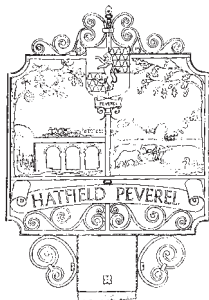


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- 8 Folk Dane Club Christmas dance
- 9 Christmas in the Park 3.30 am start
- 15 Helen Rollason coffee morning 10am
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- 19 Wine Club Christmas party

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- 2 Flower Club
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February

- 2 St Andrews coffee morning 10am
- 4 Parish Council meeting
- 6 Flower Club

Front cover - The Hythe Quay, Maldon from a watercolour by Tony Claydon

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A happy, peaceful Christmas to you all and your family and friends who cannot be with you

There have been a few good bits this year. I've listed a handful - the heron that stuck his head out of the top of our next door neighbours' tree for a few minutes the other afternoon, a smile and a cheerful 'morning' from a stranger, a dog encouraging you to throw his ball - no ball throwing skills here, wonderful sunsets, a full moon in a clear sky, a vast honking flock of Canada Geese flying over on a bright crisp clear morning. To cheer you on your festive way, turn to page 15, and have a laugh - or shed a tear at our poetry selection. Thank you to everyone who has come up with a favourite.



Ken and I would like to thank you all for your help in the production of the Review which has been around since 1974 (see who we are and what we do with your help on page 21). To our contributors who produce thousands of reports, articles, photographs and suggestions sent in (mostly on time!), and for your thanks when we get it right. Apologies here for a bit of pruning to make space, there often isn't time to say 'is this OK?'. This is hard, something you have composed yourself (and I've been there) should be sacrosanct except for a bit of spelling correction.

Also not to be missed, our schoolchildren for their wonderful paintings and drawings, to Marel and Ron Elliston, our distribution organisers for twenty years or so, who count out Reviews and sometimes inserts and deliver the 2,000 plus copies that arrive on their doorstep every two months, and to our 40 plus deliverers. They go out in all weathers to all four corners of Hatfield Peverel, up a variety of lanes and drives, houses with tricky letter boxes and tricky dogs. And nearly last but not least our wonderful printers who have dug us out of several holes and in this modern day and age, can turn the Review around in a couple of days.

Most importantly, thank you readers - there would be no Review without you. Keep on reading and enjoy your celebrations.

News of Stonepath Drive and Gleneagles.....there is no news, can't imagine why!

Remember Remember, Sunday 9 December!

Emma Cook - Chairman, Community Events Team



The Community Events Team has arranged our third annual Christmas in the Park event. Starting at 3.30pm in the village hall, Paul the Piper will 'gently' lead us out to the community Christmas tree, once again kindly sponsored by Paul Mason. Weather permitting we will sing a carol or two outside and a **special young guest will press the big red button to turn the lights on** and mark the ceremonial start of the Hatty Pev Christmas season.

New for this year, the performers from Stagecoach will entertain us with their carols and dance routines, followed by carols with local singers and readings by HARTS. Festive refreshments will be provided by the EMC group - donations of money or mince pies gladly accepted. **Please do come along and support your local event.**

Stop the press – we understand we will again this year have a surprise big red visitor. Better be on your best behaviour, children.

The village needs your help, again

Our Library, together with others up and down the country, is under threat of closure

What can we do, how can we help to save this important part of our village life? See page 16

Prepare your allotments now for an easier 2019

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



Winter at our allotments, and likely for a lot of you, represents a good and bad scenario. It's good, because we get to enjoy a much-needed rest from tending our gardens and dealing with Mother Nature's moods. And we discuss our results at our AGM in mid November. It is bad because the pastime we love so much is put on hold as we watch the calendar slowly creep towards warmer days.

To reduce the amount of work facing you during next year's early rush, consider some of these suggestions for putting your garden to bed for a more effective spring start up.

- 1 Clean up rotting and finished plants: composting now will provide future organic matter.
- 2 Remove invasive weeds that may have taken hold over the growing season. Burning is the best way to totally get rid of them and prevent their reappearance.
- 3 Prepare your soil for spring: dig in manure, compost, bone meal now so they will break down and begin enriching your soil.
- 4 Prune perennials: do this on herbs like rosemary, thyme, sage; and vegetables like asparagus and rhubarb. Blackberries respond well but not raspberries (leave till spring).
- 5 Divide/plant bulbs: daffodils, tulips, crocuses are ready to go back into the soil for another year's display.
- 6 Harvest and regenerate your compost: material composted over the summer is ready to go. Top up garden beds, lawns or pathways.
- 7 Replenish mulch: it will act as a winter insulator and plant and root protector.
- 8 Review the cultivars and assess your growing season: see what worked and what didn't and make notes on what should be changed next year.
- 9 Clean and sharpen tools (no time in the summer). Wash, remove rust, sharpen and rub with an oiled rag to give them new life.

Thoughts on gardening

Anyone who thinks gardening begins in the spring and ends in the fall, is missing the best part of the whole year. For gardening begins in the winter with the dream of what might be.

Every gardener knows that beneath the cloak of winter lies a miracle.

The best gardener - one who does the most gardening with a book of ideas and a warm drink by the winter fire.

Think, Plan, Prepare, Anticipate and enjoy the process of doing these. Wishing you a lovely winter, Christmas and the clear vision of your spring garden, Drew Price Email: chairman@hpaa.org.uk

What to do with your biggest enemy - the snail

Snail broth - a new taste for the festive season

Ingredients

20 garden snails picked out of their shells, placed in a marble mortar and added to 30 hinder frog legs, pounded, put in a pot with 3 quarts of salted water, 12 turnips cut in thin slices, 12 handfuls of barley, 20 grains of saffron and 1 large leek chopped fine

Boil together till there be but a quart left. Strain through a sieve. Very nourishing and excellent for consumption. The Countryman 1934.

It takes two to lift over 200lbs of pumpkin!

Membership/Publicity,
Trina Butcher, 380532
Website www.essexinfo.net/hatpevgardens

A year of changes AGM 7 November

Daffodils successfully opened on time at the Spring Show but the Autumn Show was a disaster in the cookery section - where were your pots of jam and tasty cakes? Next year perhaps?

Where vegetables suffered from an overflow of water and long dry spells, as you can see in the photo size was not a problem in the heaviest pumpkin and newly introduced heaviest marrow competition. Jenny and John Clemo's pumpkin (above) weighed in at 242lbs and Hedley came second with a 68 pounder. Les Brann's marrow reached 46 kilos and Clive Emberson's 29. Pumpkins and marrows were weighed on different scales - translate if you will.

Officers and committee elected at the AGM

Chairman	Neville Bright	01245 381331
Vice Chairman/ Secretary	Clive Emberson	01245 381704
Treasurer	Jenny Clemo	0124538085
Membership/ Publicity	Trina Butcher	01245 380532
Members	Les Brann, Marel Elliston, Cathy Etheridge, Ben Eng, Elaine Harvey, John Heathcote	

Grateful thanks to Derek Wallis who has retired as Show Secretary - we thank him for his hard work over the years. Is there anyone out there looking for a job on a friendly committee? Please contact Clive on the number above if you are interested in becoming Show Secretary.



Summer break to Wiltshire 14 - 18 July 2019

Heading down south next year to Bradford on Avon staying at Leigh Park Country House Hotel and vineyard (sounds promising). Visits will include West Green House garden en route, The Old Mill at Ramsbury, and Laycock Abbey, village and gardens, incorporating the Fox Talbot photographic museum. We will call in at Sandleford Place new Newbury on our way home.

Cost is £485 per person (£60 single supplement for occupation of double/twin room). Enquiries to Clive Emberson, 62 New Road, Hatfield Peverel CM3 2JA. £50 deposit with booking. Clive's phone number is 01245 3381704.

Year Book and schedules should be available early in the New Year

Date for the Spring Show is Saturday 6 April 2019. Start your preparations and be in time!

*The gardener's rule applies to youth and age:
When young sow wild oats,
But when old grow sage.*

Lord Byron

But though an old man, I am but a young gardiner
Thomas Jefferson

Parish Council news

Sarah Gaeta, Clerk to the Parish Council

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Hatfield Peverel, CM3 2HP Tel 01245 382865

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Vacancy

The Parish Council is looking to employ a **Litter Picker for the Nounsley area** to start in January 2019 (date to be confirmed) for a maximum of 20 hours per month at £7.83 per hour, rising to £8.21 in April 2019. Own vehicle will be required due to the area to be covered. Please contact the Clerk for further information or to apply in writing. Closing date for receipt of applications is Friday 4th January 2019.

Planning

The following applications have recently been made

Single storey side and rear extensions and new vehicle cross-over at 11 The Green. Single storey side extension at Oakford Farm, Nounsley Road. Application for outline planning permission with all matters reserved – 10 dwellings on land South of Nounsley Road. Replacement of windows, kitchen and bathrooms plus internal works at Hooks and Sheaves, The Street. Single storey rear/side extension at Kenilworth, Ulting Road. Installation of a canopy at 1 Birkdale Rise. Please note, these applications may have been granted, withdrawn or refused by the time of printing.

The following applications have recently been granted

Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for a proposed loft conversion at 31 Priory Farm Road. Two storey rear extension and veranda and demolition of outbuilding and conservatory at Brickfield Cottage, Nounsley Road. Two storey side extension and single storey front extension at 68 New Road. Enlargement of dormers on front and rear and partial garage conversion at Homeside, Maldon Road. Proposed 1.5 storey extension at Rickstones, Mowden Hall Lane. Removal of existing fireplace and installation of new wood burning stove at 2 Priory Lodge, Church Road. Removal of existing window and replacement with disabled door access at Cardfields Residential Centre, Bumfords Lane. Removal of existing roof and installation of new roof at Brooklyn, Ulting Road. Single storey front/side extension and front porch at 8 Glebefield Road.

The following applications has recently been refused

Application for approval of details reserved by condition nos. 3 and 4 of approved application 16/00531/FUL at Woodend Farm, Hatfield Road, Witham.

Tree works at Thornwood, The Pines.

Website You can view all Parish Council news on the website: <http://www.essex.info.net/hatfieldpeverel/>

Parish Council meetings: Monday 3 December, Monday 7 January and Monday 4 February 2019.

Neighbourhood Development Plan update

Following on from the October report, preparations are now being made by Braintree District Council and the NDP team for a further six week consultation as requested by the

Examiner. This is anticipated to commence early January.

The Secretary of State has delayed his decision on Stonepath Meadow and Gleneagles Way due to current demands on ministerial time.: he will seek to issue decisions as soon as possible.



EMS Club celebrates its seventh birthday

Is your face in this birthday photograph above? Taken to celebrate the club's formation in 2011, are 44 happy people (nearly a full house), including the Mayor of Witham, and Sue and Paul Scalding on the right who run this thriving club.

On this special day a team from Party in the Park took over the kitchen, plating up and handing round the sandwiches - and trifle and Eton Mess for puds - no club members allowed in the kitchen! A day to remember.

You walk into a cloud of happy noise on Tuesday afternoons when the club meets in the village hall - friends catching up on news and looking forward to forthcoming events, welcoming newcomers and greeting returning friends. 'One big happy family' say Paul and Sue who plan to give everyone a good time. Sometimes its bingo, a quiz or a speaker. But there's always something to talk about and that's often best.

Their next big event is the Christmas party on 11 December when Secret Santa - or two of them - will pay a visit. Party in the Park will provide the music and the giant Christmas raffle will be drawn. And then its the highlight of the year, 18 December. Best bib and tucker for the Christmas dinner at The Warren. Sue says this is the third year they have been to The Warren for a wonderful three course dinner in a beautifully decorated dining room.

Happy Christmas! Club reopens on 8 January.



New Year's Day walk

Ken Earney, 01245 381235
kenearney@hotmail.com

Subject only to it not pouring with rain or throwing other extremely inclement weather at us there will be a walk on 1 January. Because Stonepath Meadow is still under threat of development it will be included in the walk. Going that way probably limits us, in two hours, to two routes, but which of the two is not yet decided. We will meet in the Scout and Guide HQ car park at 10am and strike off from there.

If there are last minute doubts about the weather please call me by 9am on the morning to find out whether or not the walk is going ahead.



Grapes, saints and tinsel!

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



Back to the village hall for our autumn programme. Chairman Graham Bushby introduced three white wines from the same grape (Pinot Gris) but from different parts of the globe, followed by three reds (Malbec), which demonstrated how different one grape variety could taste when grown in different climates and soils, tended by winegrowers with different techniques. An interesting evening, honours divided between those who preferred Old World examples and those who preferred the New!

In October our 40th AGM took place in orderly fashion. Alan Porter stepped down as Membership Secretary after 5 years and will be much missed. Steve Spearman, already a committee member, will take over. Jim Lane and Ann Riddleston were re-elected to Committee after serving their 3 years since 2014. Graham Bushby reflected on a great year, the highlight being the 40th Anniversary Dinner Dance at the Forresters Country Club in March.

November's meeting, For All the Saints, involved a tasting of 6 wines named after a variety of saints. These were introduced by halo-sporting St Christopher and St Veran (aka Chris and Vee Green) who entertained with tales of the saints – do you know who are the patron saints of postmen, wine-drinkers (and apparently BBQ-ers), women in labour and baseball players? * A couple of white wines were nondescript, but the New World redeemed the situation, with the evening's best wine a Santa Rita 120 Carménère from Majestic. Our party on 19 December, highlight of our Christmas season, is a 4-course supper provided by members and committee, with live music by local entertainer Ian Jordan. Members are encouraged to make a special effort to attend with their guests.

You would be welcome to join us for a light-hearted evening, but please give Vee a ring beforehand to confirm attendance on 01245 355723. We meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 8pm in the Village Hall, but with some exceptions, so phone first, especially during summer. The Wine Club has its own website, courtesy of Fred Brown, which can be accessed either via the Hatfield Peverel community site at www.essex-info.net/hatfieldpeverel/clubs-and-societies/ or direct via www.peverelwineclub.co.uk/ Find out about the Wine Club before you come!

** Saints Gabriel, Vincent, Anne and Rita!*

Drinks cans for Essex

Air Ambulance

Sheila Ppear - 01245 380483

We get money for collecting drinks cans for recycling which then goes directly towards maintaining Essex Air Ambulance.

As you may know the Air Ambulance helicopter is hugely expensive to fly. It is supported only by donations and public collections and is not supported by the Government. You never know when you might need its help - I witnessed a medical emergency recently when the invalid was airlifted to Broomfield.Hospital'

If you have a collection of aluminium drinks cans (NOT fruit or vegetable tin cans) or even clean alloy trays or containers from time to time, please call me on 01245 380483 and I will arrange for collection or tell you where you can drop them off in the village. Pass the message on and we may be able to get more funding for this most worthwhile service.

Thank you from

Edward Bear

Nicky 380814



Thank you to everyone who supported us at the Edward Bear toy sale: we raised £62 .

Edward Bear - for new babies to school age - is open term time from 10am till 11.30am, £1.50 a session.

Please come along and join in our service with music and stories and enjoy a coffee while your child has fun and makes friends.

A capacity congregation for Remembrance Sunday

11 November 1918 - 2018

A capacity congregation attended the village Remembrance Service this year and extra chairs had to be provided from the Church Hall. The service was conducted by the Reverend Stephen Northfield. Hatfield Peverel Scouts and Guides Groups provided prayers by the Rainbows and readings by the more senior members. Henry Louis read out the poem In Flanders Fields by John McCrae, which complimented the occasion

Hatfield Peverel Royal British Legion Chairman, Derrick Louis introduced three members of the village, each of whom depicted their family members involvement in the First World War.



One hundred years of Remembrance. Nicky's older childminding children with their tribute. See report page 17

At the end of the Service, Howard Southgate, organist, and Mattias Archer, flute, played a number of well-known tunes from the past. Many of the congregation joined in the impromptu sing-along. It was good to see so many from the village, especially the younger generation at this Remembrance Service, wearing their poppies, and paying their respects.

The Church collection for the village Poppy Appeal totalled £378.13p, the most ever been raised. A big thank you to everyone who contributed.



Many thanks to all who made this a unique and special Remembrance Service. Peter Archer



A field of poppies painted by Grace, Ivy, Anna and Roman from Hatfield Peverel Nursery

Operation Christmas Child

Saturday 3 November a merry band of helpers sorted our gifts and packed shoe boxes. Many hands make light work and in a short time we had packed and stacked at total of 52 boxes. The following morning, outside our door, we found a bag of gifts: with extras and items left in church I put together another 6 boxes. When the Shoebox Service was about to commence two boxes magically appeared to bring our total to 60!

Junior School children came on 7 November and added their boxes. The service was a happy time with songs, prayers, a short video about distribution of boxes in Iraq and a talk. Father Stephen blessed the boxes before they were handed to Sue Gowlett, representative of Samaritans Purse. She thanked the children and the church for their gifts and told of the great pleasure a box can bring. Older children then helped Sue load her car and send our gifts on their way to the final distribution to refugee camps and places of great need. A total of 135 boxes and £130 was donated. **A huge thank you to everyone who made this possible. It is such a special thing to give a gift to a child who has nothing to call their own and share God's love in this unique way.** A merry and blessed Christmas to you all. *Dorothy*



Light and dark, as depicted through the four seasons of our year - Summer, Spring, Autumn and Winter - beautifully illustrated above by Year 1 Infants Olivia and Tommy. Thank you both

An Incredible Journey **WEA**

The Autumn course, Musical Postcards - a journey through time and place, was a magical travelogue built around programme music - descriptive music, music which tells a story - woven by our tutor Professor Chris Green.

Our composers wrote pieces descriptive of places, scenes or events, current and before their time, in a variety of genres from popular light concert pieces you might have heard on a Sunday afternoon at a bandstand in the park – to opera, ballet, contemporary film scores and classical orchestral items, many influenced by jazz and folk idioms. We explored historical byways around composers lives and places experienced. Something for all musical tastes.

Wandering from Britain to the Channel Islands, across France to Spain, east to Italy with a diversion to the Austrian Alps. Music by composers of the 18th to 20th century from all over Europe who lived in these countries or visited them.

Which composers? Many well known - Elgar, Vaughan Williams, Debussy, Mendelssohn, Rodrigo, Rossini, Richard Strauss, Tchaikovsky, Richard Rodney Bennett, Ennio Moricone to name a few - but lesser known composers including a local girl Elizabeth Maconchy, who lived in Boreham.

An enjoyable, engaging course spiced up by Chris's (in jest) rude remarks about our village - I'm sure other venues get similar treatment!

Men, Money and Power

Our Spring course starts on **Tuesday 15 January 2019 10am** in the Scout and Guide HQ ,Church Road. Roger Mannion is our tutor. The fee £55.

The course will look at political and financial implications of railways to Nationalisation while reviewing the men intimately concerned with the growth of this pivotal change in Great Britain. The advent of rail transport brought about the biggest change in our lives during the 19th century. In its wake came standardisation time, holidays and a realisation by ordinary people that there really was a different life over the next hill. It also brought about financial skulduggery and power-hungry despots. Nothing changes!

Please ring Eric Windus for details 01245 380706



Once in a lifetime opportunity - Roverway European Jamboree

Kira Jarvis

Having applied and been selected to take part in Roverway 2018 I spent two weeks of the summer in the Netherlands with the European Scout and Guide movement. The UK contingent had two extra days at the start spent in Amsterdam, learning the history, taking part in scavenger hunts, activities at Nelson Mandela Park and free time. The actual jamboree started when 4500 participants first met up at The Hague where a day of activities, opening ceremony and sleeping on the beach without tents occurred.

The next day we set out in our paths of eight patrols of eight for five days of adventures around the Netherlands. Our path included cycling, hiking, history and sailing, spending a couple of days around the historical site of Arnhem where 'A Bridge Too Far' and 'Operation

Market Garden' occurred in WW2. After exploring the Netherlands, we came together at Scoutinglandgoed Zeeworlde for another 5 days of activities when we found the previous week had been the hottest ever recorded, temperature in the Netherlands at 38 degrees centigrade.

At Zeeworlde the main activities were based around the motto of 'Opposites Attract'. We learnt about world cultures, about our differences and came together as one in scouting and guiding. Other activities included canoeing, Rovergame and eating at the German, Polish and Swiss food houses. On the morning of the last day we had a closing ceremony and headed back home.



Since Roverway I have kept in contact with scouts from Lebanon, Poland, Portugal and Sweden. Some of the UK contingent then met up again at Gilwell Reunion in September to reflect on our adventure. I recommend if you get a chance like this take it, it's a once in a lifetime opportunity and you will not regret it!

Maldon Film Club

Maldon Town Hall

www.maldonfilmclub.info, or visit

Maldon Tourist Office, phone 01621 869340

The Club meets in Maldon Town Hall fortnightly on a Tuesday in 2018. In the New Year 2019 Wednesday will be film night

Tuesday 18 December Finding Your Feet and social evening

A light hearted, happy and uplifting film, with a star cast. An ideal precursor to Christmas!

Wednesday 9 January Jules et Jim

French. The story of three people in love, and how their relationship evolves with the years

Wednesday 23 January Three Billboards outside Ebbing, Missouri

English mutli-award winner. Darkly comic crime drama starring Frances McDorman and Woody Harrelson

Wednesday 6 February Faces Places

French documentary. Agnes Varda teams up with artist JR on a tour of the French countryside

News from St Andrews

Once more the Christmas season is upon us. Purists would say we should only be thinking about it after Advent Sunday, when the Church year begins. In practice, many things have to be organized before Advent, not least the Samaritan's Purse initiative. Although we don't have to decorate shoe boxes these days, the gifts need to be gathered well before. (see a shoe box report from Dorothy on page 9). You could say Christmas began in September! Although I don't know specifically where the boxes are going to end up, I do know that the focus this year is on refugee children.



On a more reflective note we had a very packed church for Remembrance Sunday - a service of Remembrance and Dedication - at 3pm, and extra seats had to be moved from the Church Hall into the church. This year was, of course, a special year, being the 100th anniversary of the Armistice that ended the First World War. Cllr Derrick Louis gave the address in which he outlined in simple terms how it started. Next year we will transfer this service to 10.30am, to join in with the rest of the nation in keeping the silence at 11am. (We did observe the 11am silence at St Andrews at our All-Age service). At All Saints: Ulting, which has a very distinctive First World War memorial, 60 people came to remember the war dead from Ulting.

With this review you have a Christmas card itemising services to be held over the Christmas period. Below is a quick resume of various events in December and January.

Principle services during December

- 9 December 10.15am - 12.30pm** Messy Advent for young and young-at-heart. See posters. Light lunch
16 December 6.30pm St Andrews 'Nine Lessons and Carols'
24 December St Andrews 9am 'The Greatest Gift', **4.30pm** 'Light of the World', (see card)
Midnight Mass at St Andrews Holy Communion with Carols
25 December 10.15pm St Andrews Family Carol Service with Holy Communion
Other services to be found in St Andrews and All Saints Parish Magazine and the Christmas card.

New Year 2019

Saturday 5 January 10am Coffee morning at St Andrews Church Hall.

Never take our countryside for granted

News from All Saints Church, Ulting

The location of All Saints Church, set beside the river and surrounded by fields, is a constant reminder of the importance of never taking our countryside for granted. It makes the annual Harvest Thanksgiving Service a significant part of the Church Calendar. This year it took place on a warm and sunny October afternoon: the Church was filled with harvest displays put together by an enthusiastic team. John Clemo is a Methodist speaker who lives around the corner from the Church, and he came along as a guest speaker. He spoke of Ulting as it was in the 1950s and early 1960s with fields full of fruit trees and fruit bushes. John went on to use harvest decorations in the Church as props for his talk and involved members of the congregation. The Harvest Thanksgiving Service is an opportunity to appreciate the food we have and to remember those who are in need; afterwards donations of food which had decorated the Church were taken to the local food bank.



A silhouette of a lone soldier was set up beside the Church, overlooking the riverbank, for the weeks leading up to Armistice Day. Each of the small crosses set around 'Tommy' - as he was affectionately christened - showed the name of one of the men on the All Saints War Memorial and they, and all those



who have died during conflict, were remembered at the Remembering Armistice Service on 11 November. After the Service the congregation walked to the War Memorial where a wreath of poppies was laid. The names of the Ulting men were read out, followed by personal information about each of them which provided a focus for the individual tragedies involved. The Last Post and two-minute silence were followed by a walk back to the Church for hot soup and sandwiches.

Mike Holding came to the Service on 18 November and spoke about his role as Mayor Deputy to the Cinque Ports in Brightlingsea. He explained the Cinque Ports were the five most important Channel ports in Kent and Sussex in the 12th Century and were called upon to provide ships and men for military and trading purposes, a forerunner to the British Navy. There were later additional ports, or “limbs”, and Brightlingsea was the only port in Essex to be added as it was on the other side of the Colne estuary to Sandwich, an important position at the time. Mike said his role now involves fund-raising and ceremonial occasions. He and his wife, Christine, stayed for refreshments after the Service.

Christmas celebrations at All Saints begin on **Sunday 9 December at 4pm with the Carols by Candlelight Service**. Everyone is welcome to join in singing carols and to listen to the story of Christmas as told in the New Testament and through poems, with Christmas songs from the Hadfelda Singers. There will be no 9am Service on that day. Light refreshments will be served after the Service.

A full Service with **Holy Communion and hymns will take place on Sunday 16 December at 9am**. On **Christmas Day there will be a Christmas Service with carols and Holy Communion to welcome this special morning on Tuesday 25 December at 9am**. To see out the old year of 2018 there will be a full **Service on Sunday 30 December at 9am** with Holy Communion and hymns.

Services in the New Year commence on **Sunday 6 January 2019 at 9am** with a full Service, Holy Communion and hymns. **On Sunday 13 January at 9am there will be a Morning Prayer Service** and afterwards an opportunity for private prayer and optional quiet time in the Church until 10am. **A full Service with Holy Communion and hymns will take place on Sunday 20 January at 9am**. If you are attending these Services and would like a special carol or hymn, contact organist Barbara Mason 01621 927066.

Prayers and blessings Revd Derek

Call the midwife

Mothers Union Jean Ashby

In October our member Belinda enthralled us with the account of her years training to be a State Registered Nurse and her career in the NHS. Her life changed in 1958 when she walked into the Ipswich & East Suffolk hospital to begin her training; she was 18. After 3 months in Preliminary Training School (PTS) she learned/practised basic nursing care before being ‘let loose’ on the wards. Student nurses learnt how to bandage every part of the body, and practised on each other before getting near patients. Exams passed at the end of 3 and a half years and your lilac uniform became the pale blue of a Staff Nurse.



Belinda worked on different wards, including the operating theatre, and after 6 months on the women’s surgical, embarked on midwifery training and spent 6 months shadowing a midwife on home visits on a bicycle - she delivered 29 babies, all born at home, the norm at that time. One of the happiest times of her career was in ophthalmics where most work was removing cataracts under local anaesthetic. Patients spent a week on bed rest sedated to discourage movement, and following a serious operation, they sometimes recovered in a Convalescent home.

Belinda retired from nursing in 2007 after 47 years of service, finishing in DHS direct.

Talk on Handel's librettist 6 November 2018

Father Stephen gave an interesting talk, with musical interludes, about Charles Jennens (1700 - 1773), a Librettist for his friend Handel. Men who added words to a great composer's music are rarely acknowledged by historians - not surprising we had never heard of him. He was a landowner, patron of the arts, a graduate of Balliol College Oxford with a knowledge of scriptures but precluded from holding public office as he was a Non Juror - faithful to the deposed Royal Stewart line and could not swear allegiance to the new Hanoverian dynasty.

His association with Handel began in the 1730s. Handel was persuaded to write an opera in English - his operatic successes were not consistent - and in 1735 Charles Jennens devised a libretto on the subject of Saul. Handel suffered a stroke and did not set it until 1738. Other major works for which Jennens contributed the libretti to included 'Israel in Egypt', two of Milton's poems which he cleverly wove together and 'The Messiah'. His last libretto for Handel was 'Belshazzar', some say his greatest work. He wrote no more for Handel but remained friends until Handel's death in 1759. Jennens died in 1773.

Methodist Church

We are better together – our new Community venture at the Scout and Guides Headquarters

Our Sunday Community Church events are proving popular with people who are enjoying the relaxed café style set-up. We catch up with one another over coffee before starting our service. Music has been provided by Eddie or Esther on guitar and we join together to sing some modern hymns. Our speakers have used Bible readings, illustrated with excerpts from films, and cartoons to reflect how the messages in the Bible still have relevance today. So far we have covered such subjects as depression, sharing, and caring for others with the personal experiences of those taking part and the overriding message that God knows us and wants the best for each one of us.



We finish with more coffee and food and the opportunity to chat. Services start around 9.15am and finish about 10am dependent on when the coffee pot empties. Children are very welcome, there are always toys. Do come and check us out, we would love to see more village people attending to make it a lively Community Church.

Operation Christmas Child

We have collected over 28 shoe boxes filled with clothing, toys, sweets to be sent to poorer European and African countries, for children who would not otherwise receive a present at Christmas. A big thank you to all that have contributed this year. Our boxes will be tracked and their destination advised in the New Year.

Special Services

Sunday 23 December 9.15am

Christmas Celebration at Scout and Guide HQ followed by refreshments

Sunday 30 December 9.15am

New Year Service at Scout and Guide HQ

10.15am Joint service at St Andrews

Regular events

Every Sunday 9.15am

New Reality Church at the Scout and Guides Headquarters

Every Thursday 10am –12 noon

Open Door - come for tea/coffee and friendly chat at our Church in the Street

2nd Saturday in month 10 -12

Coffee morning and cake stall at our Church in the Street

3rd Monday in month 7.30-9pm

House group Bible study

Promised poems

High class, low class, mis-understood...

Talking Turkeys

By Benjamin Zephaniah

*Be nice to yu turkeys dis christmas, Cos turkeys just
wanna have fun Turkeys are cool, turkeys are wicked
An every turkey has a Mum...*

This is a favourite poem around Christmas, and
with sad-faced turkeys looking at you from every
barn and cooking supplement, I feel a bit of hope
when I get to the last verse of this delightful saga

*Be nice to yu turkey dis christmas Invite dem indoors
fe sum greens Let dem eat cake an let dem partake In
a plate of organic grown beans, Be nice to yu turkey
dis christmas An spare dem de cut of de knife, Join
Turkeys United an dey'll be delighted An yu will mek
new friends 'FOR LIFE'*

Thank you Benjamin for a much-needed laugh!

The Computer Swallowed Grandma

*The computer swallowed Grandma
Yes, honestly it's true!
She pressed 'control' and 'enter'
And disappeared from view.*

*It devoured her completely,
The thought just makes me squirm.
She must have caught a virus
Or been eaten by a worm.*

*I've searched through the recycle bin
And files of every kind;
I've even used the Internet
But nothing did I find.*

*In desperation, I asked Jeeves
My searches to refine.
The reply from him was negative,
Not a thing was found 'online'.*

*So, if inside your 'Inbox',
My Grandma you should see,
Please scan, copy and paste her
In an email back to me.*

Valerie Waite

**Why, oh why did I ever
agree to going along with
her crazy idea of this page
of poems! K**

Out in the fields

*The little cares that fretted me,
I lost them yesterday
Among the fields above the seas,
Among the winds at play;
Among the lowing of the herds,
The rustling of the trees,
Among the singing of the birds
The humming of the bees.*

*The foolish fears of what might happen,
I cast them all away
Among the clover-scented grass,
Among the new-mown hay,
Among the husking of the corn,
Where drowsy poppies no
Where ill thoughts die and good are born,
Out in the fields with God.*

Elizabeth Barrett Browning

The Loch Ness Monster's song

From 'Poems on the Underground'

*Sssnnnwhufffffl?
Hnwhuffl hhnwfl hnfl hil?
Gdroblboblhobngbl gbl gl g g gglbgl
Drublhafblhftubhafgabhafhlfl fl -
gm grawwww grf grawf awfgm graw gm.
Hovoplodok-doplodovok-pkovodokot-doplo-
dokosh?
Splgraw fok fok splgrafhatchgabbrigabrl fok
splfok!
Zgra kra gka fok!
Grof grawff gaht
Gombl mbl bl -
blm plm.
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blm plm.
blp*

Leisure

*What is this life if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare?—
No time to stand beneath the boughs,
And stare as long as sheep and cows:
No time to see, when woods we pass,
Where squirrels hide their nuts in grass:
No time to see, in broad daylight,
Streams full of stars, like skies at night:
No time to turn at Beauty's glance,
And watch her feet, how they can dance:
o time to wait till her mouth can
Enrich that smile her eyes began?
A poor life this if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.*

Proposed closure of Hatfield Peverel Library

Below a letter from one of our readers, a regular library user. It has been sent to local councillors and our MP Priti Patel (contact details supplied).

Essex County Council plans to close our library in Hatfield Peverel. This is a great blow to the village and another step to becoming just a collection of houses rather than a thriving community.

The library is so much more than just a place to borrow books. It is a social hub for the community. New mums (or dads) go along weekly to the baby rhyme times and get the chance to meet other parents as well as introducing their children to the fun of books. There are also reading schemes for toddlers introducing them to the lots of lovely books they can borrow. For school children there is an annual reading scheme over the long summer holidays which is encouraged by schools as it helps keep up their reading skills during the break but also is loved by children who learn the pleasure of reading.

As for adults, the library provides so many facilities. Apart from the books people go in to use the computers, to read the newspapers and reference publications like Which and local council reports. There are also a wide variety of social groups from books groups to craft groups and even an ancestry group.

The library is also a safe friendly place for people who live alone to drop in regularly to use the services and chat with the staff. Although many things are now available online it is not the same as going out and having contact with people. We are in danger of becoming a very lonely isolated society as more shops and facilities close down.

*A 12 week consultation period started on 29th November. (*see editorial comment next column) On 19th December in our own library from 10.45 until 12 noon you will be able to find out more details. Please stand up for our library. If you are not a regular library user please think of the wider implications for our community.*

Editorial comment

Our County Council, as many others, has suffered significant cuts in central government funding and has to find savings wherever possible whilst trying to avoid impacting on its core responsibilities. A library service is a statutory requirement, and ECC is clearly attempting to do so but in a reduced form.

The 25 libraries threatened with closure are not used enough to warrant retention: ours is one of that 25. Your editors are guilty, as many villagers, of not making sufficient use of it. **Residents will now be asked for their say in a major consultation on the plans, which launched on 29 November and lasts until 20 February 2019.**

You can find more information about the proposals and complete the associated survey at www.essex.gov.uk/libraries-consultation/ It can be done as an individual or on behalf of an organisation. If you need help in completing it, would like it in large print, or a printed copy of the EasyRead versions, please ask at your local library or call 0345 603 7639.

Drop-in sessions at local libraries provide these opportunities. Our library's session is on Wednesday 19 December 10.45 until 12 noon.

John Abercrombie's Gardener's Journal, 1848

This twenty-ninth edition is very scruffy, the front cover loose and delicate sketches of watering cans, pots and plants fill the inside sheets, now grey, torn and grubby. The last sheet has the name KL Unwin in pencil across the page, which also has delicate drawings, this time of sea gulls.

The book is well used, pages thumbed, but the print so small I wonder how anyone managed to read it that long ago with dim light from paraffin lamps. Each month, as well as what to plant, how and where, there is a section on hot-house and stove. I turn to December: this is not month to rest and take stock in front of a warm fire, this is the time to get out, tend your mushroom beds, force strawberries in pots and keep an eye on the hot-house and guano and proceed with the destruction of insects. No Round-Up in those days.

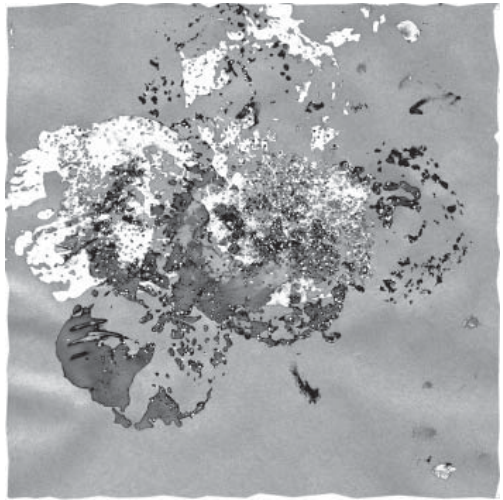
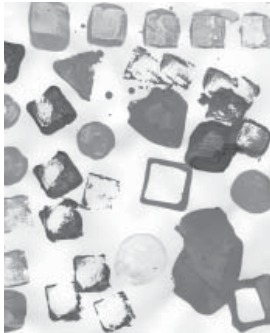
Celebrating firework night and Diwali - and Christmas to come

Hatfield Peverel Nursery

We have had lots of new experiences again this term. We celebrated Firework Night and Diwali. We painted firework pictures decorating them with lots of glitter. We celebrated Diwali by making Rangoli patterns and eating Indian food for snack.

Our Grandparents came in to play at the beginning of November. They had great fun with us.

We are preparing for Christmas. We are making Christmas cards and decorations and the children are practising their Christmas songs to sing to their parents. The nursery has had an **OUTSTANDING** year and we would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas.



The nursery is managed by Belinda Wakelin who has a BA Degree in Early Years and holds Early Years Professional Status, with a well qualified staff team. As well as the nursery we run sessions before and after school for children up to the age of 8 years old. For availability of spaces please telephone 01245 382450. Thank you

Library happenings

Catherine Etheridge <cathy1etheridge@aol.com

We still have a library at the moment for these activities, long may they continue, see page 16

Craft Group

We are still a small group and would love more members. Whether you knit, crochet, cross stitch, embroider, do patchwork and quilting or overdrafts why not make a new years resolution to come to the library on Thursday afternoons from 14.00hrs onward. Have a chat, a coffee and swap great crafting. We look forward to welcoming you - you don't have to be an expert.

Family History Group

Our first meeting in October was a very successful morning, several people had discoveries about their families. Come along on the third Wednesday of the month from 10am onwards and see what you can find. You will be made very welcome. If you are not sure where to start others are on hand



to help. Beware, it can become addictive!

Scrabble Group

A very disappointing response, just two people. Do come and give it a try. We are not aiming for the National Championships, just a pleasant afternoon in the company of a few like minded people.

Library opening times

Tuesday, Thursday 1 - 5pm
Wednesday, Saturday 9am - 1pm
Enquiries 0345 6037628

Children in Need

A fun day with a serious purpose: to raise funds for Children in Need. Our three schools, and their teachers, some wearing pyjamas with bedtime hair, others in clothes of their choice, together raised £670. Congratulations to you all. This year the donations to the programme reached £50.6m: since starting in 1980 Children in Need has raised over £1bn.



Fireworks at the Cricket Club!

Chairman Paul Thorogood 07793 125 951

Massive support for Guy Fawkes function

Once again we at HPCC are very grateful for the massive support given by the community in general at our recent Guy Fawkes celebration. Blessed with fair weather, large numbers attended on the evening to watch the show whilst, we hope, enjoying the food and drink on offer.



The vast number caught us by surprise. Apologies if you could not get your favourite tipples at the bar, or if you were a neighbour inundated with cars parked outside your house for an hour or so. With the help of fireworks donated earlier in the day, we trust we provided a suitable display.

As ever, there are many people to thank for their efforts, both inside and outside the club, who helped to make it a great success. Special mention to Rob and Kim at The Wheatsheaf, Max Castledine at Queens Head, Paul Mason and Graham Davies all of whom sponsored in various ways.

Please contact us if you're interested in playing, becoming a social member or perhaps hiring the ground/clubhouse for private functions

We hope to see you sometime in 2019. Please winter well and have a good Christmas.

Winter season under way

Rita Thomson, Bowls Captain 01245 380038

The Tuesday League has started with 28 bowlers taking part for 18 weeks. Teams of three players - always a good competition. Mid Essex League has also started and we have won two games and lost one. We have won all our friendlies - Wickford, Canvey Island, Heron Park and Island.



The September line dance and social was well attended and enjoyed by everyone - another one in the spring.

We held a special day on 19 November in memory of three bowlers who played at the club for many years - Maurice Ball, Ron Jarvis

and Chrissie Harris: they passed away within two months of each other. The all-day competition for the Memorial Shield was won by George Blackburn, Ann Holliday, Steve Spooner and Derek Wallis.

We have several new members coming along well, enjoying the challenge. We have a busy time ahead with several competitions in December as well as our Christmas party (a great time will be had by all!) On behalf of everyone at Hatfield Peverel Bowling Club, have a good Christmas and

Please note that from January 2019 Hadfelda WI will meet at 2pm in St Andrews Church Hall. The first meeting is on 23 January and then the 4th Wednesday every month

Welcome visitors and gentlemen! Hadfelda WI - Marel Elliston

We were delighted to welcome visitors to our October meeting, including a couple of gentlemen. The speaker was Karl Lumbers who gave an interesting talk about 'The History of Trinity House'. I think most of us were surprised to learn the organisation has been around for 500 years and started life when Henry VIII was on the throne. Over decades it has altered dramatically. One major change, lighthouses are automatic and no longer manned.



Theresa gave a report on the County meeting at Thurrock. It sounded a bit like the curate's egg, good in parts! The lady singer in the afternoon was excellent and we hope to book her for one of our future meetings. Everyone enjoyed the Harvest supper in September, and this could become an annual event.

November is our Christmas celebration as we do not meet in December. The speaker is Ian Davidson, his subject 'Christmas Fun', very appropriate!

Please remember next year we change our meeting times from evening to afternoon. We still meet in St Andrews Church Hall, but the time is 2 - 4pm. Come and give us a try, you might like us!

Wishing our members a very Happy Christmas.

Exciting news - Girlguiding has a new programme for all sections

Hatfield Peverel Guiding Group

Our 'voluntary' Leaders continue to be busy preparing activities/resources for the new programme. There are lots of exciting resources - anniversary badges, badge books, skills builder and unit meeting activities that will help us continue an extremely varied programme.

Remembrance Day - all units attended Remembrance Parade and will be entertaining family and parishioners at the Candlelight Carol Service held at the Methodist Church before Christmas.

Rainbows made poppies for the Remembrance Parade and learnt about Remembrance Day. We took part in Children in Need and decorated moveable Pudseys. We will be doing Christmas craft - reindeers, pots, jigsaw piece cards and truffles! We are practising for our Christmas entertainment at this years Candlelight Carol Service.

We are preparing for the new programme in January as we have had plans in place from September until Christmas. We have made flapjacks, iced fairy cakes, potted daffodil bulbs and decorated the pots. We have written a code of conduct for Rainbows to remind ourselves of our promise, and made pretty promise mobiles. We had a 'Spooky' party for Halloween, dressed up in Spooky costumes, enjoyed food and made Spooky craft.

We had a sleepover during half term on a Mary Poppins theme - bird food for tuppence a bag - and made our own bird feeders using cheerios! We did chalk pictures dressed up as cowgirls and had a visit from Little Riders and a great afternoon on mechanical ponies.

Brownies have started working on the new Girlguiding programme and have put up a tent, made edible campfires and talked about fire safety. We have had a peer educator deliver a Think Resilience session and thanks to a Brownie mum who led a fitness session. We are now working on a show for parents, grandparents to watch before Christmas.

Guides have completed their Traditions of Guiding badge - a challenge to bring old fashioned crafts and activities into the girls repertoire and keep it alive in the 21st Century – fun for us oldies! We have had a go at tie dying and cooking various flavours of scones. After half term we had a fingerprint workshop courtesy of The Detective Project. A fun evening with a bit of role play and thoughts about what's left behind at a crime scene to help the police solve a crime.

We have created displays which are now in the Library. Please go along and see the creative minds of our girls and their hard work.- Library opening times on inside back page. We will finish the term with an exciting night out at Team Kinetix in Witham where they teach parkour, freerunning and acrobatics.

Congratulations to one of our girls for her success in being accredited with a Jack Petchey Award. The foundation was founded by Sir Jack Petchey CBE in 1999 to recognise positive contributions young people make to society. The award was given for the work she has done for The Little Edi Foundation. Well done EW.



Above: Rainbows line up for the Remembrance day parade. Below dressed up for a 'spooky' evening



Walkers take heart, a lovely day

Hatfield Peverel Walkers - Graham Bushby
380472

October - eight of us (and one new lady) walked today with the weather being very kind. We went via the Scout HQ down to the river and all the way along to Bumfords Lane. Thence towards Hoe Mill but turned left to the fishing lakes before reaching the lock. We turned right before we got the lakes and made our way up to come out at Letches corner, returning to HP via the footpath which comes out opposite the small playing field and then the graveyard.

Only complaint - the walk lacked the now customary coffee stop (pity they don't have a café at Hoe Mill!). *Thank you to Lesley and Dave for this report.*

Paper Mill Lock café - and why not?

Chris Johnson

We met at 10am on the 29 November at the village hall car park. For once, there was no prearranged walk. After a short discussion we agreed a circular walk to Paper Mill lock – the prospect of coffee and cake at the café there playing no small part in the decision. The group proceeded across the recreation ground, River Chelmer. The footbridge was used to cross over to the other bank of the river from where we headed on the Paper Mill lock.



Following refreshments of tea, coffee, cake and teacake we turned left over the road bridge and over the fields to Church Road and back to the Village Hall car park.

We are looking forward to our annual lunch at The Wheatsheaf on Thursday 20 December, 12.30 start. (more food!)

Details of the annual New Year's Day walk can be found on page 7. The walkers usually meet on the last Thursday of the month in the Village Hall car park. For more information please give Graham Bushby a ring on 01245 380472.

Sandon Park & Ride

- Christmas and New Year period

There will be a Park and Ride service from Sandon on Sunday 9 and 16 December. The first bus leaves at 9.30am, then at 15 minute intervals until around 5.00pm. After the P&R finishes you can use services 31 and 36 at no extra cost.

Christmas and New Year period service:-

Monday 24 Thursday 27, Friday 28, Saturday 29, Monday 31 December - Saturday level of service.

Christmas day, Boxing Day and 30 December and New Year's Day - no service.

Wednesday 2 January - normal service resumes.

Essex County Council information at:

www.essexhighways.org/Transport-and-Roads/Getting-Around/Bus/Park-and-Ride/Sandon-Park-and-Ride.aspx

We found some difficulty in interpreting the Sunday service information, so use with some caution.



Everything touches, life interweaves Starlight and wood-smoke, ashes and leaves Birdsong and thunder; acid and rain Everything touches, unbroken chain Rainstorm and rainbow, warrior and priest Stingray and dolphin, beauty and beast Heartbeat and high tide, ebb tide and flow The universe in a crystal of snow Snowdrop and death-cap, hangman and clown Walls that divide come tumbling down Seen through the night, the glimmer of day Life is but darkness worn away Blackness and whiteness, sunset and dawn Those gone before, yet to be born Past and future, distance and time Atom to atom, water to wine Look all around and what do you see? Everything touches, you're touching me Look all around and what do you see? Everything touches, you're touching me. Everything Touches

Roger Mcough

The Enterprise - how did it all begin?

On a cold winter's day in 1974, huddled round our fire, there was a knock on the door. Bob Mountford, then vice chairman of the Parish Council, had a proposition to make - to me not Ken - would I consider editing the newly formed Hatfield Peverel Review. Ken and I knew Bob from our Marconi days, Ken as an engineer, me as an assistant on the Marconi house magazine, a job I loved but had retired from when the children came along. I said yes!

In 1974 Martin Voysey was chairman of the Parish Council: he had started up the Village Guide the previous year 'The guide is intended to help you obtain all the information you might need to know about your village in handy form', he said, continuing 'we have a more ambitious plan - to produce a village newsletter - quarterly or more frequently. Many village organisations have difficulty in publishing their activities, and we hope the Guide and Newsletter will improve this situation' I think he would be pleased and proud to think his 'baby' is alive and well today.

The first Review was published in January 1974, to come out every two months, and free. Three editions later I became editor. Exciting times - no computers and many people sent in contributions typed or handwritten. Order of the day, ring everyone on the list who might have something to go in. Type it on A4 paper and once collected, arrange a meeting with Martin and his cohorts for them to read, correct, improve. Eric Windus was Parish Clerk in those days and he will confirm that Martin loved to talk: a meeting that started at 7pm could go on until the late hours. One evening there was a loud explosion from the kitchen.

Catherine, Martin's wife, came in to say her elderflower champagne had blown up over the copy. All dried out by the following morning.

The Review continued to grow: Ken joined me when we went digital in 1996 and we became a team - said she! Not my scene but he is a wiz with computers (the excellent photographs and graphics are just one of his sidelines - the other is correcting my faults and writing the more in-depth articles). In those early days, from getting the copy and receiving the finished article could take three weeks. Now it can be two or three days. That's technology for you. In 1974 we had eight pages: now the usual is 20, increasing to 24 at Christmas.

It has been a wonderful 45 years - thank you everyone for your support. *This isn't a good bye chaps unless you would like to have a go?. Ken and Jackie*



Above, Ken and Jackie Earney, editors, with Marel and Ron Elliston, distribution. Below our wonderful printers - Steve Willis, Eddie Joseph and John Foote



Village hall festivities

Facebook: Hatfield Peverel village hall

Yearly membership £5

Opening times

Monday to Saturday 7 - 11pm

Sunday 12 noon - 4.30pm

Special times over Christmas

Christmas Day 2 - 4pm

Boxing Day closed all day

Come to the village hall over the festive season, enjoy a warm welcome and a celebratory drink - children welcome.

Christmas draw tickets (lots of prizes) on sale from the bar. Drawn **Saturday 22 December during the disco**

Special dates

Sunday 9 December Lights on the Christmas tree from 3.30pm onwards, followed by carols, mulled wine, mince pies. See Father Christmas!

Saturday 22 December Disco/Christmas draw

Monday 24 December Christmas party £15 ticket in aid of White Elms. Tickets available from bar

Christmas Day open 2 - 4pm

New Year's eve Disco 7pm - 1am. Come and celebrate, members free, guests £5

Wednesday 5 January 2019

Bingo will be in aid of Alzheimers Society

Regular activities will continue in January as normal

Booking for hall/meeting rooms

HPCA bookings@mail.com

Village hall 07541 516243

Village hall (after 7pm) 01245 381481

Don't bin them – recycle them

Unwanted bikes can find a new life in Africa - contact the charity Re-cycle at their Colchester depot on 01206 617865 or via www.re-cycle.org

Unwanted tools are refurbished and sent across the world by the charity 'Tools with a Mission'. Several local collectors. Phone Ipswich HQ for further information - 01473 210220 or search via website www.twam.uk

Marathon runner 2019

First time marathon runner Beccy Walsh would like our help. She writes:

My name is Beccy and I am a resident of Hatfield Peverel. I have toyed with running over the last 3 years but have now decided to take on the immense challenge of running the London Marathon 2019.



To make my pain and training worthwhile I am running for MACS, a charity supporting children born with no eyes or underdeveloped eyes. I very much need as much help as I can to raise money for this wonderful charity

Please if you can I would appreciate a kind donation via the link to my fund-raising page. Thank you in advance. <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/REBECCAWALSH8>

Festive dinner for lunch club members

Belinda Hull, 01376 512540

Celebrations on Tuesday 11 December for St Andrews lunch club members and friends who will sit down to a three course meal (with all trimmings), and enjoy party games and carols with Hadfelda ladies choir. **No soup and sandwiches in December.**



Lunch Club meets in the Church Hall at mid-day on the second Tuesday of the month. Tea/coffee before lunch at 12.30pm. Cost £4, transport can be arranged.

Soup and sandwiches is served on the fourth Tuesday of the month between 12am and 2pm. Cost £2.50 including tea/coffee. Bring your friends and neighbours.

Home visitors

A small group of visitors who take chat and friendship to anyone living on their own or recently bereaved.

Useful telephone numbers

Please contact the editors for additions/errors.

Age UK Essex 01245 346106

Anglian Water, 24 hours 0800 919 155

Braintree District Council 01376 552525

Clean Team ring number above and ask for

Customer Services

Witham Area Office in Witham Library

- for walk-in enquiries only

Churches

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

Methodist Church, minister 01621 853423

Catholic Church, Witham, priest 01376 512219

Citizens Advice Bureau Witham 0344 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

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 In 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); 01245 362000

St Peters, Maldon 01621 725323

Libraries (enquiry line) 0345 6037628

Hatfield Peverel

Tuesday, Thursday 1 - 5pm

Wednesday, Saturday 9am - 1pm

Witham - use enquiry line above

Police Non-emergency calls 101

Use 101 also for the local officer

Emergency calls 999

Police Stations, Braintree, Chelmsford

Opening hours, Monday - Saturday, 12.00 to 6pm

Post Office 01245 382787

Railway Information

Greater Anglia 03456 007245

National Rail Enquiries (24 hrs) 03457 484950

Registrar of Births, Marriages & Deaths

Witham, by appointment only 03456 037632

Braintree, by appointment only 03456 037632

The Change Project 01245 258680

08453 727701

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

Tiger Tots Toddler Group 07886 021048

Charlotte Greaves 07527 763038

Social Services 0345 6037630

Community Agent for Hatfield Peverel

Jan Hawkins 07540 720605

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

Community Events (CE)

Employment (Emp),

Finance/General purposes (FG),

Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP),

Planning (P), Traffic (T)

Village Environment (E)

To be notified (TBN)

Councillors (and their working parties)

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Welcome to the residents of Fitch Close

Mid November and a celebration to unveil the new 25-home development off Remembrance Avenue named Joyce Fitch Close in memory of a much-loved teacher at the local primary school.

Amongst cheers ten year old Jasmine Hiom (holding white sheet), unveiled the new road sign acknowledged by Councillors and bosses from Braintree Council, Hatfield Peverel Parish Council, members of Greenfields Community Housing, relatives, residents and fellow pupils.

Jasmine came out top in the competition for nine and ten year-olds from St Andrews Junior School to name the new road. She said she felt it was right to name the area after Mrs Fitch because she 'became part of the school community for over half her life'.

This new 25-home development has replaced 16 properties dating back to the 1950s, built as a quick and cheap type of temporary housing. They are a mixture of affordable rent and shared ownership. Visitors had a chance to look round the site and visit the two types of housing. They were impressed with the attractive layout, and spacious use of the grounds. Single ownership is allocated one car space, shared occupancy two spaces. And there is parking for visitors.

Emma Palmer, Greenfields' new Chief Executive, was at the unveiling. She said: 'Building new homes and creating communities is very important to Greenfields, and it's fantastic to see residents settling into their new neighbourhood. Special thanks to Orwell, who managed the project, and to local residents for their patience whilst the work has been completed'

We welcome you all to our village and wish you a happy Christmas in your new homes. We have heard that a number of you have returned to the new build site and that one was a resident in 1953 when the first houses were built!