

*Hatfield Peverel*

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## **If you don't read anything else in this Review, please take time to look at the centre spread**

**H**atfield Peverel - and the whole of our country as we know it - is changing fast. In this issue, on pages 10 and 11, we look at the options put forward for the recently announced widening of the A12 into three lanes between Boreham and Marks Tey. This will have a great impact on our village entailing a fair amount of disruption over a considerable period whilst construction is in progress, and we need to make the powers that be know how we feel about the changes. We live here and as far as traffic goes, we have a fair idea of what works and doesn't work. The Maldon Road junction with The Street doesn't work. **Have a careful look at the options proposed, then think about whether there are other options not on offer - a bypass for instance? Make sure you get your input to the consultation.**

While these plans have to be discussed and formulated - work is due to start in 2020 - more urgent is the planning situation regarding housebuilding. NDP's progress report, and the proposed 140 houses on Stonepath Meadow, is likely to be discussed at the planning meeting on 28th February at Causeway House, Braintree. On page 11 are contact details for objections which we urge you to make. The application for 120 dwellings to the north east of Gleneagles Way can be seen under the Parish Clerk's report on page 6. Get your objections in to these planning applications and come and support the village at the meetings.

### **Demolition at former Aria Dairy**

**Hughes & Salvidge Ltd**

**Mike Dean Contracts Manager**

**I**am writing to inform you that Hughes & Salvidge has been awarded the demolition works at the former Dairy site.

Works were due to commence on 23rd January 2017 up until approx. end July 2017. Normal working hours will be Monday to Friday: 08:00-18:00. The site will close on Bank Holidays

Our Site Manager is Chris Barber. He can be contacted at any time on 07584 423 065. We will endeavour to keep any disruption to a minimum and apologise in advance for any inconvenience these works may cause. With the exception of full-time security, no one should be on site outside the above hours. We would be grateful if you do hear or see anything suspicious, either let us know or call the police please. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

### **June Review - advance notice**

Would all contributors and readers please note that we will be taking a lengthy break in May and June, which will mean that the June edition is likely to be very slim and very late.

### **Public Footpath upkeep**

**Ken Earney**

**Parish Paths Partnership (P3)**

**Hatfield Peverel**

**I**t's becoming increasingly apparent that if we want to deal with footpath maintenance and upkeep issues in the future in the village we can no longer rely solely on the work carried out by the parish's handyman, ECC contractors or support from outside provided by the likes of Friends of the Flitch Way. (The parish handyman's costs are recovered annually from ECC Public Rights of Way.) We are going to have to attend to some of these things ourselves. A small working group of volunteers turning out on a reasonably regular basis as required could deal with many of the necessary tasks - path surface strimming, cutting back encroaching side vegetation, installing or re-erecting waymarker posts or other path furniture issues.

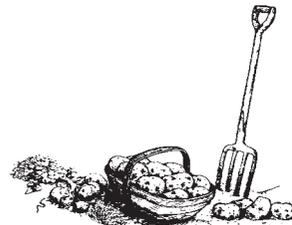
If we can convene a small group of volunteers, 4 to 6 people, I can arrange for an ECC PROW officer to visit us and outline what is possible and what equipment support ECC can provide.

Do we have any takers? Please contact me on 381235, or email [keneaney@hotmail.com](mailto:keneaney@hotmail.com) if you feel you can assist.

## Happenings on both allotment sites - and not all good

Allotment and growing news by Sean Pettit HPAA Chairman [www.hpaa.org.uk](http://www.hpaa.org.uk)

Although winter is our typically quiet time, a lot has been happening, some of which to be honest, has not been welcome, and happily some that is exciting for members of the HPAA! Not so pleasant is the significant number of break-ins on the new site. Over the last few months members have had to endure break-ins and vandalism to their sheds and contents. Fortunately, not much was taken as members keep little of value on the allotment at this time of year. But damage to their sheds was dreadful, and considering nothing much was taken, it makes this even more frustrating. In an attempt to minimise access and resolve the issue, we have completely fenced off the site at considerable cost to the HPAA. I would like to mention that no funding was asked for nor given by the Parish Council.



Happily, our more exciting news is that Travis Perkins donated a shed to us which we are renovating. When finished, it will offer members an on site store and meeting place. We will wood clad the sides and paint the shed a nice green colour - the yellow frame work will be toned down to a more subdued black. So all in all it will offer allotment members on both sites a valuable new facility.

On a growing note I have noticed the first shoots of my rhubarb so looking forward to my first of this season's rhubarb crumble, my favourite. Now is a great time to get planting fruit trees if you haven't already done so.

While the new site is fully let, we do have a couple of vacant plots on the old site. If you would like one of your own, please give Simon Reed a call on 01245 382696 and I am sure he will be only too pleased to show you around. My telephone: 07966 662556 Email: [chairman@hpaa.org.uk](mailto:chairman@hpaa.org.uk)

Happy growing and a healthy life

## Your yearbook is on its way Horticultural Society - Trina Butcher

Hi all, wishing you a Happy New Year, even if it's somewhat belated. The yearbook has now been printed and I shall be arranging for them to be put through your doors as soon as possible.

There are some big changes happening to the society this year. The first concerns memberships. In the past committee members voluntarily spent a lot of time knocking on existing members doors to collect annual membership fees, very often returning a number of times if people were out.

This year it will be possible for anyone wishing to join or existing members to renew membership and to collect a card and yearbook from Upsons Farm Shop in Ulting Road, CM3 2JH. You can also join or renew at any of our events.

### Dates for your diary

**Spring Show** Saturday 1st April 2pm village hall. See classes in the 2017 yearbook



**Plant sale and coffee morning** Saturday 6th May  
10am -12 noon Oaklands, Nounsley Road.

**Afternoon garden walk**, Sunday 28th May  
Rayne Hatch Farm, Stisted, CM77 8BY.

**Our website can be found at**  
[www.essexinfo.net/hatpevgardens](http://www.essexinfo.net/hatpevgardens)

Here you will find information about our events and an on line copy of our yearbook.

The other good news is that **we now have our own group on Facebook: Hatfield Peverel & Ulting Horticultural Society**, where you can you can ask for advice, or offer advice and post any gardening news or photos that you would like to share. As members you are invited to sign up using our society name. Anyone will be able to look at our site but only members will be able to post items. We hope you will enjoy it.

If you have any questions please email me or ring me on 01245 380532, I will be glad to help.

## A joyful Christmas in the Park

Community Events Group - chairman Mark Weale 01245 381726 or herbertweale@aol.com

Christmas in the Park on Sunday 11th December was another well attended enjoyable event for the community with the Scottish piper, the choirs leading the carols, mulled wine and mince pies.

The group would like to thank everyone who came along, and the following for their help and contribution to make it a great success for all ages: John Upson for donation of the Christmas tree; David and Damon Wallace for erecting Christmas tree and lights; Paul Young, Scottish Piper; Vic Olley for turning on tree lights (Vic sadly died the following week aged 90); Father Stephen for opening prayer; Reverend Sue King for solo carol 'In the Bleak Mid-Winter' and closing prayer; St Andrews Church Choir leading the carols; Hadfelda Ladies Choir leading the carols; children for singing 'Away in a Manger' and 'Silent Night'; 'Rocking around the Christmas Tree' with Lara George, Adrian Coombs on guitar and Natasha Corringham singing 'Hallelujah'; Community Association for mulled wine and refreshments; Co-op mince pies. Donations of £175 received and distributed amongst the residents of the almshouses for Christmas, and also the Feoffees Charity in the village.

The group unfortunately had to postpone the Talent Contest from Friday 3rd February to Sunday 30th April, the day of the 2017 Pram Race. Watch for further details in the next Review, Parish Council website, Facebook and notice boards.

## St Andrew's Lunch Club

The Lunch Club meets on the second Tuesday of every month in the Church hall. Tea or coffee is served on your arrival and again after lunch, which is served at 12.30pm. Cost is £3 per meal.

Come and meet up with old friends or make new ones. Transport can be arranged..

Please contact Belinda Hull on 01376 512540 for more information..

## Nursery celebrates the year of the dragon

We have enjoyed welcoming our new children into the nursery, and are looking forward to an exciting term which has got off to a flying start with children celebrating Chinese New Year and the year of the Rooster. We have eaten Chinese



food and danced with a dragon (*see front cover and pictures on this page*).

We are building on the children's interest in their environment



as things start to grow. Our Amaryllis is 'like a beanstalk' one of the children said. The nursery is waiting with great anticipation for the arrival of our eggs which will hatch into ducklings. On our interest table



A Rooster by Holly

we have some cucumber, an apple, a cheese sandwich and a carrot. The children have observed the changes that happen



A dragon by Calum

to the food as it decays.

The nursery has an Ofsted rating of Outstanding and is managed by Belinda Wakelin who has a BA Degree in Early Years and holds Early Years Professional Status with a well qualified team.



A dragon by Jessica

As well as nursery we run a before and after school for children to the age of 5. For availability of spaces please telephone 01245 382450

## **Parish Council news**

**Lisa Miller, Clerk to the Parish Council, Chestnut House, Church Road, West Hanningfield, Chelmsford, Essex CM2 8UJ Tel 01245 403071  
Email: parishclerk@hatfieldpeverelpc.co.uk**



**Two Parish Council vacancies** - anyone interested in local issues with a few spare moments each month, please contact the Clerk on the above.

**Planning** - all planning meetings are open to the public. Notification of these meetings will be erected in village notice boards three clear days prior to the date.

### **The following applications have recently been made**

Erection of rear/side extensions and construction of new pitched roof at Avon Lea, Ulting Road. Outline planning permission for up to 140 dwellings (including up to 40% affordable housing), introduction of structural planting and landscaping, informal public open space and children's play area, surface water mitigation and attenuation, site access of Stonepath Drive with associated ancillary works at land south of Stonepath Drive. Proposed two storey front and rear extensions at 25 Gleneagles Way. Erection of porch and alterations to existing roof structure to include a front dormer at Brooklyn, Ulting Road. Installation of new service lift at Hatfield Peverel Lodge, Crabbs Hill. Erection of two storey rear extension, conversion of garage and new pitched roof to port at 17 Laburnum Way. Erection of single storey rear extension and erection of garage/garden store at Atlas, The Green. Proposed side extension at Moor Gardens, Maldon Road. Erection of first floor side extension at 103 Church Road.

**Outline planning application for the erection of 125 dwellings, together with associated public open space, landscaping, highways and drainage infrastructure works at land north east of Gleneagles Way 16/02156/OUT. The formal closing date for objections to this application has passed but if you missed the deadline it is not too late, write now.**

Application to vary condition 25 of planning approval 15/00430/OUT in order to assist with the delivery of much needed housing on this allocated and permitted site and give adequate time for both parties to agree a detailed and comprehensive design code for the site at land adjacent to Lodge Farm, Hatfield Road, Witham. Infrastructure application for provision of primary road network for phase 1 with associated footpaths, cycleways, necessary drainage infrastructure including a foul water pumping station and minor access roads where appropriate at land adjacent to Lodge Farm, Hatfield Road, Witham.

### **The following applications have recently been granted**

Erection of summer house for running salon business at 47 New Road. Application for a non material amendment following grant of planning permission 16/00162/FUL (provision of holiday accommodation in the form of 1 two bedroom luxury mobile home, 1 one bedroom luxury mobile home, 2 fisherman lodges) – repositioning of the two bedroom luxury mobile home at Lakeland Fishery, Wickham Bishops Road. Proposed change of use of site from C3b (supported housing) to C2 (care home) and use of existing single storey gym/outbuilding to a self contained one bedroom annex to existing main building at Massenet, Wickham Bishops Road.

Erection of ground floor rear extension with new hipped roof to front elevation at Hawthorn Lodge, 17 Hawthorn Road. Application for a proposed lawful development certificate – erection of conservatory at 12 Toulmin Road. Erection of extension to replace existing conservatory at 6 Ranulph Way. Demolition of and replacement of Mayfield Cottage on land adjacent to Wood End Farm, Hatfield Road. Reinstatement of original vehicle crossover so as to provide a separate access from Maldon Road to the property at Longfields, Maldon Road. Erection of two storey rear extension at 33 Willow Crescent. Conversion of existing storage-workshop to 2 bedroom annexe at Berwick Place, Terling Hall Road. Erection of single

storey front extension, loft conversion including catslide dormer to front and Velux rooflights to rear, reroofing the existing roof with slate and cream/colour washing the existing at 7 Glebefield Road.

### **The following applications have been refused**

Outline planning permission for up to 80 dwellings (including up to 40% affordable housing), introduction of structural planting and landscaping, informal public open space and children's play area, surface water flood mitigation and attenuation, primary vehicular access off Stonepath Drive and associated ancillary works on land South of Stonepath Drive.

**Tree Preservation Orders** - tree works at Middlemead, Ulting Road; 6, 16 and 18 Woodham Drive; 8 Elizabeth Way; 3 The Pines and Thornwood, The Pines.

### **Precept for coming fiscal year**

Hatfield Peverel Parish Council has agreed a precept figure of £57,523 for the coming fiscal year. This is an increase of 4% from the previous year's £55,328 and equates to less than the 33% decrease in Localism Funding down by £3,540 from £10,619 last year to £7,079 this year.

### **Help us discover our district's unsung heroes**

To mark the incredible dedication of volunteers within our district, Braintree District Council, in partnership with Braintree District Voluntary Support Agency (BDVSA), has launched a brand new awards scheme 'The Braintree District Volunteers Awards'. Nominations are now open for residents and groups to celebrate the good that goes on in our communities. The awards are made up of six categories all designed to celebrate the effort of volunteers who make contributions to their community. **Nominating is easy - it can be done online: [www.braintree.gov.uk/VolunteersAwards/](http://www.braintree.gov.uk/VolunteersAwards/) or you can call 01376 552525 to receive a paper version.**

**The six award categories are:** \*Young Volunteer Award, \*Long Service Award, \*Inspirational Role Model of the Year Award, \*Going the Extra Mile Award, \*Fundraiser of the Year Award, \*Volunteer Group of the Year Award.

Cllr Peter Tattersley, Cabinet Member for Health and Communities, said: '*We wanted to find a way – along with the BDVSA - to say thank you as a community to those who dedicate their time, skills and care day in and day out. We want residents to live well in healthy and resilient communities where they feel supported, and we can't do that without our unsung heroes who work quietly behind the scenes improving people's quality of life without seeking reward*'.

Rachel Fahie, CEO of BDVSA said '*By supporting local groups and charities, I know the great depth of goodwill and community spirit shown by many people throughout the whole of the Braintree District. With these new awards, we want to recognise their outstanding contributions to the community.*' Nominations close on 1st March, with judging taking place during March. Award winners will be invited to a civic reception with the Chairman of the Council in April 2017.

**Dog poo - the parish council has purchased some luminous aerosol spray cans to identify and hopefully shame those that do not clear up after their dogs.** Research has identified that other councils who have tried this method have seen improvements. The parish council will be trialling this over the coming weeks on and around the recreation ground.

**Parish Council meetings** are held on the first Monday of the month unless otherwise stated.

**Monday 6th March and Monday 3rd April 2017** at 7.30pm in the village hall. The **Annual Parish Council meeting** will take place on **Wednesday 15th March in the Church hall** at 8.00pm.

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

## Songs from the 50s and 60s

Hafelda WI - Marel Elliston

There was a warm welcome to members and friends to our special Christmas meeting in December. Earlier in the month, to get us into the Christmas spirit, members had enjoyed lunch at The Bull in Totham while being entertained with songs from the 50s and 60s. Just our era! Many of us attended a Carol Service in the church which we shared with the Mothers Union and members of other WIs in our group. This was most enjoyable and followed by tea and mince pies in the church hall.

In December we served wine, soft drinks and an excellent buffet supper - thank you to Hemal and Renuka from Bargain Booze for donating crisps, biscuits and chocolates. Speaker Canon Chris Bishops entertained us with 'Short Songs and Tall Stories'. He had us joining in the chorus with his amusing songs and laughing at his 'Tall Stories'. A jolly and fun evening.

On a cold, miserable January night, we were greatly cheered by our speaker, Marion Pettet, who gave us 'A Peek Behind the Scenes of the Chelmsford Ballet Company'.

This group was formed in 1949 and is one of the oldest in the country. Amazingly, it is mainly run by volunteers. Some of our members are going to their production of 'Alice's Adventures' in March.

### 100th anniversary of Essex Federation of WIs

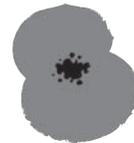
In 2017 many special events are being organised around the county. Hadfelda, who never miss an opportunity to celebrate something special, is organising some events of their own. **In February** we are visiting Marks Hall to see the snowdrops (with coffee and lunch, of course!). **March is the visit to The Civic** and in June we will enjoy a **special afternoon tea**. We plan another theatre trip later in the year and a visit to Denman College in September.

We still have our usual meetings, held on the 4th Wednesday of every month in the Church hall at 7.45pm. There will be an interesting talk in February from the gardener at Beeleigh Abbey, and the subject of our March meeting is the ever-present problem of recycling, with Gabriella and Asara.

## An exceptional Poppy collection

Peter Archer

Poppy appeal organiser



£5767.90p is the present total for the village Poppy appeal. Over £800 was collected during early mornings at the station, whilst just over £1540 came from shops, offices, public houses, restaurants, garden centres, nurseries, care homes and schools. Special thanks to Jo and Kira Jarvis: their sponsored run at the Olympic Stadium, carrying a large Poppy, boosted the amount by £283.40p, and to the Cricket Club who let us have a collection at their firework night. The Remembrance Service contributed a further £285.87p.

A small service was held at the Infant School on the morning of 11th November. Mr Patterson had an enthralled audience when he told of other ways funds are raised when a Poppy ring of motorcyclists, wearing red, made a complete circle around the M25.

The parade from the Scout HQ to the Church on Remembrance Sunday was led by the Standard Bearer, Lt Col DJ Louis TD. Nick Nichols read out the exhortation and the Kohima Epitaph and Mattias Archer played the Last Post and Reveille. Sergeant Chris Strange spoke of his Army training, with a question and answer session with Cubs and Beavers.

Many thanks to all collectors and those who contributed, and gave so generously. I hope the Royal British Legion can continue to count on your support. Peter Archer, Branch Secretary, telephone 01245 381 286.

E: hatpevrbl@aol.com

## Home visiting group

We are a small group of ladies who will visit anyone who would like a bit more contact with the outside world. Visits arranged to meet your individual needs at times to suit you. Please contact Belinda Hull on 01376 512540 for more information.



## Welcome to TigerTots Toddler Group

**In June 2016 the Salvation Army ceased to operate in the village and the Toddler Group, run by the corps since May 2015, was to close. But where there's a will, there's a way - Victoria Wren tells us what happened next.**

**I** started attending The Salvation Army toddler group in the village in May 2015 and made many new friends for myself and my daughter Shelby. In June 2016 it was announced the hall would be shutting down and we would lose our group. After thinking about it and discussing it with the other members I decided to take over the group in new premises.

A month later, in July 2016, TigerTots Toddler Group was born in the village hall! We run every Tuesday 9.15am - 11.15am and provide a safe and relaxed place for the under 5s and their parents/grandparents/carers etc to meet others and have a cup of tea/coffee. The tots have snack time where we provide drinks, fruit, cheese and other goodies.

We recently (after a lot of hard work) received funding from the National Lottery and have been able to provide new soft play equipment, toys, tables and chairs and a playhouse for the TigerTots. We have also totally redone the Tiny Tigers play area for the non walkers. We are very excited about the future of the group and the many ideas we have planned for 2017.

The original Toddler Group, started by the Salvation Army in 2015, was run by John and Nina Turner. John, who lives in Southend, had supposedly retired from the Army! In the photo above, with Victoria, are John and his wife at a leaving party for another of the original group members.

We would like to thank everyone who has made the group a success including all the members and Derek Wren who keeps us provided with hot drinks and snacks.

For information on places please contact me, Victoria, on 07886 021048 or visit us at the hall on a Tuesday. Thank you.





## **A12 Widening Scheme Consultation**

**Cllr David Bebb, Braintree District Councillor for Hatfield Peverel and Terling**

Highways England (HE) has recently given notice of its intention to improve the A12 from junction 19 at the Boreham Interchange to junction 25 at Marks Tey.

### **Why improvements are needed?**

The first of the A12 improvements to be implemented, starting in 2020, is the 15 mile poorly performing section between junctions 19 and 25 with very high volumes of traffic, often at over capacity, and frequently experiencing congestion at peak times. The 8 junctions present a number of problems and there are safety concerns with some of the highest collision and casualty rates. Amongst particular locations shown to be suffering limited capacity and poor performance is the section of junctions 20a to 21 through Hatfield Peverel, due to merging and diverging traffic between the A12 and local road network. It is also the busiest link on this section of the A12, with in excess of 40,000 vehicles daily in each direction.

### **Highways England A12 Improvement Proposals**

Four options are being put forward for consultation to improve the A12 between junctions 19 - 25, (Boreham interchange to the A120 interchange at Marks Tey). Option 1 looks at widening the A12 to three lanes in each direction across the entire section whilst the other 3 options consider widening part of the A12 and building new off line sections of road at Rivenhall and/or Marks Tey.

### **Implications of widening improvements between Junctions 20a to 21**

Evidence demonstrates considerable peak time congestion issues immediately off these junctions, not least with traffic gaining access to or exiting this section. This need is compounded by very significant housing development growth locally. Traffic access to the A12 to and from Maldon in this locality is an acknowledged serious problem. ECC Highways traffic modelling has confirmed peak time over capacity at the junction of the B1019 and B1137 junction within 100 metres of A12 junction 20b at Hatfield Peverel, and with site constraints there are no available amelioration options available.

There is an obvious, but unstated, imperative that alternative access to the A12 would be incorporated. Thus, there is the implication for a Maldon link road around the village from a remodelled Witham South A12 junction, and with village access to the A12 via this link road. This also implies confirmation of funding from other sources, including from ECC. This new junction arrangement presents a number of potential benefits including reduced flow through the village, removal of current slip road issues, and not least easing the Duke of Wellington junction problems, as well as, for north bound traffic, removing the volume/ hazards of cross traffic joining, then immediately leaving the A12, particularly in regard to Maldon-Witham /Braintree traffic.

Construction works will inevitably entail traffic disruption for the A12 and the village. Highways England will obviously be working on means to minimise this and no doubt would welcome further ideas from consultees together with possible alternative route options.

Copies of the consultation booklet (includes consultation response form) can be picked up from the Library.

**Remaining consultation dates and venues - next page!**

**It is imperative** that as many Hatfield Peverel residents as possible register their views if the village traffic issues are to be fully appreciated by Highways England.

**The remaining consultation venues and dates are:**

Spring Lodge Centre, Witham	Saturday 11th February	11am to 5pm
Feering Community Centre	Tuesday 14th February	1pm to 8pm
Civic Centre, Chelmsford	Wednesday 15th February	1pm to 8pm

**NDP progress report**

The policy writing team has been busy since the consultation period finished at the end of September, reviewing the draft Plan following all comments received from residents and consultees.

The draft Plan was amended, and a meeting held with Braintree District Council on the 22nd November. A Steering Group meeting was held on the 24th November when the group made a presentation of the Plan, and discussed the next stages of the process.

The consultant has also now reviewed the Plan to ensure it meets with the basic conditions, and further slight amendments made. The consultant has also drafted the Basic Conditions Statement, and the group has started work on the Consultation Statement both of which need to be ready for examination with the Plan. All the comments received during the consultation period will be made available in the Consultation Statement.

A ‘walkabout’ of the parish was held in December to gather more evidence to support policy HPE6 ‘Protection of Important Views’. Thank you to everyone who attended or contributed towards this exercise. Thank you also to the library for allowing us to meet there and enjoy carols and refreshments. The group is now collating the information and photos to include in the data base as evidence to support the Policy. The group anticipates submitting the Plan to BDC under Regulation 14 early in March for consultation.

Thank you for your continued support to help shape the future for our village.

**NDP executive meeting on Monday 27th February, 7.30pm, in the library.**

**Final chance to object**

**- Stonepath Meadow**

**Application for 140 houses**

If you have not already done so this is your final chance to object to Braintree District Council against Gladman’s plan to build 140 houses on Stonepath Meadow. Remember everyone can send in one objection, ie, more than one per household. to: [www.braintree.gov.uk/](http://www.braintree.gov.uk/)  
email: [planning@braintree.gov.uk/](mailto:planning@braintree.gov.uk)  
or by writing to Braintree District Council, Causeway House, Braintree, Essex CM7 9HB, quoting reference 16/01813/OUT

BDC has advised us that the application is likely to be discussed at the planning meeting on 28th February. The meeting will be held at Causeway House, Braintree, CM7 9HB and will start at 7.15pm.

A good turnout at this meeting is vital to help sway the councillors vote in our direction.

As soon as the date is confirmed we will put up posters and send out emails. If we don’t already have your email address and you would like to be informed please email [stonepathmeadow@yahoo.com](mailto:stonepathmeadow@yahoo.com)

As you know we have organised a few events in the past which have been covered by the local press and made it into the local papers. These events show the strength of support and raise the profile of our case and really help to influence the councillors’ vote at the planning meeting.

**Does anyone have any ideas for an event?**

It would need to be held on 19th February to allow time to get it into the papers just before the planning meeting.

## About with the Scouts

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

The group consists of four units; Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers. All units are well subscribed and hold weekly meetings in the HQ in Church Road. There is a waiting list for membership to Beavers, Cubs and Scouts; the Explorer unit is accepting new members.

### **Please support the Beaver Unit**

Beavers met in January to discuss the future of the unit when the current leader, Gillian, retires at the end of July. Several parents have offered to support a new Beaver Leader (or leaders), for which we are very grateful.

**However, we require one or more people willing to run the colony.** Gillian will be available for advice, as will the Group Scout Leader and other experienced group members. Full training is given and a uniform supplied.

Beaver sessions are on Mondays during term time only. Day and time of sessions can be changed to fit in with your availability. Our Beaver colony comprises 16 -18 children aged between 6 and 8 years. For more information on this rewarding role, please call Nick Nicholas on 07841-597 977. No previous experience is required.

**Cubs end their centenary year on a high** The Cubs ended their centenary year with a busy term of activities; including a Hobbies and Collectors Badge night (always popular); a Zumba class (many thanks to Steph Gunn) and a Christmas cooking evening (lovely festive shortbread). The finale to their year of celebrations was a 100th Promise Birthday Party, for both Cubs and parents, with fun games and a delicious buffet.

**Scouts get festive** Prior to Christmas, fifteen members of the troop experienced a festive night hike on a seven mile journey from Ford End to Great Leighs. They were each given maps, Santa hats and a string of LED fairy lights and asked to sing carols as they walked. A great evening of fun and laughter whilst practising night navigation. After older members moved up to Explorers, the start of the spring term saw the formation of new Patrols, with some Scouts being promoted to leadership positions. Looking ahead, there will be a theme of intense inter-patrol competition, with each patrol gaining points for winning games and other activities; ultimately leading to one group being named 'Super Patrol'. In late February we will blow away the cobwebs and brave the elements on a winter camp where we will be joined by the Explorers and some Chelmsford Scouts.

**A successful year for the Explorers** - the unit has become so successful there are now more members than at any time since its formation; with both boys and girls swelling the numbers throughout the past year. During 2017, there will be a strong focus on achieving the Duke of Edinburgh Award; our younger Explorers will be undertaking the Bronze stage, older Explorers tackling the Silver, and the eldest conquering the Gold. If you would like to achieve your DofE Award, and are aged between 14 and 18, you are welcome to join our Explorer unit.



## A sad farewell

A dedicated member of our SASU, Jean Potter, sadly passed away in January. Jean and her late husband, Norman, had supported the 1st Hatfield Peverel Scout Group since 1970s. Our sincere condolences to Kay, Keith and families on their loss.

**Don't forget to visit our website - [www.hpscouts.org.uk](http://www.hpscouts.org.uk) / it's jam-packed with useful information.**

**Useful Contacts** - Group Scout Leader, Nick Nicholas, 07841-597 977; Membership enquiries: Michelle Spicer, [hpscoutgroup@gmail.com](mailto:hpscoutgroup@gmail.com), 01245-380 630; HQ bookings: please refer to website; Monthly newspaper collection: Jonathan Dormon, 01245 -382 981, [jonathan.dormon@btinternet.com](mailto:jonathan.dormon@btinternet.com); Publicity: Suzanne Evans, 01245-382 397, [info@boons-holidays.co.uk](mailto:info@boons-holidays.co.uk)

## Families enjoy Rainbows Nativity play Hatfield Peverel Girlguiding Group

Rainbows had an exciting run up to Christmas! We put on our own 'Nativity' and families came along to their special performance (*see photo on right*). Many thanks to Leaders Denyse, Sheila and Richard for their hard work and a special mention to Leo Logan who stepped in at the last minute as a king as one of the Rainbows couldn't make it!



We also did Christmas craft and had a wonderful Christmas party with 'Papalarny' the magician. We did another bag pack at Tesco in Maldon to help raise our funds.

**Brownies** also did Christmas craft and enjoyed activities with a Christmas theme. They are a very full pack and desperately need adult help.

**Guides** As predicted, we had a crazy few weeks completing the Christmas displays for the library to go up at the beginning of December. The girls have enjoyed making these for a good few years now, so pressure is always on to come up with something different. They don't disappoint and we're always surprised by their variety of ideas.

A Christmas foodie evening went down well (anything to do with food usually does) making penguins, wreaths and snowmen. On our final meeting of the year we went on a hike, followed by Christmas nibbles and the enrolment of three new girls. It was a time to say a fond farewell

to some of our older girls too. They'll be sorely missed, and we wish them best of luck for their futures. Please come and visit when you can.

The group visited the Methodist church for their candlelight service and put on an interactive presentation of the Christingle (see page 16).

## Remembering The Great War

The January Spring term course with tutor Roger Cooke is studying The Great War (1914 - 1918): the causes, course, outcome of the 'bloodiest war in history'.

**Tuesday 28th March** 10am AGM in Scout HQ, as always. delicious refreshments!

**The Autumn course** is The History of Ideas with tutor Edward de Mansell.

**Information from Lesley Naish, 01245 380037.**

## Keep fit with a friendly game of table tennis

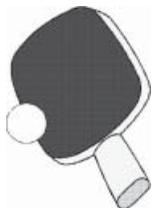
Chairman Andy Simmonds 01245 381020

Why not call at the village hall in Maldon Road on a home playing night, Tuesday evenings from 7.30pm, and meet the players.

We are a friendly club with 4 teams in this season's Chelmsford League but we are looking for additional experienced players to form a 5th team next season. Our home playing night is Tuesday and we have around 30 members of all ages from thirties to over 70.

We play home league matches in the village hall, with a bar, excellent playing conditions and top class equipment. League match evenings are friendly and good fun with 3 players from each team in a match playing 3 singles and one doubles game. Our teams are entered in this year's Chelmsford League from Division 2 down to Division 5, and in cup competitions throughout the season. All teams are doing well.

On the social side, on 18th February our annual club meal will be at an excellent Chinese restaurant in Chelmsford, where the highlight will be the Chairman's traditional speech!



Anyone wishing to play or to re-start their playing career would be welcome, please contact us. Leave your details with either Secretary Neil Freeman on 01245 382249 or myself Andy Simmonds on 01245 381020 or 07932 057 205.

## Fancy a game of badminton?

Hatfield Peverel Badminton Club welcomes new players of all abilities to join our weekly sessions on Monday evenings at the village hall.

It's a very social and friendly club with much banter and jovial rivalry among players. Call in and see us on a playing night or contact

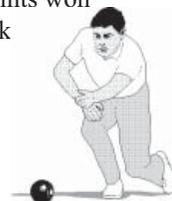
**Hilary 07962 671423, Rod 077499 94428, or Job 07799 534619, jobcyriac@hotmail.com**

## Bowling in the new year

Rita Thomson, Bowls Captain, 01245 380038

The new year is here and we have a busy few weeks of bowling ahead. I hope everyone had a good Christmas - the club wishes everyone a happy and peaceful new year.

At our Christmas party on 9th December, forty members and guests had a great time playing games - table tennis, bowls into jars, roll a penny, hoopla: the team with the most points won - Pat Wallis and Rita Thomson's sk on the hoopla clinched it!



**League games** - A team played Castle Point and gained 5 points and in December played at West Hanningfield but lost on both mats. The A team then lost to Atte Bower on 15th January. B team played Galleywood in December and at home in January and won both games.

At club competitions in January Steve Barry, Pat Wallis and Sid Gentry won the Trevor Matthams triple. Weather cancelled the Joan Cowell pairs match, now to be played in March.

## Free family activities

Hatfield Peverel library

**Giant jam sandwich** - themed craft workshop with activities for all the family. Jam tasting, bread making and make a giant wasp!

**Wednesday 15th February (half term)**

10am to 12 noon

Course code CFL3A40Y16

**Take flight** - all things flying related  
Make planes, helicopters and have fun together

**Wednesday 5th April (Easter holidays)**

10am to 12 noon

Course code CWL3A70Y16

Booking essential - call 0345 603 7635 and quote course codes above

**Library times** - Tuesday, Thursday 1 - 5pm

Wednesday, Saturday 9am - 1pm

**Home Library Service volunteer drivers** needed once a month - ring library on 01245 3380988

## News from St Andrews

Christmas seems a long way past and even the New Year feels like an extension of the old year. For the church, the New Year begins with Advent Sunday, November 27th 2016. Christmas at St Andrews went off with a swing, with 'Carol Songs of Praise', the Christmas coffee morning, a 'Messy Nativity' (thanks John and Anna and helpers) event to which more than 50 people of ages came along; and the services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. We should not forget the Carol Services and the Junior School Christmas play.



We are now in the Epiphany season, where the readings concentrate for the most part on the revelation of Christ to the world, both Jews and Gentiles (non-Jews). By the time this comes out we will have a new President of the United States of America and that will bring its own challenges. Lent is later this year; Ash Wednesday is on 1st March. A special Parish Eucharist on January 29th concentrated on the work of 'Open Doors', an organization dedicated to supporting persecuted Christians in any part of the world. Syria and Iraq have received most coverage, but there is much more going on than just these two areas. Despite daily news items concerning the refugee crisis, many Christians have opted to stay in their own communities and face out the persecutions there.

### Future dates to note

**Ash Wednesday 1st March** - 7.30pm service including Imposition of Ashes

**Saturday 4th March** - coffee morning in the Church Hall in aid of funds. Raffle, cakes, books - please come along and bring you friends

**Sunday 26th March** - 'Mothering Sunday' a special service at 10.15pm. It seems a long way ahead but time does fly! Details to follow, watch for posters

**Saturday 1st April** - coffee morning

## Mother's Union Christmas

Jean Ashby

At our December meeting we joined with friends in the WI for their Christmas Carol Concert in church. We took part in a programme of enjoyable carols and seasonal readings, followed by welcome cups of tea/coffee and delicious mince pies - very yummy! It was lovely to meet and chat with other ladies who we don't see very often, and a good time was had by all.

At our first meeting of 2017 on 9th January Fr Stephen led our New Year communion service in the Lady Chapel. This was followed by the AGM plus bring and buy stall.

Our Leader Pat was voted back to her post unanimously as no-one else feels able to take it on at the moment. Our treasurer Andrea Barr provided the statement of accounts for the year - we have £56.85 cash in hand at the bank. We then

voted for Ann Clements and Elizabeth Myddleton-Evans to join Pat and Andrea to form a committee for the coming year. Fr Stephen has provided us with a list of interesting speakers and events for 2017. We will all continue to help and support Pat as much as we can during the year.

### English for women

At our meeting on 7th February our speaker is Mrs Sarah Carter, wife of the Canon Theologian at Chelmsford Cathedral. Her talk is 'English for Women'. Everyone is welcome.

At that meeting we shall be making a collection for 'Make a Mother's Day' to go to Mary Sumner House for various schemes that benefit mothers. Last year we sent over £30 we hope to do the same this year. Mother's Day is on 26th March.

Witham Deanery meeting is on 13th.March.



# Methodist Church

## Operation Christmas Child

We are pleased to report 28 boxes - Children's Christmas boxes - were collected for Operation Christmas Child. The Chelmsford depot organised the movement of 21,000 boxes which were packed off in two lorries to Ukraine, where our boxes were sent, and Zambia. Thank you to all who helped us reach our number. We hope we are demonstrating love and compassion to each child that receives their box of gifts.

## Bible study

Our church has re-introduced Bible study sessions once a month on the third Monday from 7.30pm at the home of Tony and Aileen French in Church Road. These evenings are being led by our new lay worker Gill Songer who helps us to examine a selected Bible passage. We join in discussions and listen to one another to uncover new meanings with fresh exploration of our Bible teachings. Anyone is welcome to join us, ring Rosemary on 380504 for more information or transport needs.

## Christmas celebrations

Once again we were delighted to have the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides with their families who packed into the pews of our church for our candlelit carol service on 4th December. Our church was decorated with hundreds of candles and looked very festive and the service, led by Gill Songer, was an enjoyable occasion. The Christmas story was told and Christmas hymns sung joyfully, ably assisted by her son Nathan playing - who will forget his playing of the Calypso Carol, 'See him lying on a bed of straw', at such a pace we were barely able to draw breath! We were given paper cut outs and instructions to produce a bright shiny star for our Christmas trees to remind us of the real reason why we celebrate this special time. The girls formed themselves into a large Christingle with orange segment shapes, ribbon, sweets and candles and explained to us how each item is symbolic - representing the world, God's creation and Jesus being the Light of the World. Afterwards we provided deserved tea and cakes. We hope the girls and their families enjoyed the afternoon, our congregation certainly did, and hope to welcome them back again.

John Clemo led our Christmas Day service with music provided by a local guitarist and carol singing greatly enhanced by two Welsh visitors. The service expressed the true purpose of Christmas of celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ reminding us again that he is the Light of the World. We had a Christmas Day collection for Action for Children, the Methodist charity which looks after neglected children.

We celebrated the New Year with our first service of 2017 held at Witham Methodist Church on 1st January. John Clemo led the service which included a lively enactment of the story of the Wise Men by the Hatfield Peverel participants. We sang the traditional hymns and finished with Auld Lang Syne.

## Regular events

<b>Every Thursday 10am - 12 noon</b>	Open Door - come and join us for tea/coffee and chat
<b>2nd Saturday in month 10am - 12 noon</b>	Coffee morning and cake stall
<b>3rd Monday in the month 7.30 - 9.30pm</b>	Bible study group

## St Andrew's churchyard

*Dear dogs, when on your daily walk you decide to pass through the churchyard, your human must ensure that you are on a lead, and that, if you are taken short, any mess that you might make is taken away.*

*Many thanks for your help.*

*Churchwarden.*

## To Let

An opportunity for someone of 60 or over to live in a grade 2 listed cottage, recently refurbished.

Accommodation comprises bedroom, sitting room, kitchen and shower room.

Enquiries to: Fr Stephen Northfield - 380958 or Virginia Strange - 381004.

## Goodbye Catherine

There are so many tales to tell, where to start? Catherine Voysey had such a diverse life. Full of great enthusiasm, she would try anything that interested her but unlike us, her volunteer work, pastimes, hobbies were not passing fancies, but friends for life!

Catherine was born on the mainland as her parents, who lived on Jersey with her brother, were evacuated at the beginning of the war (she was later awarded citizenship). When they returned home she spent her childhood on the island, moving back to the mainland where her brother was living, when she was eighteen. She was on holiday on the island when she met her future husband Martin.

She and Martin moved to Hatfield Peverel in 1968 where he formed the Peverel Path Society - because of his footpath work he was co-opted onto the Parish Council, later becoming chairman. After he died Catherine stood for election and later became herself chairman of an independent council as well as secretary of the PPS. Both were enthusiastic walkers and this led to her much loved 'Nine walks around Hatfield Peverel'. There is a covered map of the walks outside the library dedicated to Martin Voysey which was unveiled by Catherine, and her daughter Fiona and grand daughter Rachel, in April 1994 when she was chairman of the council.



Her interests were wide: a competent driver of steam engines she was delighted at a local rally when she was at the regulator of one of the larger engines to hear a railway enthusiast say 'that engines too big for that woman' and getting the reply 'don't worry, she's used to driving full sized ones'. She loved sailing and canoeing, she taught swimming to Terling School pupils and our local school as well the Friday night swim, gardening - a believer in fresh produce, she grew magnificent vegetables and would send you home with a handful of something - and cooking (her biscuits were the best). And of course there were her beloved animals - many dogs of her own and friend to others, and horses (winter retreats at Batters Farm, summers in the field opposite her house sharing the grass with friends' horses).

Catherine's love was the WEA. At the Branch AGM, she stood down as Branch Secretary after a long, happy association. In 1974 she had revamped the group and it was her enthusiasm and drive that has kept it going until this day, forty-two years later. As well as her work with the Hatfield Peverel Branch, she was Secretary of the Essex Federation Committee, and in 1989 she became the Essex County Organiser, a post she held until 2002. She organised annual Summer Schools: the first a 'Week of Study' held at the Essex University campus.



We enjoyed a slice of Catherine's special birthday cake, beautifully decorated with a picture of the village sign on The Green commemorating the millennium which Catherine helped put in place during her time with the Parish Council - *photo on left*. We also presented her with a picture of Ulting Church in appreciation of her work for WEA, and the village.

How we shall all miss you Catherine, your motto could be 'always get on with your life'.

## From quizzing to Quadragesimo Anno via Brazil!

Peverel Wine Club - Vee Green, Secretary (01245 355723)

[www.peverelwineclub.co.uk](http://www.peverelwineclub.co.uk) or email [peverelwineclub@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:peverelwineclub@hotmail.co.uk)



The old year was well and truly fêted to the end with our Christmas party on 21st December in the village hall. We enjoyed a superb 4-course supper prepared by members and committee, and everyone was in good form for dancing, lured onto the dance floor by the irresistible singing of local entertainer Ian Jordan.

Our 2017 programme started well with the usual Intra-Club quiz provided by former Treasurer Lindsey Glasman. A good turnout of members competed for glamorous (?) prizes at the January meeting - the hard-fought contest was won by the smallest team - the Woodies, led by Nick and Jill Shakespear.

February promises something different when Nicholas Corfe, Commercial Director of Ipswich-based Go-Brazil Wines, is presenting six wines to us. Brazil is the 5th largest wine producer in the southern hemisphere, with wine growing based mainly in Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil's most southerly state, where most of the country's fine wines are produced. Club members Eddie and Carole will demonstrate the finer moves of the samba, and front man Steve Spearman is hopeful of locating a Barry Manilow shirt!

Biggest event of the year is in March, when we celebrate our Ruby anniversary with a dinner dance at Forrester Park Country Club, with dancing to Words and Music. The club was founded 40 years ago back in the 70s when home winemaking was in its heyday by Denise Brazier, still an active member. For the club's past, view the history page on our website [www.peverelwineclub.co.uk/](http://www.peverelwineclub.co.uk/) Former members feeling nostalgic are welcome to join us for the evening of Wednesday 8th March; tickets £32pp for guests – phone Treasurer Linda Fisher for details on 01245 382190.

Join us for a light-hearted evening, you are very welcome. Please ring Vee beforehand to confirm attendance on 01245 355723 - we meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 8pm in the village hall, The Club has its own website, courtesy Fred Brown, accessed via the Hatfield Peverel community site at: [www.essexinfo.net/hatfieldpeverel/clubs-and-societies/](http://www.essexinfo.net/hatfieldpeverel/clubs-and-societies/) or direct via [www.peverelwineclub.co.uk](http://www.peverelwineclub.co.uk)

### Village hall happenings

**Facebook: Hatfield Peverel village hall**

**Yearly membership £5**

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

#### Regular happenings

**Bingo** (8pm first Wednesday, third Thursday)  
16th February, 8th, 16th March, 5th, 20th April

**Brag** (first Friday in month) 3rd March, 7th April

**Poker** (third Saturday in month) 18th February,  
19th March, 15th April

**Pool** (second Saturday in month) 11th March,  
8th April

**Darts** Monday and Tuesday nights

#### Booking for hall/meeting rooms

[HPCA bookings@mail.com](mailto:HPCA_bookings@mail.com)

Phone Allan on 07741 140732

### Get on your dancing shoes!

**Pam Warren tells us how it all began and what happened next**

The Folk Dance Club celebrated an important anniversary at its annual Christmas dance in December, its 50th!



Pam, caller from day one, and husband Richard, keen folk dancers, moved to the village in 1966 where they met Mary and John Coffin, also folk dancers, and together they decided to start a club, enlisting friends and neighbours. First meeting was in the old school canteen, then to the old village hall in The Street where they danced to LPs and EPs on a heavy duty 2-speed record player.

After several moves and a growing membership, they arrived at the new hall in Maldon Road where they are today. And Pam is still calling!

## Useful telephone numbers

Please contact the editors for additions/errors.

<b>Age Concern Essex</b>	01245 264499
<b>Anglian Water</b> , 24 hours	0800 919 155
<b>Braintree District Council</b>	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
<b>Churches</b>	
St Andrew's (C of E), vicar	01245 380958
Methodist Church, minister	01621 853423
Catholic Church, Witham, priest	01376 512219
<b>Citizens Advice Bureau</b> Witham	0844 4994719
Drop-in sessions Mon/Tue/Thur/Fri 10am - 1pm	
Appointments only Thurs afternoon 1 - 4pm	
<b>Doctors, health services</b>	
Hatfield Peverel doctors' surgery	01245 380324
Boreham doctors' surgery	01245 467364
NHS - non-emergency helpline	111
Pharmacy, Hadfelda Square	01245 380130
<b>Electricity - emergency</b>	0800 7838838
<b>Essex County Council</b>	01245 492211
<b>Essex &amp; Suffolk Water</b> 24 hours	0845 7820999
<b>First Essex Buses Ltd</b>	01245 293400
<b>Gas - emergency</b>	0800 111999
<b>Harlequin Children's Centre</b>	01376 535270
Free support and services for children under 5	
<b>Hospitals</b>	
Broomfield (A&E); St John's,	01245 362000
St Peter's, Maldon	
<b>Libraries</b>	
Hatfield Peverel	01245 380988
Tuesday, Thursday 1 - 5pm	
Wednesday, Saturday 9am - 1pm	
Witham	01376 519625
<b>Police</b> Non-emergency calls	101
Use 101 also for the local officer	
Emergency calls	999
Witham Police Station opening hours	
Monday - Saturday	12 noon to 6pm
<b>Post Office</b>	01245 382787
<b>Railway Information</b>	
National Express East Anglia	0845 6007245
National Rail Enquiries (24 hrs)	08457 484950

## Registrar of Births, Marriages & Deaths

Witham, by appointment only	01376 323463
<b>Braintree, by appointment only</b>	<b>01376 320762</b>
<b>Relate</b>	01245 258680
<b>Samaritans (24 hours - toll free)</b>	08457 909090
<b>Schools</b>	
St Andrew's Junior School	01245 380131
Hatfield Peverel Infant School	01245 380220
Hatfield Peverel Day Nursery	01245 382450
<b>Social Services</b>	0845 6037630
<b>Village Agent</b> Richard Ould	0800 9775858
<b>Village hall</b> (after 7pm)	01245 381481

Let us know of useful services to add to this list

## Hatfield Peverel Parish Council

### Committees and working parties

Burial Ground Working Party (B)	
Country Park Focus Group (CP)	
External Audit Review (A)	
Football Pavilion (F)	
Keith Bigden Memorial Ground User Group (KB)	
Neighbourhood Development Plan (N)	
Planning (P), Traffic (T)	
Village Environment (E)	

### Councillors (and their working parties)

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parishclerk@hatfieldpeverelpc.co.uk	
<b>David Broddle</b> - Chaiman	01245 382829
(P/KB/CP/A)	
<b>George Boyd Ratcliff</b> (T/P)	01245 380496
<b>Peter Endersby</b> (E/KB/A/F/PiP)	01245 381919
<b>Suzanne Evans</b>	01245 382397
<b>Simon Hinkley</b>	07525 645532
<b>Ted Munt</b> (F chair/E/A/CP/B/N)	01245 381135
<b>Les Priestley</b> (A/N)	01245 380404
<b>Linda Shaw</b> (T/N/P/CP)	01245 382669
<b>Diane Wallace</b> (P/CP/PiP/B?N)	01245 381485
<b>Mark Weale</b> (PiP)	01245 381726

### District Councillor

<b>David Bebb</b>	01245 381065
<b>Daryn Hufton-Rees</b>	07729 458757
<b>County Councillor</b>	
<b>Derrick Louis</b>	07918 752526

## Goodbyes and welcomes from the Infant School

At the end of the autumn term we sadly said goodbye to Mrs Cindy Lewis who had been our head teacher for the last seven years. Her last day was full of fun and laughter as we all dressed up as Knights, Princesses and Dragons for her love of dragons! The staff, governors, parents and pupils all wish Mrs Lewis every happiness in whatever lies in the future for her.



The New Year has seen us warmly welcome our new head teacher, Mrs Mary Gurr, who is settling into our school well, taking time to get to know everyone and learning all the children's names! Mrs Gurr is delighted and excited to be our new head teacher and looks forward to continuing all the wonderful elements that give Hatfield Peverel its reputation as well as embracing new ideas, further improving the school and outcomes for the children.

## New Year's Day walk

In memory of Catherine Voysey

The plan was to do one of the walks from Catherine's 'Nine Walks' booklet, the last one down to the Chelmer and Blackwater lock at Ulting and back - around 5.6 miles. Twenty two humans and five dogs did it - mostly - with one or two unplanned deviations, and without any argy-bargy amongst the dogs!

It was a grey day but at least it didn't rain - and there were mince pies at the end for those who completed the course.

We miss Catherine, she enjoyed her walking as she enjoyed her life.



## A cold first walk of the year

Hatfield Peverel Walkers - Graham Bushby

On the last Thursday in January, we braved the bitter cold and walked down to the River Blackwater, up to Wickham Bishops church, over the fields to the disused railway line and along the railway line to the disused chapel of St. Peter before looping back to Spring Lane. We stopped for a welcome cup of coffee and cake at Pear Tree Pantry before walking back across the fields to the village. The cold weather meant the ground was very hard so there were no muddy boots at the end of the walk!

Our next walks are on 23rd February and 30th March. New walkers are always welcome to join us - we meet on the last Thursday of each month in the village hall car park unless otherwise stated. The walks are not strenuous and average around 4 miles. Further information available from Graham on 380472.

If you've your diary handy, here is the timetable for 2017.

30th March, 27th April, 26th May, 29th June, 27th July, 31st August, 28th September, 26th October, 30th November, 21st December.