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Local events and happenings round and about

Diary Dates

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February

- 17 Coffee morning, Helen Rollason, 10am
- 17 Drop in day at Hatfield Place 11am - 2pm, see page 13
- 22 Folk Dance Club
- 28 Hadfelda WI

March

- 3 St Andrews coffee morning, 10am
- 5 Parish Council meeting, village hall
- 7 Flower Club
- 8 Folk Dance Club
- 10 Methodist Church coffee morning 10am
- 14 Wine Club
- 14 Horticultural Society speaker meeting
- 17 Helen Rollason coffee morning 10am
- 20 WEA AGM see page 19
- 21 Annual Parish meeting, St Andrews 8pm
- 22 Folk Dance Club
- 24/25 Langford & Ulting Art Show, page 4
- 25 Craft Market in village hall 11am - 5pm
- 28 Hadfelda WI

April

- 4 Flower Club
- 7 St Andrews coffee morning 10am
- 12 Folk Dance Club
- 11 Wine Club
- 14 Methodist Church coffee morning 10am
- 16 Parish Council meeting, Village Hall

*Early January, Hatfield Place in winter sunshine.
See page 17 for Open Day on Saturday 17 February
Photo by Meloney Dale*

New view for Editorial office!



The magnificent 70ft cedar on the corner of Church Road and the bottom end of Willow Crescent is no more. Following several large branches falling in the earlier snow and recent winds, on the last Friday in January a team of wood



fellers took it down in a matter of hours. Though sad to see it go - trees are precious - safety is important. From our viewpoint on the landing (aka editorial office) I watched while this giant was taken down, branch by branch, and reflected on its years of growth, in rain and shine, demolished in a matter of hours. We have lived in this house for around forty years and I think the tree was

planted, as a sapling, in the seventies. Today I counted the growth rings, 48 + in all, no signs of drought here.

In this leafless season we now look out over hedgerow and skeletal horse chestnuts, and beyond Baddow Ridge, a sudden ray of sunshine catching the hills (*the black and white photo above doesn't do it justice*). Come spring the view will change, nature is forever on the move.

Call-in Inquiry for Stonepath Meadow and Gleneagles Way NDP update

The emerging NDP formed a large part of the evidence given by Cllr Mike Renow at the Call-in Inquiry for both Stonepath Meadow and Gleneagles Way. The Inspector has received all items requested by him from the parties and formally closed the Inquiry on 20 January. He will now write up his report and recommendations based on evidence given at the 8-day public hearing before Christmas and his site inspections on 3 January, which the Secretary of State will use in making his decision. The Inspector will submit his report on or before 26 March to the Secretary of State.

In September 2017 the NDP Examiner requested a Habitat Regulation Assessment (HRA) report to be prepared which was finally submitted to Natural England on 18 December last.

A meeting took place between the NDP group, our Consultant, our Barrister and Braintree District Council to agree what will be required to enable the examination to continue following receipt of

the HRA report, NE's comments and the draft Strategic Environmental Assessment report. The Parish Council is keeping the Examiner informed.

The NDP Executive Committee intends to hold a meeting during February to provide an update on progress. This meeting will be advertised in the usual way by an Agenda being published so please look out for emails, the PC website and notice boards.

HPPC meeting with GP Surgery team

Hatfield Peverel Parish Councillors Mark Weale, Suzanne Evans, Lyn Shaw, with District Councillor David Bebb and the Parish Clerk, held a positive meeting with representatives from the GP Practice on 5 January. HPPC offered its support to the practice going forward. The report from the meeting, and subsequent discussions was published at the full Council meeting on 5 February and can be viewed on the HPPC website or at the library.

<https://www.essexinfo.net/hatfieldpeverel/assets/documents/gpreport>

Allotment and growing news

Drew Price HPAA new site letting officer

www.hpaa.org.uk



You may notice a new name at the top of this article. Much to our disappointment Sean Pettitt*, while still an association member, has resigned his Chairmanship due to personal and business commitments. His inspirational and progressive leadership over the past years has inspired all members of the HPAA and we wish him and his family our very best. We welcome Andy Styles, our new Chairman, a member for several years who brings with him some unique and valuable experience. Welcome aboard Andy.

Autumn and winter have been quiet these past months, with only brassicas as well as shallots, onions and garlic in the ground. It is too cold to plant potatoes, but if you are planting earlies, you could begin chitting - sprouting the tuber - putting it, with most eyes upright, in a light, cool, but frost-free place at about 10°C. These should be planted in warmer weather of mid to late March when frost damage is unlikely.

Now is time for planning your plots, hoping for even better results than last year. (We've got to hope, don't we?). Seeds are now delivered, and you may be reading up on some new crops. A couple of our members have been trying sweet potatoes and enjoyed some success. What might you try? Begin with noting in your journal, 'what worked', 'what didn't work, - 'what I want more of' and 'what I want less of' and build your plan. Keep in mind clearing/removing rubbish and composting to help replenish nutrients.

A new gardening season - a good time to assess your personal security on both sites. Boot sales start in early March, dishonest people target allotments and homeowners for saleable items. Make sure there's nothing worth stealing around sites, sheds and gardens. Take tools home or leave them in the car boot. If all of us living here could please report suspicious behaviour to the police, then perhaps we can catch or frighten them off - it

may be your garden shed, garage or worse still, your home that they target next. Neighbourhood Watch everyone please! And camera phones for any suspicious goings on.

Happily, the walking paths around the old site have undergone significant refurbishment. They are more user friendly for allotment holders and village walkers. It would be appreciated if those of you walking dogs could keep them on leads near the allotments: it is nicer and healthier to dig and harvest in unfouled plots. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

We currently have plots available on both sites for those wishing to start their own allotment experience. We welcome all interested in taking up this rewarding pass-time, get in touch, it is a perfect time to prepare the ground for new crops and enjoying the many benefits of having your own allotment!

Wishing you sunshine, and the joy of your garden, Drew Price email: chairman@hpaa.org.uk

***Thank you Sean, long time correspondent for the allotment news, and best wishes and thank you to Drew for taking over - happy growing. Ed**

A good gardener always plants 3 seeds – one for the bugs, one for the weather, and one for himself. Leo Aikman

All gardeners live in beautiful places, 'cause they make them so. Joseph Joubert

Langford & Ulting 2018 Art Show

Saturday 24/Sunday 25 March
Langford Village Hall 10am - 5pm

Over 100 artists from Essex and further afield showing high quality work

Refreshments and homemade cakes

Information from Caroline Spong
01621 855220
email cspong777@binternet.com

Proceeds to village hall

Your 2018 Year Book and Schedule is ready

Hatfield Peverel and Ulting Horticultural Society

Trina Butcher, Publicity (380532)

www.essexinfo.net/hatpevgardens



2018 Year Book and Schedule

You can collect your year book and schedule from Upsons Farm Shop, and join the society and get your membership card: subscriptions: £3, senior citizens £2.

Snowdrops are again spreading themselves around the churchyard, a happy cheerful sight in this rather chill weather. Unlike February 2017, daffodil flowers are still tightly clothed in green and not on show except in warm corners.

First speaker meeting Wednesday 14 March

The history of Wilkin and Sons jams with speaker Robert Parker. Doors open 7.30pm for 8pm start. This is the fascinating story of a local (Tiptree) family business whose jams and related products can be found worldwide.

Spring Show, Saturday 7 April doors open 2pm

This is a family show - you don't have to grow vegetables but you could enter a daffodil or two, a vase of spring flowers. Make some jam or have a go at baking an Easter simnel cake - the best wins £10! There are also classes for the children, knitters, handicrafters, and photographers. Get busy now!

The society's annual 5-day holiday, this year to Cheshire, is fully booked

Welcome to Hatfield Peverel and Ulting Horticultural Society: we look forward to a busy and fulfilling year. If you would like to join us do give Trina a ring (see number above) and she will happy to tell you what we are all about.

We need your help please

Hatfield Peverel Baby and Toddler Group

hatfieldpevereltoddlers@yahoo.co.uk

07852 906125

We meet at the Hatfield Peverel Village Hall, Maldon Road, every Wednesday 10.30am - 12pm during term-time. The group is suitable for all pre-school children and babies - and your first week is free!

My name is Sarah Rowe and I help run the Baby and Toddler Group.

We are a friendly, local playgroup who meet every Wednesday morning during term time and have been operating in the village for over 40 years. The group is run by a committee of volunteers and we are searching for at least two new people to join and secure its future.

If the committee does not have a minimum of 5

members the group will have to close down which would be a shame after being an important part of the community for so many years. We have not yet had any members of the group come forward to join the committee so we are widening our search.



The committee must mostly be made up of parents or carers who have children attending the group each week but we can have some members who do not have children at the group but would like to be involved with it - the vacancies are open to everyone. The group is well attended and the children thoroughly enjoy the sessions.

We don't want to see it close down so if you can spare a little time each week to help it carry on please pop into one of our sessions.

To find out more call Sarah on 07852 906125 or email: hatfieldpevereltoddlers@yahoo.co.uk
Facebook: [facebook.com/hatfieldpevereltoddlers](https://www.facebook.com/hatfieldpevereltoddlers)

Parish Council news

**Sarah Gaeta, Clerk to the Parish Council, Parish Council office,
Community Association, Village Hall, Maldon Road, Hatfield Peverel, CM3 2HP
Tel 01245 382865. Email: parishclerk@hatfieldpeverelpc.co.uk**

Councillor vacancies

We currently have two vacancies for Parish Councillors. If you are interested in local issues and would like to help the community, please contact the Clerk, Sarah Gaeta, on 01245 382865 or the Chairman, Mark Weale, on 01245 381726 to discuss what is involved. In brief, there is one full council meeting per month and, if you wish, you can join one or more of the working parties or committees which concentrate on specific issues. There are regular training courses available (not compulsory), which are free for Parish Councillors to attend, all designed to enhance your knowledge of local council issues and procedures.



If you do not wish to become a Parish Councillor, it is still possible to make a valuable contribution by supporting one of our Working Parties. We look forward to hearing from you.

Planning

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

The following applications have recently been made

Internal alterations and change of use from single private dwelling to events venue at Hatfield Place, The Street. Tree works – reduce the height of oak tree by 3 metres at 21 Woodfield Way. Erection of single storey side extension at Elmcote, London Road. Proposed rear extension and conversion of loft with mansard roof and dormers to rear and side at 32 Priory Farm Road.

Application for prior notification of agricultural or forestry development – erection of traditional steel portal frame grain store, Mowden Hall Farm, Mowden Hall Lane. Application for approval of details at Paddock Farm, Spring Lane. Erection of single storey rear extension at Lorich, The Green. Demolition of existing double garage and erection of new single storey, self-contained annexe at Latneys, London Road.

The following applications have recently been granted

Conversion of existing garage into gym with shower room, removing garage door and installing new window with brickwork to the sides at Berwick Bungalow, Terling Hall Road. Variation of Condition 2 of approved application at 22 Chestnut Avenue; the roof to be raised on the two storey extension. Removal of existing roof and new roof installed with changes to the external facade at Brooklyn, Ulting Road. Construction of new single storey rear extension in place of existing conservatory at 44 New Road. Erection of single storey side extension at 51 Priory Farm Road. Proposed lawful development certificate at 8 Garden Field. Proposed lawful development certificate at 33 Yew Tree Close. Erection of single storey side extension, loft conversion and change of materials to facades, together with erection of a detached outbuilding at Yvonne Stewart House, The Street.

Outline planning application for residential development for up to 145 dwellings with public open space, vehicular access and associated infrastructure, land at Station Road. Application for approval of details reserved by condition no. 16 of approved application, land at St Andrew's Road – part granted, part refused. Application for approval of details reserved by condition no. 12, 13 and 21 of approved application. Application for approval of details at Barns and Gate Farmhouse, Nounsley Road. Single storey rear extension at Rosemead, Station Road.

The following application has recently been refused

Erection of 2 no. dormer windows and roof light into front elevation of roof plane at 32 Priory Farm Road.

Website - you can view Parish Council news on its website: <http://www.essex.info.net/hatfieldpeverel/>
Parish Council meetings will be on **Monday 5 March, 16 April** with the **Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 21 March at St Andrew's Church Hall.**

Thank you for your support and commitment...

Lisa Hanikene on behalf of SPMRG

We would like to thank everyone who has been involved in the fund-raising events held to raise money for the Stonepath Meadow Residents Group (SPMRG) to have legal advice leading up to the Inquiry, and for a barrister during the Inquiry. We would like to say a very big thank you to those who helped with the organisation of these events and also to those who contributed by attending them. We pulled together as a community and had some fun as well as raising the necessary funds.

We would also like to thank everyone who has donated via the Just giving crowd-funding site.

The Inquiry was held for eight days in December. We are very grateful to those individuals who presented evidence on a specific area at the Inquiry, a daunting task that they accomplished superbly. Thank you to the people who gave their support by attending the Inquiry and particularly those who manned the tea, coffee and biscuits (which helped provide some very welcome breaks). Last but definitely not least we would like to thank the parish council, in particular the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) team, for their support. We appreciate the huge amount of time and effort these individuals have given to the NDP.

The Inspector, with representatives from each of the parties involved, undertook comprehensive site visits on 3 January.

Barristers from the four parties, David Wilson Homes, Gladman, Hatfield Peverel Parish Council and SPMRG, submitted their closing statements in writing during January. After considering all the evidence the Inspector will write a report for the

Secretary of State to make an informed decision on the planning applications for Stonepath Meadow and Gleneagles.

Hatfield Peverel in Parliament – Stonepath Meadow

Stonepath Meadow residents Group

On Thursday 1 February significant parliamentary time in the adjournment debate (in the main chamber of the House of Commons!) was devoted to Hatfield Peverel planning - web video link below, watch from 16:48 to the end at 17:18.

As you will see, our MP is most appreciative of the support from the local community, both in fund-raising and the 'actual presence' of people at our various gatherings. Well done everyone!

Some strong points are made on the recent Stonepath Inquiry and the Neighbourhood Plan. A great commendation for the residents of Hatfield Peverel for embracing localism and their involvement in shaping development for the village. And strong endorsement for the Stonepath and Gleneagles Residents Group.

Its quite a milestone for our campaign - please do share the news of it with neighbours.

www.parliamentlive.tv/Event/Index/939bd354-3def-4490-92f4-0cecd56e99c?agenda=True

Village views picture quiz - December 2017 edition

Top row - tree on Mowden Hall Lane, Bury Farm buildings, speed limit sign in Sportsmans Lane

Middle row - house name in Bury Lane, near junction with The Street, Milepost in The Street, letter box at Wilkinsons Corner, Nounsley

Bottom row - gate post at entrance to Crix, Road name sign on Crabb's Hill near junction with Church Road, window of Methodist Church

Craft and chat

I have been asked by the Library staff to start a craft group to meet in these welcoming premises. If we don't use these facilities our library will close!

Cathy Etheridge 381553



Do you enjoy crafts: knitting, crochet, embroidery, cross stitch, quilting, paper craft and card-making, - there are so many! You may be experienced or wanting to have a go at something new. **This is a get-together of like-minded people, it's good to have company too.**

If you join you will have access to a special library ticket where members of the group can borrow books for longer periods and use facilities to make coffee - no charge for use during official library opening hours.

Start date Thursday 15 February 1.30 - 3.30pm. I am hoping to have a meeting once a month but if members are interested we could meet once a fortnight or even weekly. And I could possibly do one on Wednesday mornings to fit in with school times. **If anyone would like to drop into the library for more information, the staff will be happy to help. For opening times, see inside back page**

Please support this initiative to keep our library going, and make it a part of the community and a place where people can meet and make new friends. Who knows, this could lead to other groups, for example local or family history. Hope to see you there.

Housebound book service

If you know anyone who would benefit from the housebound book service please let the Library know.

'I had a dream'...

Hadfelda WI - Marel Elliston



In November Lyn Croot brightened up a cold miserable evening with 'I had a Dream' - scuba diving in Tobago. She transported us to tropical islands with warm blue seas and regaled us with stories of corals, colourful fish and strange sea creatures. One plucky member, Theresa, dressed up in full wet suit and diving gear complete with flippers and oxygen tank. During tea members purchased a selection of goodies from our stall and took part in 'A Handbag Search', winner being the lady with most items beginning with the letter 'N'.

The hall looked very festive for our Christmas meeting when members were greeted with a glass of wine or soft drink on arrival. What could be more topical for our December meeting than a talk about 'The History of Pantomime?' Anita Sackett kept us entertained with slides and amusing stories of how it all started. We were reminded of past and present performers and famous pantomime dames. It was amazing how little the format has changed over the years. The members enjoyed a lovely

supper, and the raffle, with a distinct Christmas flavour, rounded off an excellent evening.

To welcome members to our first meeting of 2018, in January we listened to 'A Taste of Music Hall' with Arthur Brooks.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 28 February at 7.45pm in St Andrews Church Hall when David Harvey will be talking to us about 'Memories of a Driving Instructor'.

Charity Barn Dance

Live music by Metric Foot Band

Woodham Walter Village Hall

CM9 6RE

7 April. 7.30-11.00.

Ticket £7 bring own food and drink

In aid of Helen Rollason Cancer Charity

Contact 01621 859202

Christmas in the Park

Emma Cook and Ade Coombs,
Chair and vice chair

You can find us on Facebook:
Hatfield Peverel - Party in the Park
and also on Twitter: @park_party

Snow covered Hatfield Peverel on Sunday 10 December for the third annual Christmas in the Park event. Whilst the village looked like a Christmas card scene, it hampered preparations for the afternoon's event and for a short while a cancellation was discussed.



Community events team at the ready!

Changes had to be made, but our community events' team wasn't going to let the white stuff get in the way of a good party; even vandals who destroyed the lights couldn't spoil the day. With kind offers of help from volunteers plus a trip to buy new lights (thank you Charley and Kenan Dervish), we got the hall open and ready.

In a change from previous years we have planted two trees; the taller tree for the ceremony of the turning-on of the lights and a second, smaller tree planted in memory of our friend and former parishioner Vic Olley who passed away the year before. This tree will grow and flourish over the years and eventually host the village Christmas lights.

By 3.30 pm the snow had stopped and hardier villagers gathered in the village hall awaiting the afternoon's events. Tree lights were switched on by Paul and Sue from the EMC club before we moved into the warm for the entertainment. Up first the excellent Hotsteps who performed their Christmas dance routines. Thank you to Steph Gunn and the dancers for a great performance and great outfits.

Hotsteps were followed by a variety of acts including solos by Rebecca Demetriou with 'All I want For Christmas Is You' and Freya Sharp with 'White Christmas'. Natasha, Paul and Adrian performed 'Happy Xmas' followed by a entertaining readings from Brian and Sable Corrie from HARTS. There was opportunity for audience participation and we all sang three Christmas carols before a surprise visit from Santa himself. A big thank you to Santa for taking time out of his busy schedule to visit the children of Hatfield Peverel.

The Community Events' Team offer a big thank you to all who supported the event and volunteers who assisted in planning, organising and delivering. We raised about £160 for the EMC club from donations on the day. Thank you to EMC for providing hot drinks and mince pies and to the village hall staff for opening the bar and providing the hall for our activities.

The committee is currently in consultation for events around Easter time: further details will be published in the near future.

Don't forget Party in the Park 2018, Saturday 7 July from 2pm.

Thank you from Every Members Club

Paul and Sue would like to take the opportunity to thank Party in the Park for the invitation to turn on the Christmas lights in 2017 in honour of our good friend Vic Olley, sadly missed by us all. We would also like to thank members of EMC for the support they have given us.



Discrete camping at Tripcock Ness

From top to toe, freshwater to salt **Tony Hocking, Alison Davie and Jess the dog travel the Thames by kayak**

Part 2 - from Chelsea Bridge to our own Blackwater

At Chelsea Bridge the last dregs of the early tide finally ran out, and the two kayakers landed unnoticed in the post rush hour lull. Beneath the overhanging branches of Battersea Park, they waited patiently for the water to return. River traffic passed to and fro, and the hum of the city resumed. At 3pm the tide reached its peak, and the kayakers launched for a second time that day. Moving slowly at first, the flow accelerated on its rush back to the sea, carrying them ever more quickly into the heart of the city. The river walls closed in, creating pressure waves and turbulence that tossed the kayak and broke over its deck. Passing boats added to the melee and before long the river became a torrent, twisting and

surging around the landmark bridges and piers. Past The Houses of Parliament, under Westminster Bridge, beneath the London Eye – familiar sights flashed by, the kayak fully committed to a slalom through the centre of the capital. Onlookers waved and smiled, not quite sure if they believed what they were seeing. The kayakers held their nerve, dealing with each obstacle with cool heads, checking off each bridge and speeding seaward on the ebbing tide. Through Tower Bridge and clear of the Thames Barrier, the race to beat failing light and find shelter began.

Daybreak on the lower Thames exposed our discreet campsite at Tripcock Ness, a significant elbow in the waterway where the city first hove into view. For centuries the lower section of the river has been synonymous with trade, and vessels of all flags still bring cargo upstream from the coast. Heavy industrial barges ferry waste materials down it, and while wind power has been replaced with diesel, the overriding sensation is still one of business over pleasure. We felt out of place, in the way a visitor to a factory floor or construction site feels ill dressed in their casual clothes. The palette of colours was muted too – the grey of the mud banks, the browns of the water and the disused, decaying piers. It felt like we were paddling back in time and I thought of Turner’s Fighting Temeraire as we passed the broken ribs of a wooden ship long past restoration. The rattle and roar of a barge loading aggregate from a bright orange conveyor belt brought us back to the 21st century, and we slipped unceremoniously under the Queen Elizabeth Bridge, the knowledge we had crossed the M25 ‘ring’ grimly satisfying.

Despite our proximity to the Blackwater and our destination, several obstacles still lay ahead. Towards its mouth the Thames becomes increasingly wide and at the same time the shipping becomes much bigger and much more frequent, making the timing and place of our crossing from Kent to Essex critical. Beyond Southend on Sea lies the off-limits Foulness Island, a weapons research and MOD artillery range in (almost) constant use. Finally lay the Dengie Peninsula and its expansive, desolate, mud flats. Negotiating any one of these would be a challenge,

Preparing for open sea, Egypt Bay, Kent





Taking shelter amongst the Dengie creeks and marshes

taken one after another was the complex threading of a nautical needle requiring *good timing*, good weather and failing that, good nerves. The return of late summer brought warm settled weather for which we were grateful, and with our crossing thankfully completed, we finally left the Thames for the open sea. By telephone I spoke briefly with the Range officer and confirmed a planned weekend of range inactivity would go ahead, allowing us a brief window to outflank Foulness. That evening we returned to the creeks and saltmarsh to find shelter from an easterly wind; only one final hurdle lay before us now, and we would be in familiar waters.

That night I woke to the sound of the tent zip being gently opened and then felt a cool breeze come in off the sea. I had no idea what the time was, probably 3 or 4am, and it was very dark. Alison's figure slipped out into the night and for some reason I knew I should follow. We stood on the small curved beach and swayed gently, still moving after a day afloat and dozy from the warmth of the sleeping bag. In the distance, navigation buoys winked their coded messages out to sea, unanswered at this unearthly hour but they carried on regardless. At our feet small wavelets rose up and then broke, and to our amazement each one contained a spiral of sparkling green flashes. So quick you could only see them from the corner of your eye – try and focus and they were gone. Phosphorescence bounced and popped inside each wavelet like sparks on a workshop floor. I felt myself smiling in the pitch dark – this was why we'd got up.

So many times the end of a trip is so much anticipated that it comes as an anti-climax when it finally happens. The 'real' end sneaks up and catches you unaware, and to make matters more complicated it usually comes before the trip is truly finished. Our last night had been spent at Sales Point at the mouth of the Blackwater, it is a beautiful, remote spot, backed by the open expanse of the Dengie Peninsula and faced with the open sea. That's where our trip ended, with the calm realisation that all our obstacles had been overcome, and that we'd done what we'd set out to do. At dawn we walked along the sea wall to St Peter's Chapel and looked back, not only along the coast but also over the days we'd spent getting there. The tide had receded to its furthest point and the sound of a thousand wading birds drifted across the breeze. Everything that came after was, well, just going for a bath.

From his vantage point at the head of the Blackwater, Byrhtnoth gazed intently out along the estuary. Grey clouds hung heavy on the river, but the incoming emerald green water ran clear and strong as high tide drew near. A dark speck drew his attention to the horizon and although its form was blurred at first, the shape of a small craft soon became unmistakable. When it reached the causeway to Northey Island, it was clearly a kayak afloat for some time – sea salt rimed the deck and gunwales, and those on board moved with the smoothness and efficiency only experience can bring. Without doubt they had come far. With a nod barely noticed, he let them pass beneath and then resumed his gaze out along the estuary. Free from the main tidal flow now, the kayak closed on the shore and drew alongside a small slipway. Feet touched down in the water and the kayakers stepped ashore for the final time.

Arrival at Maldon and journey's end



A wish come true for Peter Dawson (1929 - 2018)

Peter's family wish to thank Mr Colin Doe for the loan of a tractor, trailer and driver to fulfil his wish for his last journey

Peter was born on the 20 February 1929 at Terling Hall Cottages, Terling, youngest child of Bertha and Ernest Dawson who already had two boys and two girls. At five he started at Terling village school, moved on to Witham senior school and walked out the day he was fourteen - with no school report - and started work at Terling Hall Farm. He was there when he and Joyce were married in St Andrew's church on 6 September 1952. They celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary in September 2017.

After 18 months of marriage, they moved to Rose Cottage in Hatfield Peverel and have lived in the village ever since, bringing up their two children Valerie and Trevor. Peter worked for several farms after moving to the village, but worked for the late Mr Alan Doe as his foreman for over 30 years. He was very proud to receive an inscribed watch for long service from Does.

A man of the soil, Peter loved gardening and especially growing vegetables. As the garden wasn't big enough he rented a large plot among the allotments behind the Cross Key's for many years until ill health forced him to give this up. He often kept several families going with some sort of veg throughout the year. Generosity was his very nature, if he had surplus, or saw a need, he would always share what he had.

Every year he tried to grow something different and Valerie remembers when he grew Huckleberries. *'Mum duly made a pie with the berries, but they were so sour (and it didn't matter how much sugar you put with them, there was no difference), that she gave up'*. Valerie thought they might be good to make wine with (she was into that sort of thing at the time!) and managed to make half a dozen bottles of it using a Sloe Wine recipe. *'The colour of the berries made it look very like methylated spirits, which was a little concerning, but the wine turned out to be very good but so strong, it nearly blew your head off!'*

Peter enjoyed motor racing, on television or at the trackside, and Trevor remembers days out with dad to watch motor racing at Brands Hatch. He had an immense love of aeroplanes and liked nothing more than visiting air shows and air bases to plane spot. When he retired, Peter and two friends, also with an interest in aeroplanes, took themselves off and went on a round trip on Concord out over the Atlantic. He came home on 'the best day of his life.' Peter's love of aeroplanes was reflected in the choice of music played at the end of his service, 'Ace's High' by the Central Band of the Royal Air force, he did enjoy military band music.

Because of ill health, Peter had to give up driving, but would frequently talk about all the places he had visited. He loved to travel around the countryside, whether behind the wheel of a car, a lorry, or on a tractor or combine, he just loved driving. For the family, Peter will always be remembered as a very generous, caring, smiley and compassionate man, as well as a wonderful husband, father, grandad and great grandad.

A lovely man with a broad smile - always pleased to see you.

Blue, red and very bright moon!

If you were organised or lucky, you may have seen, on Wednesday 31 January, a lunar phenomenon. On this date the moon coincided with its closest approach to the earth appearing slightly larger and brighter than usual (a supermoon).



The supermoon passed through the earth's shadow, causing a total lunar eclipse (but not here). For us it was larger, and redder, but in North America, central/eastern Asia, Indonesia, New Zealand and most of Australia, it was total. The next similar eclipse is 250 years away - not for us!

An evening of magic at Hatfield Place

A festive historical occasion took place at Hatfield Place in December 2017 when the doors of this gracious house were opened for an evening of seasonal music, mingling and merriment. Over one hundred villagers gathered to see the restoration of this late eighteenth century property and the fine work undertaken by Ian Twinley, his wife Alison and their team. On that chilly December night, Hatfield Place sparkled with festive cheer - the Christmas trees, floral tributes and centrepieces looked glorious. Guests were treated to glasses of wine, delicious canapés and plenty of chatter.

Villagers were entertained in the main rooms of this historic house: the welcoming reception hall (right), cosy drawing room (below), majestic ballroom, and elegant dining room (below right). It was inspiring to see the high quality of craftsmanship, furnishings and fittings on display in the drawing room. The glistening chandelier in the reception hall was a

joy to behold. It was marvellous to be entertained in a house that symbolises the cultural heritage of the village.



The focus of the evening was a talk, in the ballroom, on the history of Hatfield Place by Margaret Freeman. It was interesting to learn that a past owner of the house - WM Tufnell - had played a major role in founding Barclays Bank in

1896. It was intriguing too to note that the dwelling was the childhood home of Alastair McCorquodale - hero of the 1948 London Olympic Games.

At the end of the talk, a poster of CJ Cater Scott was presented to Ian as a gesture of thanks for being such a generous host. CJ Cater Scott lived in Hatfield Place during the 1920s and allowed the 'Fine Historical Pageant of Hatfield Peverel, 1924' to take place in the grounds. After a brief adjournment to re-fill the wine glasses, the festivities resumed with an hilarious auction.

Hatfield Place - a 'Georgian gem'.

Ian, Alison and their team invite you to attend a drop-in **Open Day at Hatfield Place on Saturday 17 February from 11am - 2pm**. A talk on the history of the house will be given at 12.30pm. A warm welcome awaits you as your hosts give you an opportunity to enjoy the splendour of this house and to hear about the proposal for its use as a wedding venue. A planning application has already been made for the change of use. A further application will include the restoration of outbuildings and walled garden; the reinstatement of demolished buildings; along with the addition of a charming ceremony room and pavilion space.

If you wish to find out more please visit the website address on: www.hatfieldplace.co.uk



News from St Andrews



Recalling Christmas 2017, the services were well attended with the exception of Carol Songs of Praise. Nevertheless those who came contributed generously to the Children's Society. My thanks to everyone who participated in the Christmas services and events and enabled them to proceed smoothly. The problem was the service at All Saints: Ulting Carols by Candlelight. Due to extreme weather this had to be cancelled, but was reinstated after Christmas with a huge attendance, along with the mulled wine and other refreshments in Fr Derek's Welfare Unit. So all was well. At a packed Light of the World service we said thank you and farewell to Kathy Butler of Homestart who, as she says, has been coming every year to St Andrews for the best part of 26 years.

On occasions like these one realizes our church isn't as big as we think it is! Every school concert and carol service was packed to capacity which goes to show the Christmas story still has the power to draw people into its embrace, and why not? How can one be unmoved by the story of God loving his people so much that he shed his God-like characteristics and came to live as we do, frail, vulnerable, subject to human limitations. We are now in the Epiphany season, in the less-romantically named Sundays before Lent. Readings concentrate on the revelation of Christ to the world, Jews and Gentiles (non-Jews).

Lent is early this year and Ash Wednesday happens on 14 February. We are running a Lent Course at the Vicarage; 7.15pm for 7.30pm on Mondays during Lent. Lent gives us time to think on the life-changing events brought about by the life of Jesus of Nazareth before we get to the drama of Holy Week and Easter.

Sunday 25 February we are holding a special Memorial and Thanksgiving Service at 3pm for those who want to remember loved ones who have gone to a 'further shore and a greater light' as Nine Lessons and Carols Bidding Prayer puts it. Letters will be sent to those whose relatives have died in the last two or three years and for whom I have reliable addresses. This is a service for anyone to come along, if you wish someone to be remembered, let me know on 380958 or email: SRNorthfield@aol.com

Forthcoming events

Wednesday 14 February - Ash Wednesday 9.30am Holy Communion at the Vicarage or 7.45pm Parish Eucharist in church

Sunday 25 February - Commemoration, Thanksgiving Service for the Faithful Departed - details above.

Saturday 3 March - 10am coffee morning in the Church Hall

Sunday 4 March - Cafe Church 'Know your Bible?' We are going to take a section of St Mark's Gospel and see what it has to say to us today

Saturday 10 March/Sunday 11 March Mothering Sunday weekend. Keep this weekend free.

Christmas readings and carols

Mothers' Union - Jean Ashby

We entertained each other with amusing accounts of aspects of Christmas and sang a selection of favourite carols, including a solo by Margaret of a lovely Spanish lullaby. We ended with our usual cup of tea and delicious mince pies made by Ann Clements - thank you Ann.

Our first meeting of 2018 was held on 9 January when we began the New Year with a communion service led by Fr Stephen. His



theme was the baptism of Christ by John in the river Jordan, an important moment in the life of Jesus. He showed the reason he had been born as a human, living with ordinary people; sharing their troubles and joys, and standing with them in the river to be baptised by John. Jesus was different from John, who lived a harsh life in the desert, but he wanted to be associated with him and not the religious authorities of the time.

Jesus is not found in the palace of the king but eating and drinking with all kinds of people, enjoying their company. In the baptism

of Jesus by John, the scene is set for a Messiah who will have nothing to do with the trappings of the religious and social elite but will faithfully do the will of his Heavenly Father.

Our AGM followed: we are having problems due to illness etc and Fr Stephen is keeping us going by helping out at our meetings. We are very grateful to him plus Elizabeth and Pat for doing their best to book speakers for our monthly meetings during the coming year. Our friend Jane,

who was to give us another talk on her nursing career, has had a nasty fall and injured herself quite badly. We send her our love and wish her a speedy recovery. Our member Virginia gamely stepped into the breach gave us a session entitled 'The Great Bible Bake Off': we are very grateful to her.

One last thank you is to Ann Clements who provides us with tea and biscuits at every monthly meeting. Thank you Ann.

Our Methodist Church has been very busy over the past two months

Special Service on 26 November

Mrs Sarah Carter from Chelmsford Cathedral talked to us about their project where immigrant ladies and their pre-school children are assisted to learn English and understand our customs to help them to feel at ease in our country. The project started 2 years ago with 4 families from Afghanistan who had worked with the British forces and were moved here for their own safety. Their families had little English and female children had received no formal education. The Church went back to basics, teaching, using pictures and movements, to explain and speak the words they needed to communicate for working, shopping and socialising.

The project now extends to 3 weekly groups of up to 40 people at a time with approximately 25 nationalities attending, having learnt about this help by word of mouth. Participants include people from China, Russia, Uzbekistan, India, Middle East and Poland. Friendships are made and the isolation of living in a strange country is reduced.

Thank you for helping us collect 23 boxes for Operation Christmas Child. These were blessed at this service and have been delivered to Romanian children - we hope they have enjoyed the gifts sent with our love.

Christmas celebrations 3rd December

Our Church was decorated with hundreds of candles for our annual celebration and we were delighted to welcome the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides with their families once again. This year the groups organised the whole service and we enjoyed their singing, Bible readings and Nativity story enactment. The children looked lovely in their outfits and gave us a lively telling of the birth of Jesus and the visits of the Shepherds and Wise men. We enjoyed joining in with the carols. Our lay worker, Gill, concluded the service with a story of a spider that spun a web to hide the Holy Family from Herod's soldiers. The girls finished by singing Happy Christmas to us and we enjoyed well deserved tea and cakes. Contributions of £57 towards the work of Action for Children were received and passed on. A great afternoon, enjoyed by all.

Christmas Eve Service – building a bridge

John Clemo led this service with an experiment to build a bridge with loose bricks. In the midst of our Christmas decorations we started the build and held our breath - and it worked. A semi-circular arch about 2ft high stayed together with no fixings but dependent on the keystone – the central wedge-shaped stone which balanced and held the other sections in place, illustrating how Jesus is at the centre of our faith. We also enacted the good news of the Saviour's birth as described in Luke's Gospel.

New Years Eve Service

St Andrew's members joined us for our final service of 2017 led by Gill. We watched a speeded-up film showing an artist painting pictures of the stories of the Bible from the old and new Testaments. As each picture blotted out the previous scene it was a guessing game as to what view would emerge next. It

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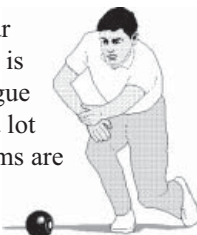
New Year Party 5th January

We invited friends to a lunch to say thank you for their support and introduce them to our new Minister Rev Barry Allen and his wife Ria. Our meal had a South African theme and we served Boboti (similar to our meat loaf) and milk tart (like egg custard). Barry and Ria showed us pictures of their home town in the South West where they had been Methodist leaders. It has a beautiful coastline with accessible mountains in the background. Their Church membership was mixed with services taken in English and the local African language. The poorest were living in make-do shacks with no electricity. They were often visited by people asking for bread to stave off hunger. Church members gave support by giving parcels of baby clothes and equipment and running a play school where the children were enthusiastic to learn. The country has high levels of unemployment, corruption, crime and a lack of Government funds but despite these problems they said the country was a beautiful place to see and were hopeful that the recent change in leadership would improve the situation.

Winter season going well

Rita Thomson, Bowls Captain, 01245 380038

All home friendlies have so far been won. The League team is in mid-table and the Tuesday league is going along nicely - there are a lot of games to play yet but both teams are doing well!



We held our Christmas party in December and had a great time.

We had three club competitions during January: the Joan Cowell pairs was won by Steve Barry and Margaret Hinsley; the Chrissie Hatfield Plate by Jean Davis and the Trevor Matthams triples by Pat Wallis, Steve Barry and Jean Davis. We have also had the club pairs and singles - a busy time!

We are holding a line dance night, £3 per person, on 10 February at 7pm.

If you would like to try bowling, we will be pleased to see you - we have sets of woods of different sizes for you to try and we can give instruction. Please phone me, Rita Thomson, any afternoon except Tuesday (League play). Hope to see you sometime

2017 Poppy appeal raises

£5834.29

Peter Archer

Poppy appeal organizer



This year the village Poppy appeal showed an increase of £60 from 2016.

Thank you for your tremendous support.

Four mornings at the station with at least two collectors in attendance each day raised over £880 - commuters were exceedingly generous.

House to house, along with the shops, offices, restaurants and village sports organisations raised almost £4,400. Collections at Infant and Junior Schools donated almost £236.

Remembrance Sunday afternoon service was well-attended with 200 from all age groups. Dave Patterson told of how the Royal British Legion Anglia Riders gave support to the Poppy Appeal and supported ex-service personnel. The church collection amounted to £305. Many thanks to Guides and Scouts for their help during the service. Other activities increased the final total.

Many thanks to all collectors and to those who donated so generously.

Welcome to our new volunteers

1st Hatfield Peverel Scout Group

(boys and girls 6 -18 yrs)

Suzanne Evans – Publicity 01245 382397

Successful urgent appeal

Happily, we have welcomed additional adult volunteers to assist in the running of our Group. Our new recruits are enjoying their roles and have quickly become valuable members of our team. However, we still need more help - there are various positions vacant, uniformed and non-uniformed, some involve working with young people and others are administrative. If you

can spare a few hours, please contact our new Chairman, Simon (contact details below), to discuss the roles available. No previous experience is required; support and training will be provided. Thank you.



Fund-raising at no additional cost to you - just shop online as usual

Please help 1st Hatfield Peverel Scout Group while on-line shopping, it won't cost you a penny extra and the Group will receive a donation based on what you spend. **Whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be collecting free donations for us.** There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva and Sainsbury's.

1. Head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/1sthpsg/> and join for free.

2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.

3. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost!

Thank you

The Beavers were thrilled to present a commemorative certificate to Tony and Sylvie Rymill for their generous donation to our Group (*photo above*). Tony and Sylvie's wonderful 'Spooky, Halloween Cemetery' raised over £1,000, which has been earmarked to purchase new tents. Many thanks to them both for their kindness, and all their hard work. Also to everyone who visited the display and made a donation.

Newspaper and cardboard collection

The 1st Hatfield Peverel Scout Group **paper and cardboard collection takes place on the first Saturday in the month (9am - 1pm)**. The Scouts receive payment for all the paper and cardboard that is collected... please help us raise funds for our Group and please put your newspapers, magazines, paper and cardboard outside your property, where it can be clearly seen from the road, by 9am on the first Saturday of the month or deliver it to our skip in the HQ car park at any time (**paper and card only please – NO glass, plastics, garden rubbish etc**). Volunteers to help with the collection are always very welcome. Thank you.

Awards At our AGM presentations were made: Beaver of the year – Rafferty Webber; Cub of the year – Rowan Gowers; Scout of the year – David Evans; Explorer of the year – Sophie Shields. Well done!

Useful contacts

Website: www.hpscouts.org.uk

Group Scout Leader: Nick Nicholas, nicknicholas1990@gmail.com, 07841 597 977

Chairman: Simon Reed, sgreed1972@gmail.com, 07990 580 985

Membership: Michelle Spicer hpscoutgroup@gmail.com, 01245 380 630

HQ bookings: Debbie Fuller, copper_benS@hotmail.com, 07920 512 471

Paper collection: Jonathan Dormon, jonathan.dormon@btinternet.com, 01245 382 981

Publicity: Suzanne Evans, info@boons-holidays.co.uk, 01245 382 397

Chocoholics and blindfolds!

Peverel Wine Club – Vee Green

01245 355723

www.peverelwineclub.co.uk or email

peverelwineclub@hotmail.co.uk



A very happy New Year 2018 to all members and readers!

The Wine Club celebrated Christmas in its usual festive with a 4-course supper in the Village Hall provided by members and committee, accompanied by excellent seasonal live music from local singing superstar Ian Jordan. We were delighted to see so many guests and new faces.

The new membership year began in January with the traditional Intra-Club Quiz - 5 teams battling it out for the honour of winning, and question master Graham Bushby guiding proceedings in exemplary manner! The quiz was keenly fought, but Dave and Marian Belshaw and their guests plus Ann and John Riddleston and Nick and Jill Shakespear galloped in a couple of points ahead of There's No F in Wine! Prizes to the winners, and a booby prize to the last-placed team!

At the meeting came the excitement of the 2018 programmes (upon payment of annual subs). The new programme is up to standard, with tastings and events over the next twelve months.

February's meeting is not one to miss: it falls Valentine's Day, and highlights include a combined tasting of wine and chocolate – a perfect theme for this romantic occasion, plus the Peverel version of the Mr and Mrs Quiz and other goodies on a similar theme, all accompanied by appropriate snacks. Best value night out in Hatfield Peverel again this year!

Looking forward to Wednesday 14 March, we have a blind tasting, but with a twist. Our Christmas Charity raffle raised over £100 for the Royal Society of Blind Children, and their suggestion for fund-raising was to hold a genuinely blind tasting of wines, to help us appreciate what it is to have little or no sight. The evening will be great fun, with the usual spirit of competitiveness!

If you'd like to join us for a light-hearted evening give Vee a ring to confirm attendance on 01245 355723. We meet normally on the second Wednesday of the month at 8pm in the Village Hall, with some exceptions, so phone first. The Wine Club has its own website, courtesy of the skills of Fred Brown, and this can be accessed either via the Hatfield Peverel community site at www.essexinfo.net/hatfieldpeverel/clubs-and-societies/ or direct via www.peverelwineclub.co.uk Before you come along, find out more about the Wine Club!

Any more fares please!

Hatfield Peverel Walkers

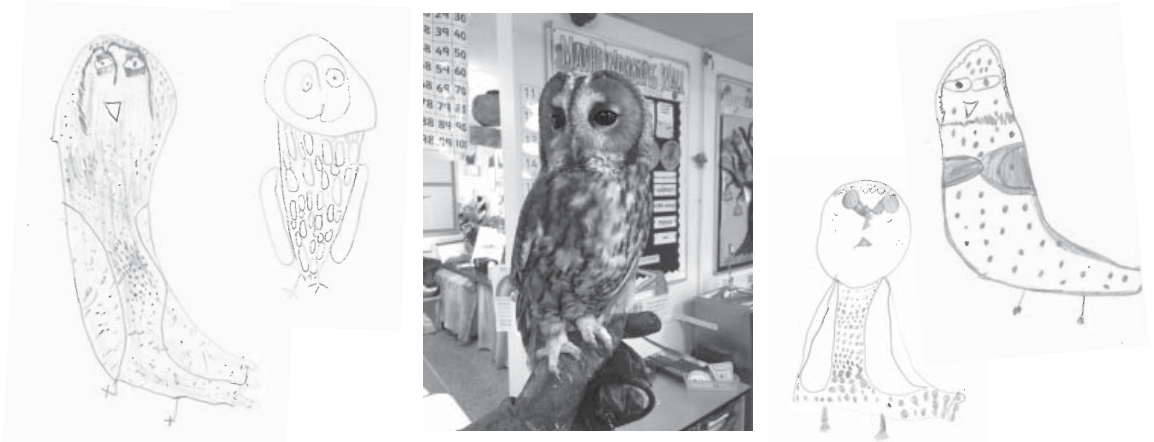
Graham Bushby, 380472

In November walkers gathered at the bus stop to catch the 71 bus to the start of the walk in Witham. We walked along the bank of the River Brain to the Whet Mead Nature Reserve. Following a circumference of the reserve we went across a number of fields eventually reaching the grounds of Benton Hall Golf Club. The River Blackwater took us to the perimeter of the golf club and along a path under the only surviving wooden railway bridge in the country. This was followed by an old water mill, home of David Waddington MP for Maldon in the 1840s.

The plan was to pause for refreshments at Pear Tree Pantry but it was closed for the day. Fortunately, a member who happened to be driving by stopped and invited us to his house nearby for coffee and biscuits. On resuming the walk we were met by a fall of snow, which luckily lasted about 10 minutes, before making our way back to Hatfield Peverel. The walk was one of our longest, over 6 miles.

In December we met at The Wheatsheaf for our annual Christmas lunch. Normally we have a short walk finishing at 12 noon to allow a drink before the meal: days of continuous rain meant country paths were flooded so we abandoned the walk and enjoyed the pub instead!

The next three walks are on 22 February, 29 March, and 26 April. Full details from Graham Bushby 01245 380472. If you leave an ansaphone message please leave your name and a telephone number or email contact for return reply.



A parliament of owls. Year 2 Infants talked about these birds in the winter term - thank you to Abigail, Kitty, Orla-Mae and Rhianna for their lovely drawings. The live owl was just visiting!

Fancy a fresh egg?

If you are thinking of keeping chickens I have a chicken enclosure, approximately. 18'6" x 20' (could be made smaller) which I no longer need. It includes posts, strong chicken wire and a door. There is also a 4' x 6' shed plus perch and single nest box, outdoor shelter and outdoor perch, feeders, waterers and a bag of chicken-friendly chippings.



Everything you need (apart from chicken feed) to start enjoying looking after these friendly animals and, of course, their delicious, fresh eggs. I can refer you to someone who can erect it if necessary.

If you are interested please give me a call on 07855 574350 or email lesley1431@sky.com

Never mind the weather...

The wind has blown, the rain come down in freezing shards - not quite ice - but we in our snug classroom have been transported to far and near exotic gardens, and forgotten the vagaries of an English winter and the state of our own plots.



The WEA Spring course - a misnomer this year, winter is still with us, is an exploration of how gardens have been represented in British art. We know the gardens are sometimes cold and wet, and some of the greenhouses are not of the neatest and tidiest of the crop, but we are indoors enjoying the colours, the flowers, and clever use of paints to tell a story

If you gave this course a miss, you have missed a treat. **Gardens in British Art in the 19th and 20th Centuries**, with our enthusiastic

and knowledgeable tutor Susan Powell, is a delight. We have been introduced to vaguely remembered names - Eric Ravilious, Margaret Mee, Stanley Spenser and many others, and learnt to look at these paintings in a more careful and knowledgeable way.

AGM time - Tuesday 20 March

The meeting will start at 10am in the Scout and Guide HQ, Church Road, when the subject of our talk will be **History through Essex Foods** - Mersea oysters, Maldon Salt, Tiptree jams, saffron spices with speaker Keith Lovell. Come and hear what the coming months will bring, enjoy excellent refreshments, listen to a good talk and meet us all to see what we have on offer.

Stop Press - September class, Chris Green and Musical Postcards. Details in later Review. Information from Lesley Naish, 01245 380837.



David Richard Jex 1932 - 2017

From a tribute by his daughter Helen Jex

David was born in Norwich but soon moved to Ipswich. With the outbreak of World War 2 his father was posted to Burma where he remained for 6 years without home leave. David grew up fast and helped his mother care for his two younger brothers (and later a little sister). At St Margaret's Church of England School he passed the 11 plus and could have gone to Grammar School, but remained with his brothers at St Margaret's until he left at 14. His school report confirmed 'he was top in a class of 35 boys', He sang in church choirs and eventually became head choir boy at St Mary le Tower, Ipswich.

His first job was trainee clerk at Gipping RDC in Needham Market, 8 miles from home in Ipswich. He cycled to and from work daily, but found time in the evenings to study and gain qualifications in shorthand, typing and book keeping. At 18 he did his National Service and served in the Royal Artillery at the War Office. He developed his love of sports, trained to become a football referee and learned to box.

In 1952 David moved to London and joined the Metropolitan Police. His first major public duty was the Queen's Coronation when, as a young Constable, he lined the Mall, his eyes fixed on the crowds so he never got to see the Queen! He rose quickly through the ranks becoming Sergeant and then Station Sergeant at Marylebone. In 1960 he met a young science technician named Margaret: they married in 1961 and moved into Police married quarters in Peel House where David was an instructor at the training centre. In 1964 they moved out to the suburbs in Mill Hill: David joined St Michael and All Angels Church where he sang in the choir and later became churchwarden. He and Margaret also sang in London choirs and took part in concerts in the Royal Festival Hall and the Royal Albert Hall.

He became Inspector at Hampstead, promoted to Chief Inspector at Southall in 1967 where he worked with local communities as their Liaison Officer to ease the growing racial tensions before moving to Marylebone in 1973. One of his duties was to oversee the safety of cricket matches at Lords at the height of the IRA bombing campaign. He was also on duty every day of the Balcombe Street siege. He supervised many demonstrations and protest marches, directing them through central London, had two tours of duty working as an Instructor at Police Training Schools in Westminster and Hendon, and also studied at the National Police Training College at Bramshill, Hampshire.

He was promoted to Superintendent in 1977 serving at Holburn, Kensington and Harrow, and finally to Chief Superintendent in 1980 where he organised policing at football matches, and a large public mass at Wembley Stadium for John Paul 2nd's visit to London.

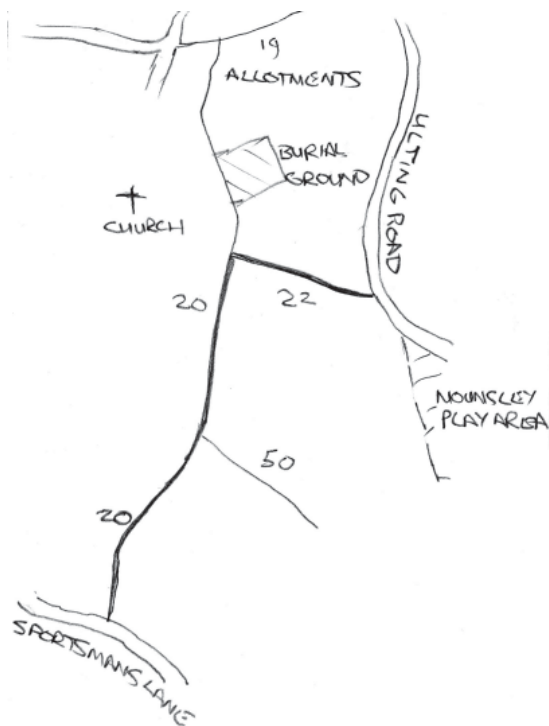
He retired from the Police in 1982 after 30 years' service, and moved out of London, first to Nounsley and later to Gleneagles Way to be closer to shops and facilities. He and Margaret joined the St Cecelia Choral Society in Chelmsford and the Witham Choral Society, and the congregation at St Andrews, and at All Saints Church in Ulting, becoming valued members of St Andrews Church Choir.

His main interest was outdoor bowling and he joined Witham Bowling Club where he became club and group secretary and gained his County Badge. He also played indoors at the Falcoln and Colchester Bowling Club.

David was a Hatfield Peverel Parish Councillor where some of his projects included new signs for the village green, installing new wooden bus shelters in The Street, and securing funding which has enabled the village 'Review' magazine to continue to be produced for all residents free of charge.

For the last 4 years David was a resident in Mallard House, Crabbs Hill Nursing Home where Margaret visited daily.

On behalf of Margaret and all the family, may I thank everyone at the home who cared for him so well.



Footpaths and Bridleways

Ken Earney, Parish Paths Partnership
01245 381235, keneaney@hotmail.com

I was prompted to write this note after recently spotting horse hoof-prints in the soft ground of two of our footpaths, FPs 20 and 22, as shown by the bold pencilled line in the sketch above. These two paths are pedestrian paths, **not** bridleways, and horses may not legally be ridden on them.

In fact (apart from one totally useless length of 50m coming off the sharp bend on Bumfords Lane towards the Chelmer and Blackwater) there are no bridleways in the parish. This is very unsatisfactory for horse-riders, and it would be really good if there were a number to cater for them, but there it is.

So, Sir or Madam Horse-rider, do please keep your mount off the footpaths. If you would like to discuss this further with me, by all means get in touch, my contact details are given above.

Chelmsford Film Club

Cramphorn Theatre, Fairfield Road,
Chelmsford. Screenings at 8pm.

www.chelmsford-filmclub.co.uk

Telephone 01245 224064

Thursday, 15 February	Citizen Jane
Monday 5 March	Toni Erdmann
Tuesday 20 March	Personal Shopper
Friday 6 April	Letters From Baghdad
Thursday 19 April	The Student

Maldon Film Club

Maldon Town Hall. Screenings at 8pm

www.maldonfilmclub.info

Telephone 01621 869340

Wednesday 14 February	The Salesman
Wednesday 28 February	Manchester by the Sea
Wednesday 14 March	Embrace of the Serpent
Wednesday 28 March	Mr Homes
Wednesday 11 April	After the Storm

Wickham Bishops Village Hall

'Reel Picture House'.

Screenings at 8pm, doors open 7pm

Box Office: The Health Food Shop, 12 The Street,
Wickham Bishops CM8 3NN

Telephone 01621 890004

Friday 16 February	Victoria and Abdul
Friday 16 March	Murder on the Orient Express

Congratulations

Hatfield Peverel based Coach Tour & Excursion Operator, Boon's Calibre Travel, has been shortlisted in the 2018 British Coach Tourism Awards.

Managing Proprietor, Suzanne Evans, says 'we would like to thank our loyal clients for their custom over the past 24 years. The many testimonials received, complementing our product and service, greatly contributed to the judges decision to place us in the final six for Coach Tourism Professional of the Year.'

The winner will be announced in March, at the National Motorcycle Museum in Birmingham.

How do you feel about your local GP Surgery?

A letter from a local resident

If you feel our village surgery is not meeting your needs as a patient, for whatever reason, inform the Practice Manager. We all know the surgery cannot be what it used to be, but each one of us can try to make it better.

While we realise that times are different, and managing change is challenging, if you have an idea as to how we might offer help and support to surgery staff, perhaps we could meet to find a way to try and make it better?

If you wish to comment on staff performance - either compliment or complaint - put it in writing, email or handwritten note, preferably giving exact details of your experience.

Since the new appointment arrangement was introduced in October there have been many negative comments on various websites. The new telephone system is still being evaluated, so if enough patients voice their views in a constructive way a better alternative may be found.

We all value our health service and want to see it thrive in the new millennium.

Send your comments to: The Practice Manager, Sidney House Surgery, Strutt Close, Hatfield Peverel CM3 2HB, marking the envelope 'Confidential'. If you prefer email the address is: sidney.laurels@nhs.net putting 'FAO: Practice Manager' in the subject line.

Braintree Food Bank says thank you

Thank you so much for your continued support. We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of schools, individuals, churches, clubs, organisations and companies who, over the last few months, have given so much to help us help those in food poverty.

For our February shopping list we are short of

- * Cereal (not large packets) and cereal bars
- * Cold meats

- * Tinned whole tomatoes, tinned spaghetti
- * Penguins/Kit Kats etc
- * Fruit juice/long life milk
- * Sponge puddings
- * Packet mashed potato (no tins please)
- * Packet custard (no tins please)
- * Life-long bags
- * Tin openers

Transport Representative meetings

John Cockell attends the Chelmsford and Maldon meetings of ECC-held meetings of representatives of town and district councils and the suppliers and users of public transport on behalf of HPPC. The remit of the meetings is to seek to resolve potential and current public transport problems.

He will be happy to take on board any issues or questions residents may have with public transport. In the immediate future he will be attending on 6 March.

You can contact him on 01245 381646 or johnandann2@btinternet.com

Village hall happenings

Facebook: Hatfield Peverel village hall
Yearly membership £5

Opening times

Monday to Saturday 7 - 1pm

Sunday 12 noon - 4.30pm

Special happenings

17 February - all day 10am - 10pm charity darts marathon in aid of Bliss

24 February - Disco/karaoke evening with Mark and Adrian 8 - 11.30pm

Booking for hall/meeting rooms

HPCA bookings @mail.com

Village hall 07541 516243

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

Village hall (after 7pm) 01245 381481

Useful telephone numbers Dec 17

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 **CHANGE!**

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); St Johns, 01245 362000

St Peters, Maldon

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

Witham Police Station opening hours

Monday - Saturday, 12 noon 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

Hatfield Peverel Parish Council

Committees and working parties

Burial Ground Working Party (B)

Country Park Focus Group (CP)

Employment (EMP), External Audit Review (A)

Finance and Budget (FB), Football Pavilion (F)

General purposes (GP)

Keith Bigden Memorial Ground User Group (KB)

Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)

Party in the Park (PiP), Planning (P), Traffic (T)

Village Environment (E)

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parishclerk@hatfieldpeverelpc.co.uk

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County Councillor

Derrick Louis 07918 721526



Hatfield Peverel School was closed in 1975 and pulled down in 1991. This view is taken from the top of Church Road: the block of flats on the right known as Kissingate had not at that time been built. Joyce Fitch's book, Hatfield Peverel School, written in 2001, is a fascinating record of the life of a village school - our Library has a copy.. Thank you to Chris Chisnell for the loan of this photo

Crafts in the making

Hatfield Peverel Girlguiding Group, Julie Downes

The girlguiding group is taking part in the annual Witham Division Handicraft competition

Rainbows - before Christmas we did festive craft, Rudolph flannels and post boxes, finishing with a chocolate party on a Christmas theme! Since the New Year we have reviewed our promise and looked at its meaning. We made promise calendars.

We are about to start a new roundabout – All About Me. For the competition we aim to make rainsticks, decorate pebbles and make binoculars. As a unit we will make a 3D elephant - the theme is 'Out of Africa'!. There is a family category, we hope some of our Rainbow families will take part!

Brownies - last term we finished the Agility and Artist badges - thanks to Pru who came and tested the girls on their agility skills. We decorated biscuits with Christmas themes, made Santa's helpers from pine cones and for our last meeting decorated aprons and had a fashion show. We are looking forward to making African themed masks and

necklaces, designing animal print wallpaper and constructing a model of an African hut.

Guides created three fabulous Christmas displays for the library at the end of last term. I hope those who visited during December had a chance to take a look. A more wintry scene is still on display.

This term the Guides have enjoyed a bird themed evening with a quiz, made bird feeders, explored advertising when the girls created their own advert, and an evening exploring the senses, organised by a couple of our older Guides. The girls will enjoy International cooking to celebrate Thinking Day and creating items for the competition theme, Out of Africa. Since we have won the Guide shield on the 2 previous occasions, the pressure is on to retain it again!

Look out for an exhibition in the library during April of the entries by the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides of Hatfield Peverel.

All 3 units were invited to the Methodist Church Candlelight Service where we put on a Nativity.
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