverel village hall on 4th September. We look forward to meeting you all.



Autumn events – from the way we were to very co-operative!

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

Our meeting in June was brought forward a week, and this proved a lucky move as we strolled around Witham in glorious summer evening sunshine for the annual walking Treasure Hunt, designed to provide exercise for both mind and body! This year's winners were Nick Shakespear and his team, which gives them the much-sought-after honour of setting next year's hunt! Many thanks to Anne and Trevor Williams for organizing a great evening ending with supper at Battersford Court Wetherspoons.



We were safely back to the village hall for July's meeting – a wine tasting and supper on a Swiss theme! Swiss wines are rarely found in the UK, as production is relatively small and few are exported. However, we were lucky to taste a Chasselas (Switzerland's most popular white wine grape) – quite expensive, but with an unusual nuts and honey flavour which wasn't to everyone's palate; we also sampled a Pinot Noir from the Valais region – again dearer than our usual wines, but comparable in price, style and quality with Pinot Noirs from nearby Burgundy in France. We also quaffed some more reasonably-priced nearly-Swiss wines with a sparkling wine from the Jura mountains between France and Switzerland (pronounced excellent value from Aldi at £6.99) and some Southern German whites and reds from the Württemberg region of Southern Germany, which borders Switzerland at Lake Constance or Bodensee. The meal was authentically Swiss! We enjoyed a 70s revival with each table cooking cheese fondue (thanks to Anne Mountfort, Ulrike Catt, Lesley Evans and Graham Bushby's neighbour for loaning the fondue sets) followed by typical cold meats including air-dried beef and smoked ham, rösti and various salads including celeriac and carrot. The evening finished with a quiz on Switzerland and a bar of Lindor chocolate for everyone. The quiz was won by Dave Belshaw who was happy to receive a large block of Toblerone, and the yodelling competition was a runaway victory for Bob Gammie's team (thankfully without the participation of the team captain!)

We had to switch swiftly back from thoughts of the mountains to thoughts of an event much nearer home – the Punch Up In The Park, the Wine Club's stall at the Party in the Park on 13th July. (*see Judy Lee's photo above*). We offered tastings of seven punches ranging from the Pevel Duck Pond to a Tropical Lagoon, all widely different in flavour and appearance, and visitors to the stall marked these to identify their favourites. The runaway winning punch was made by Alan Porter, using a tried and tested recipe of Denise Brazier's, and the winner of the raffled bottle of wine was Margaret Joslin. Those who collected a flyer about the Wine Club are reminded they qualify for free admission to the Club's Spanish wine tasting in September on production of the flyer!

Anyone thinking of coming along to a Wine Club meeting for the first time (with or without a flyer!) would find this the perfect opportunity to find out what the club is all about. Please give Vee a ring beforehand on 01245 355723 to confirm attendance and start times and, most importantly, to ensure that we have enough wine to go round!

1st Hatfield Peverel Scout Group

Group Secretary, Suzanne Evans
(01245 382397)

Beavers -

enjoyed a hot and sunny camp on Mersea Island, where they experienced various activities, including corn grinding, feeding the ponies, collecting elderflowers to make cordial, and, under the guidance of an expert, collecting edible wild plants such as samphire and sea spinach, from the seashore, to eat for dinner. Back at the HQ, the children learnt some Irish dancing and were visited by a police officer.

Cubs -

held their annual camp at Kingston Ridge Camp Site in Langdon Hills, where they experienced climbing, shooting and hiking in good weather. Hobbycraft welcomed our pack to their Chelmer Village store, and the children were given treasure chests to decorate, which they were able to take home. An evening of outdoor cooking (and eating!) was enjoyed by all. Many activity badges have been gained this term.

Scouts -

made an enjoyable visit to a Thames sailing barge moored on Maldon quay (*see photograph on front cover*) where they received a full guided tour and learnt about the history of the vessel. Two 'back-to-basics' evenings involved cooking over a campfire and tracking.

Explorer Scouts -

back in May some of the Explorer Scouts joined others from the District, for an overseas trip to the Republic of Estonia (in the Baltic region of Northern Europe, bordering Russia, Latvia and the Gulf of Finland).



They took part in various outdoor activities, experienced the local culture and enjoyed traditional cuisine.

SASU -

as well as their own activities, the SASU provide valuable assistance at fund-raising events, our AGM and various camps. **If you would like to support the youngsters and be part of an enjoyable social group, please contact Jo Oldfield, 01245 381756.**

Essex County Awards Day

The Essex County Awards Day was held at Cressing Temple Barns on Sunday 9th June; a successful day for 1st Hatfield Peverel, with eleven of our youngsters being honoured.

Bronze Awards were received by Robert Gansbuehler, Daniel Gowers, Jack Marshall, David Potter and Lauryn Hill; Silver Awards were received by Rowan Abbott, Tom Driver and David Evans and a Gold Award was received by Christopher Cutner. Kira Jarvis and Max Lenoir were each presented with a Meritorious Conduct Medal. *See photograph below*

Fund-raising

Many thanks to Logoplast, who produce plastic milk bottles for Arla, for nominating us as their local charity, and for inviting us to their open morning at the Arla factory. *See photograph opposite.* An interesting and enjoyable experience for all who attended and a welcome boost to our HQ refurbishment fund.

Everyone who shops on-line can help us with our fund-raising by using the Easy Fund-raising Website. Just shop via <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/1sthpsg> - a percentage of whatever you spend is donated to our Scout Group.

Forthcoming fund-raising events

Bag Pack at Tesco, Maldon on Saturday 10th August

Family Quiz on Saturday 19th October

Monthly paper collection - first Saturday of each month

In order to raise funds, the Scout Group carries out a monthly paper collection. Please leave out your newspapers, cardboard and cereal boxes etc by 9am on the first Saturday of the month.

To those who kindly drop off their own newspapers and cardboard, please be aware that, due to repeated vandalism, the skip will now be locked between the hours of 5pm and 8am.

If you have a problem contact Newspaper Collection Co-ordinator Jonathan Dormon, 01245 382 981, jonathan.dormon@btinternet.com



Street pastors at work in Chelmsford

Hadfelda WI - Marel Elliston

What an interesting evening we had in June when our speaker was a lady who worked as a volunteer Street Pastor. Not many of us had ever heard of a street pastor and were fascinated to learn what they did. They go out on the streets of Chelmsford, in groups of four, from about 10pm until 4am (when the clubs close) to help young people who are the worse for wear. Sadly, the state some of the youngsters get into with drugs and alcohol is dreadful and this makes them very vulnerable, especially the girls. Street pastors supply water, flip-flops (many of them have lost their shoes and there is often broken glass around) and foil blankets (many are scantily dressed). They perform a very worthwhile service and work closely with the police to see that these young people come to no harm and get home safely.



Our competition was the letter E and, as usual, was well supported with an array of strange and unusual objects. The winner was Pam Warren.

The WI meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month in the village hall at 7.45pm. We have an interesting and varied selection of speakers and we are always happy to welcome new members

Want to relax - why not try Yoga

Our Yoga class is held on Tuesday evenings in the Infant School hall from 8pm to 9.30pm. We are a very friendly group and the exercises are not too strenuous! It would be nice to have a few more people join us, so why not give it a try?

Classes re-start on 10th September and run for about 10 weeks. If you would like any more information, please ring Hilary on 380381.

Hot weather for walkers

Hatfield Peveler Walkers
Graham Bushby (380472)

The next walks are planned for Thursday 22nd August and Thursday 26th September, both meeting at 10am at the rear of the village hall in Maldon Road, Hatfield Peveler. For new members, information and general queries ring Graham on the number above.

Come and enjoy a cuppa...

A coffee morning is held every Thursday in the village hall from 9am until 10am.

Why not join us?
Everyone welcome

Gill Griffiths 380622



Village life in Hatfield Peverel year 2012/2013

Peter Horne remembers the year 2012 with a poem about village life, the Queen's Jubilee and the Olympic Games UK, celebrated this year by Party in the Park 2013

*A forming, whirling, windstorm hit village Churchyard at it's head
Narrowly missed the roof of church; metal-thieves had stripped all lead.
Struck yard that had been well maintained - gravestones and whole trees littered!
for wind had drawn trees out of ground; remorselessly embittered.
Such gusts as reached ground level left other areas becalmed.
Farmer's cowshed roof, near, damaged, but the cows within, unharmed!
Long-established gravestones shattered, Essex Record Office traced?
Roof-tiles rejected by lead-thieves? few, if any, wind-displaced!*

But

*In a world so full of troubles - a village of good repose;
contentment and amenity, where conjecture and 'suppose'
can yet find that fulfilment where intention meets endeavour;
where care is still a byword: general feeling is together!
Serviced Infant/Junior School. Achieved teachings can be seen
on how to live; all learning modes. Themed Philosophy? 'Beseem?'
Library? Good books still give much pleasure, in an age when techniques reign:
but it's still good to live near Nature and the quiet country lane.
At a time when all is on the move, when monitors control;
single word that best describes it, root to canopy, is bole.*

*Like blossom with a curing use, village is re-assuring.
Beautiful surrounding land, is, to town dwellers, alluring.
In-range connections? London business. For joy, the Essex coast.
There's solitude for such as need. Greenery, if playing host.
Pubs? Where family, friends, associates; can company, treat; eat.
Surgery? Five-serviced doctoring, tends ailments; head to feet.
Main-line station. East/West road: they together clear - frenetic.
Recreation? Cricket. Child-play, football, dog-walks, as - enclitic.*

*A hall of large proportions where, within, has been all leisure.
Shows, theatre, children's meeting rooms: a bar that stocks good measure.
Like all such halls, it's licensed. Staff both free and obligated.
Home to Parish Council: deliberative/legislative.
Convoked public meetings: celebrations: ballot votes.
Competitions; modern dancing: up to twenty groupings' rites.
Of particular significance, in year 'Two-O-One-Two'
Transit stop of world's Olympics' torch, for favoured venue's view:*

*Foliage's Autumn colouring, plants exuded toxin,
is a testament in beauty, expressed through silent vox'in.*



A thriving Girlguiding district



The Guide, Brownie and Rainbow units in Hatfield Peverel have been up to all kinds of activities. Just this last term, the Guides have been to camp which included an amazing day out in Southend. They've had numerous cookouts on campfires and spent the last meeting of the term taking the Maldon Chip Shop Challenge. A number of chip shops were visited, a great many chips were tasted and for taste two of the shops were voted equal first. The evening ended with a great deal of fun in and around the maze at the 'Prom'.

Brownies and Rainbows have been to visit Witham Fire station and one Brownie pack has completed their Fire Safety Badge - well done! For an end of term party the Brownies had fun building shelters using poles and canvas, followed by hot dogs eaten under their shelters.

Rainbows have been filling their adventure book, the visit to the Fire station was the last thing they needed to finish it. They are justifiably proud of themselves and the book is on display in the Rainbow corner at HQ.

We have been very busy of late raising funds for our HQ update

The Guiders and our valued helpers worked very hard to feed the village at Party in the Park, which, along with a book stall, raised a whopping £935.00. A huge thank you to those who helped, we couldn't have done it without you, particularly our chefs Glyn and Alan. Sterling work chaps. Many thanks to all who so generously supported us on the day.

Hatfield Peverel, Boreham and Terling are a small, but thriving Girlguiding District and we are looking to add a new Rainbow unit in Boreham. This is for girls aged 5-7 years old. Do you know of anyone who would like to help run it? We have a leader ready and raring to go, but we need another female over 18 years old to assist her. **Can you help! Call 01376 570464.**

Days out with the WEA

The Summer programme - two excellent sunny days out to the Royal Dockyard at Chatham in June and Marks Hall estate and arboretum in July.

The dockyards, spacious and well set out, have many attractions for visitors including the three historic warships - HM Submarine Ocelot, the Victorian sloop HMS Gannet and the second world war destroyer HMS Cavalier, and the Victorian ropery (quarter of a mile long) where a guide gave us a history of the works where rope has been made since 1618, and is still made. Through the windows washing was blowing in the breeze: cameras were filming the popular BBC programme 'Call the Midwife'.

Another fine day for the visit to Marks Hall where Jonathan Jukes, Head Curator, gave us a conducted tour of the estate and arboretum. The Marks Hall collection is planted on an geographical theme with plants from temperate regions of the world grouped together - sweet

smelling eucalyptus, monkey puzzle trees, New Zealand pampas and the rare Wollemi pine (100 saplings have been planted here - less than 100 adult trees survive in the wild). The oldest tree on site is the massive Honeywood oak, probably over 800 years old and one of the original 300 oaks once grown in the deer park.



Autumn course

Tuesday 1st October 10.15am - Discovering East Anglian timber-framed buildings - tutor John Walker.

Autumn lecture

Tuesday 8th October 8pm - the Marks Hall dig, talk by Colchester Archaeological Group, Methodist Church Hall. Speakers John Mallinson on the dig and Tim Dennis on gadgets. Cost £5

Spring course

Ingatstone Hall, a jewel of Essex

For information contact Leslie Naish, 01245 380837, or Catherine Voysey, 01245 382595..

Community Policing team

PCSO Nikki Doubleday

Emergency calls 999

Non-emergency calls 101



The Police are working hard to keep us safe from thieves and those looking to make a swift buck. Do please read the following advice.

Heating oil theft

Anyone needing information about precautionary measures to reduce their vulnerability to theft of their heating oil can get advice by ringing the local Crime Reduction Officer on 0300 333 4444.

It couldn't happen to me!

*Some weeks ago a friend came to our house for a meeting (Ed). She left her bike parked outside our door, unsupervised and unlocked. During the evening a policeman (a member of the crime reduction team) knocked on the door and asked if we were aware the bike was vulnerable and could be stolen. **We were impressed by this response: it's not like the good old days, doors open, goods on display - we need to be more aware.***

Nicki Doubleday, our PCSO, explained in response to an email from me about this visit by the crime reduction team:

"The whole of Witham A shift including the Sergeant under my direction were working with members of Community Speed Watch and the parish council and NHW as part of Neighbourhood Watch week. We were carrying out a local objective called 4 VP trying car doors etc and speaking to the owners of insecure vehicles in relation to theft of and from motors."

*Parish Councillors got less than polite reactions from some residents when spoken to, very politely and helpfully, about their vulnerable car standing outside with unlocked doors and open windows. **They would have been the first to complain about police shortcomings had that vehicle been stolen or had items removed from it.***

Rogue traders love open doors and windows

Please be aware of persons who may knock at your door offering their services: roof repairs, garden services, hedge cutting, driveway repairs, and

pressure washing driveways. **Never accept the services of persons who cold call at your door.** They can be very convincing and sometimes it is easy to be taken in by people who tend to target the most vulnerable within our communities.

Mobile phones

Mobile phones have become more of a necessity than an accessory, an attractive target for thieves.

Whether you use yours for business or chatting with friends, you won't want to lose important phone numbers and family snaps stored on your phone, so keep it safe. **Follow our advice to keep your mobile out of reach of opportunist thieves**

- Don't leave your mobile on show in your car.
- Don't leave your mobile on view on tables in pubs, cafes, restaurants and other public places.
- If you have a smart phone, think about activating the 'find my phone' app. It provides an accurate GPS location of the phone and gives the owner the option to instruct it to let off a loud alert even when in silent mode. Activating the app could help police trace your phone if it is stolen.
- Don't leave your phone unattended in jacket pockets and bags.
- Be discreet if you use your mobile in the street.
- Make sure you lock the keypad using a PIN number when you are not using your phone. It can't then be used to make calls if it gets stolen.
- Mark your phone, its battery and other accessories with your postcode using an ultraviolet marker pen. If your phone is stolen and recovered by police it will be easier to trace it back to you.

How burglars are using social media

Social media sites as Facebook are being used by burglars to target victims. They can locate your address from uploaded photos, status updates you've made from home. They use the information when you 'check-in' with the site, and target people using social media from airport lounges.

Please follow the link below for full information and some very good advice. Please pass this link to others, and if you have a social media account paste the link there too.

<http://www.distinctivedoors.co.uk/news/51-infographic-how-burglars-are-using-social-media>



Commemorating the Wendy Groeber memorial bench are, seated, Wendy's daughter Carol Rout, son Mark Groeber and sister Gina Newman. Standing, from left to right, club president Bob Gammie, Mark's wife Sam, chairman John Franklin, captain Rita Thomson, and Janet Franklin

Cold weather becomes a heat wave!

Bowls Club - Bob Gammie, President (381497)

Persistent cold weather had not enamoured itself to the bowling fraternity but a recent change gives hope! (think you might soon wish for the good old days - Ed). In mid-season we continue with our various competitions and are winning more than we are losing.

In the Central Mid-week League we lie fourth in the table for our division but our ladies in the Chelmer Ladies League are not so fortunate and find themselves in the bottom half of their table. Friendly matches taking in near distance clubs are always enjoyed and while the result is often immaterial, we have won more than our fair share. Internal competitions continue and while injuries and illness have reduced entrants taking part, there is still keenness to take the silverware.

At our annual President versus Captain's match, played both inside and out, the captain's team was again successful. Afterwards the bench in memory of Wendy Groeber was commemorated by her family: two of her three children, Mark Groeber and Carol Rout and Wendy's sister Gina Newman were able to do the honours. Wendy enjoyed her bowls and had been competitive in various sports in her earlier years. She was a popular and genial member and is sadly missed. Funding for the bench came from the collection taken at her funeral and this, together with a surplus of £400, go towards the shelter to be erected on the terrace, at the insistence of her family. The inscription on the plaque bears the wording 'Good friends, good times and a game well played - Wendy Groeber 1935 - 2012'.

The strawberry tea followed at which the proceeds of the raffle are donated to a charity of the president's choice, preferably with a local interest, and a cheque for £200 has been sent to 'Finding Fraser's Feet'. All the prizes were donated.

On the short mats all but one of the friendly matches have been won and our internal leagues and competitions continue. We look forward to finals day and the Trevor Matthams Triples on 17th September, and at the tea that follows, it is intended the bell from the Sportsmans Arms will be 'rung in' to its new home in the pavilion by the late landlords and thus summon the faithful rather than throw them out.

Do come and join us, we are a friendly lot and initial coaching will be given. Our website will tell you more.

News from St Andrews

Summer is here. From the Vicarage lawn feeling springy underfoot, within a few days it has become hard enough to take all the rush-hour traffic on the A12 without fear of damage to it! The fields look healthy but it would be nice to have rain to settle the dust and pollen. Even those most persistent of plants, the broad-leaved weeds, seem to be taking a siesta. We are never satisfied but, since the weather is a favourite topic of the British, let us enjoy it, or enjoy complaining about it!



Someone said to me; 'we've had the longest day, it'll be Christmas before you know it!' We have all seen Christmas material in the High Street stores before the Back to School displays have been dismantled. I cannot make disapproving noises for this Review contains Christmas material. Now is the time to begin collecting for Samaritan's Purse - we need both shoe boxes and items to put in them.

Our Outdoor Service this year was blessed with good weather and I would like to thank Howard Southgate and Keith Pettit for putting up the Vicarage marquee. It kept the sun off and allowed a slight breeze to cool down the congregation. Over 40 adults and over a dozen children took part in a service called 'Is God a Robot?' Mary Daw, who had prepared and led the service had an actual robot (a lad dressed up).

During June St Andrews Church Choir, Hadfelda Choir and the Men of St Andrews put on a concert to celebrate Jean Ashby's 80th birthday and the Vicar's 30th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. A mixed programme of sacred and not-so-serious music, interspersed with poetry was well received as were the wonderful refreshments. A whole evening's entertainment for £6 with food; where can you get that? Thanks to everyone who took part and to Barbara Mason, ably assisted by Howard Southgate, for putting together such an interesting programme.

We were involved in the Party in the Park and, safely ensconced in Charles Copes splendid marquee, lots of people came in and sat awhile. The idea was to represent what St Andrews stands for, an oasis of calm and tranquillity and so the marquee was transformed into a sacred space. Thanks to Charles for providing and erecting the marquee, Mary for arranging the interior to be as inviting as possible and for those who manned it and welcomed people in. Thanks to Tony French and the committee for inviting us.

Sadly, Harvest for the Hungry has stopped operating, due to the high costs of transport. Instead, we are supporting the newly created Witham and Braintree Foodbank. This is based at the Methodist Church in Witham and if you would like to see what they do and how it works, just drop in on a Friday morning.

Monthly happenings

Coffee mornings continue on the 1st Saturday of the month, 10am to midday - 3rd August, 7th September, 5th October

Please Note: the September coffee morning is also a Toy Sale. If you are thinking about turning out toys that children no longer play with; if they are in good condition bring them to the Vicarage or 5 Garden Field, preferably a few days before.

Messy Shepherding: Crouchmans, Ulting, CM9 6QS on Tuesday 20th August 10am for 10.15am start. There will be worship and fun activities for everyone, young and old. Just bring a picnic for a simple lunch together. **If you wish to know more, telephone Mary Daw 380566 or Anna Tomlins 380359.** Volunteers of help would be much appreciated.

Harvest Festival Sunday 13th October - All-Age Service at 10.15am and Parish Eucharist at 6.30pm. This year there will be no distribution of food after the services due to escalating costs, and parcels in danger of becoming mere tokenism. Many people are on special dietary regimes and have been unable to use some of the food distributed. Therefore we would encourage people to bring non-perishable items to the service which can be given to the Witham Foodbank. This will enable resources to be targeted at those with most need. Nearer the time, a letter will go out to those affected and a visit if appropriate.

I would like to thank our Churchwardens, our Readers Mary, Cyril and Derek Clark-Mayers for the hard work they do; the dedication of the PCC and for the many people who have made these events happen.

Please pray for those living in Arthy Close, Ash Close, Baker Avenue, Beech Rise, Bennett Way, Birkdale Close, Bury Lane, Cardfields Lane, Chestnut Avenue, Church Road, Conquerors Close, Crabbs Hill, De Vere Close.

Where your subs go
Mother's Union



Our speaker at the June meeting was Hilary Shallis who spoke about 'Where your SUBS go' - she thought we had a right to know. We moan when subscriptions seem to increase every year but when Hilary explained the ways in which they have to be divided between the different departments of the MU organisation, we began to understand more. 2011 was the last year for which she had the figures and, at that time, there were 83,000 members in the UK alone. 26% of the total income from these members goes for the upkeep of Mary Sumner House in London which controls the whole of the worldwide MU. This is a gigantic task and many of the staff are volunteers. The others work long hours for very low salaries but many expenses have to be paid including compulsory insurance, various conferences and meetings, plus administration costs of all kinds.

We were shocked to learn that when the MU hold their Diocesan Council meetings in Chelmsford Cathedral, it costs £85 per hour plus £60 for use of the organ and another £60 for an organist! It came as no surprise to learn that the MU ended 2011 with a deficit of £932. In 2012 there was a great effort to reduce the deficit and Diocesan and Deanery Officers were encouraged, with Marian Ketley our President, to get together and support each other in this aim.

Up until 1998 there used to be a worldwide three-day conference in London once a year for

which the MU paid all expenses. This however became untenable in the economic climate and had to be dropped. It has been replaced by conferences in different zones which are not always in the UK. Also, twice a year, two members are chosen to attend the United Nations meeting in the USA and their expenses are paid by central office.

We thanked Hilary for her very informative talk, and felt that she had made the boring subject of facts and figures much more interesting.

Coffee Morning & Toy Sale





Saturday 7th September
in
The Church Hall
from
10.15am

*We are collecting **Good As New** toys
& Children's Books during July & August*

*Please leave them in the Church Baptistry,
The Vicarage or 5 Gardenfield*



'A Barking Success !' - Essex Chronicle

www.essexdogday.com

The third Essex Dog Day will be held on Bank Holiday Sunday 25th August opening to the public at 10am until 5pm in the beautiful grounds of Crix, Hatfield Peverel, a privately owned Georgian house accessed directly off the A12. It's easy to get to from all over Essex and parking is free.

Essex Dog Day is fun dog day for dog owners, enthusiasts or just families looking for a great day out with many classes, demonstrations and entertainments. Come along with your dog or just to enjoy the fun and the spectacle!

We will be joined by BBC Essex Radio DJ Dave Monk, who will be covering all the action in the main arena, the fantastic 'Top Lodge Dancing Dog Display Team', David Seamark's 'Sheep Dog Demonstration', a brilliant display of falconry with Jemima Parry Jones, 'Huskies in Harness', 'The Essex Gun Dog School' and many, many more great displays.

Competitions will include the 'Gun Dog Scurry' in the lake, the 'Fun Dog Scurry' over the straw bales, new this year will be the 'Rally Obedience', the Essex Flyers, Flyball, have a go and a static display including agility, ramps, tunnels and more. Not forgetting our amazing breed advisor marquee there to advise on up to twenty different dog breeds.

With a great selection of child activities and entertainment, two fabulous food courts and a wide variety of stalls, you will have a fantastic day! **For more information, please go to Supported by Haart, Essex Audi, Reprohouse and The Spring Lodge Veterinary Group, all proceeds are to PARC, the charity which provides vital support to children with special needs at the only purpose built centre in Essex.**



WEA's eye-catching stand at 'The Party'

Terry Bard, Catherine Voysey, and Brian Bourn 'personned' the stall during the afternoon and spoke to many people about WEA and the courses on offer. Several newcomers to the village - some whom had come across the WEA - may join in the future. Leaflets were given out about Autumn and Spring courses and the Autumn evening talks.



Village hall happenings

Bingo (third Thursday in the month)
15th August, 19th September

Poker (third Saturday in month)
17th August, 21st September

Brag (first Friday in month)
2nd August, 6th September

Darts Monday nights, ladies team
Tuesdays

Bookings for hall and meeting rooms

HPCAb bookings@gmail.com
Phone Alan on 07741 140732

Village hall (after 7pm) 01245 381481

See Facebook under -
Hatfield Peverel village hall

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 381897

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 Direct 0845 4647

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

Witham 01376 519625

Police, non-emergency calls 0300 3334444

Local Officer 07974 457258

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 07979 851257

Social Services 0845 6037630

Village Agent Sally Austin 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 Pavillion (F)

Councillors (and their working parties)

Lisa Miller, Parish Clerk 01245 344439

clerk.hatfieldpeverelpc@blueyonder.co.uk

David Broddle - Chaiman 01245 382829

(P/KB/CP/A)

Graham Bushby (T) 01245 380472

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

Colin Giffin (Planning chair/ 01621 892351

Country Park chair/T)

Elise Gwyn-Williams (P/F) 01245 382883

Bernard Heard - Vice Chairman 01245 380370

(P/T/A)

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

Martin Pyke (T/E/A/F) 01245 380792

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

Eugene Murphy 01245 380113

(Environment chair, Audit chair/F)

Alan Steele 07739 398453

Diane Wallace (P/C) 01245 381485

Just the omission of Jane Austen's books alone would make a fairly good library out of a library that hadn't a book in it.

Mark Twain

Party in the Park 2013 - glorious sunshine for a glorious day

Tony French on behalf of the Party in the Park working group

What a glorious day we had on Saturday 13th July for Party in the Park 2013. In the June Review, I said that we had ordered wall to wall sunshine, and we certainly had that. As the ropes went up for the auditorium, and the equipment and tents arrived, my nerves started to improve. Every body I spoke to said what a great function it was.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody, who by taking part, made it a successful day - without an audience, it would not be much of a party, and listening to the shouts of 'more, more' at 11pm, I think the audience enjoyed themselves.



It takes a lot of people to put on an event like this, from the companies who donated equipment from trailers to lights, the people who supported the programme with adverts, or donated prizes for the raffle, those who helped out on the day, including the Helen Rollason Charity Village Fund Raising Group who served tea and coffee, village organisations who came to showcase themselves, our own DJ Mark and the bands, especially Loaded Dice on their return visit, together with the WI Choir. We must not forget our special guests 'Lord and Lady de Peveler' who performed the opening ceremony. They had been briefed that all of us there were of the 'lower classes' and they therefore treated us appropriately as they made their progress round the recreation ground.

We could not have even got off the ground, had it not been for the pump priming donation that the Parish Council gave us, to enable us to reserve certain equipment for the day.

Two more groups to thank. Firstly the committee, who have worked on this event for nearly nine months - a tremendous effort, especially over the last two months when a number of teething problems gave us considerable extra work. Secondly, the Guides, who worked like slaves for about six hours cooking food on a sweltering hot day for the barbeque - a brilliant effort, and I cannot think of a better cause than the refurbishment of their HQ Building for their profits to go to.

I said it takes a committee to produce a day like we had. We need new members, both men and women - if you like what we have produced over the last two years, come and help make next year even better. If you have ideas to turn it in a different direction, join us and make it happen. I am retiring as chairman but am always available to offer advice or lend a hand. I can be contacted on 01245 380831 or on tony.french@thefrenchfamily.co.uk.

