

Hatfield Peverel

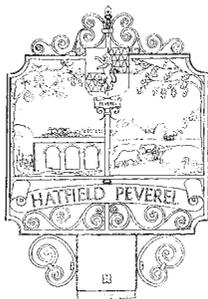
Review

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Many congratulations to Winifred and Albert Valentine who celebrated their platinum anniversary (seventy years) in May. They have lived in Hatfield Peverel all their married lives (see page 17)

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Local events and happenings round and about

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June

- 11 Wine Club
- 14 Methodist Church coffee morning/cake stall
- 14 Infant School Summer Sunday 11.45 - 3pm
- 14 Art Group's exhibition, see page 5
- 19 Folk Dance Club
- 21 Helen Rollason coffee morning 10am
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July

- 2 Flower Club
- 2 Coffee morning 10am for Marie Curie Cancer Care, see page 16
- 3 Folk Dance Club
- 5 St Andrew's coffee morning, 10am
- 7 Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm village hall
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August

- 2 St Andrew's coffee morning
- 4 Parish Council meeting
- 9 Methodist Church coffee morning/cake stall

Scruffy's back!

A celebration, our tame blackbird - shared by ourselves, Geoff over the road and who knows how many others, is just rejoicing in his second brood - and that means currants. The three overfed number 1 batch are chirping about the lawn, ruffling their rich reddy feathers and hoping someone will come along and stop them from starving. When no one is looking they 'do it themselves'. The minute a curtain twitches or a door opens, Scruff is there, his balding head and missing feathers recognisable from all the other upstarts waiting in the wings. He crams as many currants as he can into his beak - they drop out as fast as they go in - and flies off down the garden probably scattering largesse as he goes. His enemies, none as tatty as him and I suspect not as virile, swoop in and collect the leftovers. I love summer!

Sorrell's Field and the Braintree LDF

The following recent letter, name and address supplied, is from a group of concerned residents.

Further to the rubber stamping of the Sorrell's Field Development at the LDF meeting in Braintree on Tuesday 8th April many residents are unhappy with the decision, let alone a further development at Stonepath Drive therefore we have created a website <http://www.hpsov.org/> to let people have their say about both of these developments and the onslaught of traffic we will be facing with the developments going on in Maldon, Burnham and Witham.

There is still time to object to the Planning Inspector based in Bristol but as yet we have to find out the cut off date for this but will let everyone know on the website.

Editorial note: minor detail changes, not involving Sorrell's Field, are subject to a further public consultation which closes on Friday 20th June. When determined the LDF plan is timetabled for submission to the Planning Inspectorate in late summer. However the primary formal consultation has closed, as it has also in the case of the Maldon District LDP. Our understanding is that there may yet be a limited opportunity to comment to the designated planning inspector.

Land at Stonepath Meadow does not fall within the Braintree District LDF. A presentation was made by representatives of the landowners at the Annual Parish Meeting on the 19th March around their wish to obtain planning consent for some of the land, but this represents a speculative action on their part. Something to be watched nevertheless.

Generous donations help towards food bank success

Villagers in Hatfield Peverel, since September 2013, have given generously to the two food bank collection points, in St Andrew's Church and the Methodist Church, filling the boxes with items of food to help people on low incomes or facing a sudden crisis, people who may be forced to choose between paying the rent or eating. The food collected in our village is taken, via Witham, to a warehouse in Braintree. Braintree Area Foodbank which delivers the food parcels to collection points in the area provides 3 days emergency food to local people in crisis. Those in need are referred to the foodbank by local agencies - the First Stop centre, Social Services, Job Centre, local Health Authority, Citizen's Advice Bureau and others: the vouchers they receive can be exchanged for food parcels from the designated drop-in centres.



Thank you everyone who has donated food to this charity - further donations are most welcome.

August Review to be late - A word of warning to all contributors. We have a very busy time at the end of July and early August and it's likely the August edition will not appear until the middle of that month.

Situations vacant

Allotment Association - David Goodey (01245 380389)

www.hpa.org.uk

Despite the advent and general interest in the Great Allotment Competition on the BBC we still have a couple of vacant plots for rent on both sites. If you think that having an allotment is anything like the television programme you are either participating in illegal substances or in need of better advice – it is much more earthy and strenuous I can assure you. I wouldn't know how to make chutney and flower arranging is way beyond my capability. Anyway most plots, with membership fee, are around £25 - £30 (dependent on size) so why not have a go and at least improve your fitness, tan and spirit (get off that computer screen!). If you would like an allotment plot please contact John Cockell (01245 381646) for the old site (next to the church) or Paul Waite (01245 380429) for the new site next to the cricket pitch regarding renting a plot.



Our annual competition is on Saturday 28th June when plots should be at their best (with the notable exception of mine which is in need of slash and burn land clearance in some places). The exceptionally good weather at the time of writing has allowed enormous progress and a staggering variety of fruit, vegetables and flowers are being grown. I have no less than thirty different products on my plot. We did get caught out by a night of frost in mid-May which caused some casualties among the courgettes, runner beans and potatoes that the more optimistic of us had planted out too early (Mick says never plant out the soft ones until after 15th May - and he was right). If the frost didn't get them then the almost domesticated French Red Legged Partridges have. They are everywhere – but nowhere as noisy as the feral Nounsley peacocks!

Damp start but good turnout

Horticultural Society

A successful plant sale and coffee morning was held at Oaklands, Nounsley, in May when the rain cleared to leave a cool but dry morning. Everyone was pleased with their bargains - you can't beat home grown plants for quality and price - and the welcome selection of cakes and drinks. Pelargoniums were on sale, to be grown and judged at the Autumn Show in October. The morning raised a fantastic £528.

Afternoon garden walk

A close to home walk on Sunday 22nd June when the society visits Barnadiston House, Chipping Hill, Witham. A wide range of unusual and insect-friendly plants as well as fruit, heritage vegetables and succulents that enjoy hot and dry conditions are grown.

Meet at the garden at 2.30pm, admission is £3 per person. Details and directions from Clive on 01245 381704. Transport can be arranged.

Garden event - not to be missed!

Tudor Lodge, The Street - Sunday 20th July, 12 noon until 5pm

This bi-annual event is with us again! A buffet lunch and afternoon tea will be served at 12.30 and 15.30 respectively, interspersed with various games and competitions. The purchase of a raffle ticket entitles you to a free glass of wine.

Tickets, at £8 each, are on sale now from Clive Emberson, 62 New Road. Reserve your tickets on 01245 381704 or 07771 536938 to avoid disappointment as places are limited.

How to grow prize-winning carrots

An illustrated talk by David Thornton FNVS, champion carrot grower, will be held in Hatfield Peverel village hall on Sunday 8th June at 2pm.

Information from Emily 01621 741787. Free to members, non-members £2. Light refreshments.

Come to the Art Group's exhibition on 14th June

Peter Walker (381798)

Art Group members are working towards this year's exhibition, which takes place in the Salvation Army hall, in Maldon Road, Hatfield Peverel, on Saturday 14th June, from 10am to 6pm. Open to all visitors wishing to view the paintings on display, the exhibits are by both members and non-members, and most are for sale, along with their cards and unframed portfolio items.

Our exhibition once again coincides with the Country Fayre event at St Andrews School, who will also be participating in our exhibition with pictures on display created by children at the school. There will also be special features during the day, including painting demonstrations and a children's workshop. Entry is free, with catalogues available at a nominal cost of £1.

There is good car parking at the hall, and first-class refreshments are available throughout the day at very reasonable cost.

Sport success for St Andrew's Junior School

Congratulations to Year 6 boys' cross country team - Daniel Connell, Daniel Tomlinson-Watts, Jude Thorne and Finley Murrell who became North East Essex Schools Champions just before Easter. Well done too to Arthur Burnham who came third in the individual Year 5 race at the same event.

Sponsored fun run

The fun run on the last day of term before Easter was a great success. After a few grumblings all the children (and a few staff!) joined in both running and walking around the ½km circuit on the recreation ground. There was plenty of effort and enthusiasm as everyone did their very best - some completed 20 laps - 10k. Just over £2,000 was raised which will be divided between the children's choice of Cancer Research and picnic benches for Base 9 garden.

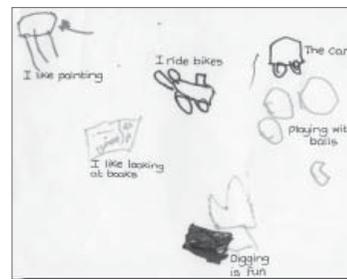
Nursery news

This term at Nursery and pre-school we are focusing on transition.

In pre-school we are preparing our children for the next step of their learning journey into 'big school'. We are very lucky being on the same site as the school, enabling the children to become familiar with their environment. We have visited our new classrooms and met the teachers who have also visited us.

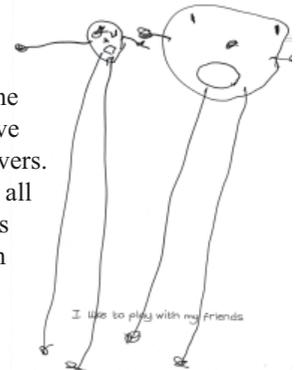
It is a special time where we are making the most of the time we have left with our school leavers. We would like to thank all our children and parents for their participation in nursery life and wish them lots of luck for the future. The nursery children will also be visiting pre-school to build their confidence.

Our open day is on Saturday 21st June 10am - 11.30am. If you are interested, please come and see us.



The children have drawn some pictures of what they like doing at our nursery.

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



Parish Council News

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Two vacancies on the Council – election to be held following a request by 10 or more residents

1. An election is to be held for one Parish Councillor for Hatfield Peverel.
2. Forms of nomination for the Parish election may be downloaded from www.braintree.gov.uk or obtained from the Returning Officer, Braintree District Council, Causeway House, Bocking End, Braintree, Essex, CM7 9HB who will, at the request of an elector for any electoral area prepare a nomination paper for signature.
3. Nomination Papers must be delivered to the Returning Officer at the same address as (2) on any day after the date of this notice but no later than 4 pm on Friday, 27th June 2014.
4. If any election is contested the poll will take place on Thursday, 24th July 2014.
5. Applications, amendments or cancellations of postal votes must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at Causeway House, Bocking End, Braintree, Essex, CM7 9HB by 5 pm on Wednesday, 9th July 2014.
6. Applications to vote by proxy at this election must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at the same address as (5) by 5 pm on Wednesday, 16th July 2014.
7. Applications to vote by proxy at this election applied for on grounds of physical incapacity, where that physical incapacity occurred after 5 pm on Wednesday, 16th July 2014, must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at the same address as (5) by 5 pm on Thursday, 24th July 2014.

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

Proposed opening to include Sundays and Bank Holidays 5pm to 10pm at Hatfield Tandoori, Maldon Road; application for a Lawful Development Certificate for an existing use – use of dwelling known as The Lodge as an independent dwelling at Kavalla, Ulting Road.; new roof and first floor extensions, front and rear single storey extensions and other alterations to dwelling at The Hawthorns, Ulting Road; erection of a single and two storey extensions and internal alterations at 11 Gleneagles Way; erection of 3 bedroom detached dwelling at land rear of Swan View, The Street; erection of single storey rear extension at 8 Mortimer Road

The following applications have been approved by the District Council

Dropped kerb at North Dene, London Road; demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension, removal of existing flat roofs to existing garage and pitch and replace with tiled lean to roof, replacement of panel of timer cladding to front with render, render brick walls to existing porch at 14 Laburnum Way. Erection of stable block, hard standing and new tree planting and change of use of the field for the keeping of horses at Belvoir, 35 Sportsmans Lane; proposed loft extension at 16 Woodfield Way; demolition of existing single storey side extension and construction of new single storey side extension at Peverel Cottage, The Green; erection of first floor rear dormer at 8 Priory Farm Road.

The following applications have been refused by the District Council

Erection of extension and alterations at Moor Gardens, Maldon Road.

Tree Preservation application - work to trees at 12 Woodham Drive

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

Parish Council meetings - 7th July, 4th August 7.30pm village hall meeting room.

A fine day for walkers

Hatfield Peverel Walkers

Graham Bushby

Eighteen walkers, including two energetic youngsters on half term break, set off from the village hall on our monthly walk which took us via Nounsley and the still derelict Sportsmans pub down to the almost two foot deep Nounsley ford - normally dry at this time of year. We then struck out cross country beside the River Ter to Bumfords Lane, along and across the canal to Tofts Chase Little Baddow and returned via the rear of the new site allotments and the Scout HQ. A circular route of about 4½ miles in 2½ hours with no refreshment stop this time, although the weather was quite humid and made a pleasant change from the rains of late.



The next walk is on Thursday 26th June: new members wishing to join us are very welcome. **Please contact Graham on 380472 for information.**

Hatfield Peverel hosts meeting

Peter Archer - Royal British Legion

Recently the Hatfield Peverel and Boreham Branch of the RBL hosted a meeting for five other branches. The meeting, held at The Wheatsheaf, was well attended and gave the opportunity for the branches to give news on past events and forthcoming activities.



Highlight of the evening was the talk given by Clive McPherson, historian at the Maldon Combined Military Services museum, on how military items are received from the public. He spoke of items from Napoleonic timers to the First and Second World War conflicts. Researching the providence has shown how historically valuable these items are to the country. Each medal, documents and letters have proved to be of great benefit to the museum. A variety of questions were asked by the audience.

A vote of thanks was given to Clive for an informative and humorous talk.



Pram race circa 1950s/1960s

Can one of these young ladies be you, or do you know who they are? The photograph came to us from Dickie Dawson via Sheila and Roy Peear, and a clue has got to be the three names on the pram - Sue, Carol and Helen.

The pram race was first run in the village around sixty/seventy years ago, a seven-mile route around the village and through Terling ford. Latterly it was reintroduced in the eighties as part of the village fair to raise funds towards the cost of a new village hall - a shorter route passing through our own ford at Nounsley.

Recently a reporter, looking at newly released footage from British Pathe news circa early 60s vintage, found an item on the pram race in Hatfield Peverel and contacted BBC Radio Essex. They, in turn, got in touch with the Parish Council.

Can you help? Were you living in the village at that time? Did you organise the early pram races or know someone who did? Did you take part?

We have several photographs taken during the 1980s which we hope to use in August - you may well recognise several faces, perhaps even your own. Get in touch by ringing 01245 381235 or email keneaney@hotmail.com

A young girl who was blown out to sea on a set of inflatable teeth was rescued by a man on an inflatable lobster. A coastguard spokesman commented, 'this sort of thing is all too common'
The Times

News from St Andrews

Just for a change, as I write it feels like spring has sprung. The trees are bright green, the bees and butterflies are gathering pollen and nectar and the vicarage seems infested with baby rabbits. There is actually a melanistic adult rabbit (a black one) that is a frequent visitor to the garden next to the Church hall. The churchyard grass has taken off with a vengeance. They say in America one can hear maize growing; I often feel I can hear the churchyard grass growing! Thank goodness for our churchyard team; they earn every biscuit and cup of tea twice over.



When you read this we will be past Pentecost and Trinity and in what we call 'ordinary time'. That means that we will be following St Matthew's Gospel as the church tries to grasp the significance of Jesus ministry in the light of the resurrection. It seems a long time ago since Holy Week and Easter. If the evidence of our morning services is anything to go by, Easter certainly seems to be gaining in popularity and rightly so: it is, after all the first Christian festival. All others come from this event.

Diary of events (a fuller diary may be found in the church Parish magazine)

Friday 6th June Quiet Garden at Crouchmans, Ulting Road, 2.30 to 4pm

Saturday 7th June Coffee morning in the Church hall, 10am

Sunday 8th June	All-Age Service and 'Pentecost Party' at the church and church hall. 10am for 10.15am. Refreshments afterwards.
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Monday 9th June The newly formed Meditation Group meets at 5 Gardenfield at 6pm (ends 6.45pm).

Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd June

A special weekend at All Saints: Ulting, concluding with a celebratory service at 3pm on the Sunday

Saturday 12th July 'Party in the Park'

Sunday 13th July 'Pet Service' an all-age event in the Vicarage garden, 10.15am.

Stories behind our favourite hymns

Mother's Union

Our May speaker was Mrs Pauline Briggs who gave us a most interesting talk about the stories behind some of our favourite hymns and, as she is an accomplished pianist, she also played some of the hymns so we could have a rousing 'sing-along!' It was very enjoyable.



Through the centuries hymns have been written to convey every kind of emotion, and to celebrate important occasions in our history. Every state ceremony usually has a special hymn or anthem composed for it - from weddings and thanksgivings to funerals etc. But many have come from deep in the heart of the composer who wanted to express hopes and feelings, and found that the best way was to write a poem which was then set to suitable music.

Some have been translated from another language. 'Now thank we all our God' to the tune Nun Danket was written in German by a Lutheran archbishop during the 30 Years War and translated by Katherine Winkworth in the 19th century. Many of our favourites come from that era. We love them because we are used to them and know their words and tunes. They are like old friends and we sing them to music from the church organ. However, hymns were being sung long before churches had organs. Many had a minstrel's gallery where a group of players would accompany singing on various instruments - fiddles, flutes, tambourines and bells etc.

Over the years hymns have evolved and changed format and some even sound better sung to a guitar, but modern or ancient, they still convey the same message of God's love and care for us. We can 'Tell out my Soul', to the 'Servant King' and 'All our hope on God is founded'. As darkness falls, we can sing 'The day thou gavest Lord is ended' - Queen Victoria chose this to be sung at her Diamond Jubilee in St Paul's Cathedral. The hymn refers to a wave of prayer that goes round the world whatever time of day or night.

We ended the meeting by praying for peace around the world so that all people may live their lives without fear, and thanked Pauline for a lovely afternoon. In June Jill Evans gave a talk entitled 'Be careful what you pray for'.

Methodist Church

Our Easter worship preparation commenced on Palm Sunday when our Minister Rev Sue Lambert illustrated our service with the symbols of the Lenten period. She brought in an empty cross made from the bare branches of her Christmas tree which links the birth of Jesus to his death on the cross. This cross was then decorated with a piece of purple cloth which represents the suffering of Jesus. A branch from a palm tree reminds us of the triumphant journey that Jesus made on a donkey when he entered into Jerusalem and was cheered by the crowds. Next a bowl and towel which Jesus used to wash his disciples feet to show humility and a crown of thorns to signify the physical suffering to come was added to the cross. We received small palm crosses to take home to remind us of the sacrifice Jesus has made for all.

We joined our friends at Witham on Easter Sunday to celebrate. Traditionally the items around the cross are removed on Good Friday and we were all invited to add fresh flowers to the bare cross which eventually became covered with a mass of very beautiful flowers. At the end of the service this cross was paraded out of the Church into the street as we sang "Thine be the glory, risen and conquering Son"

The following Friday we again visited Witham Church to celebrate the first birthday of the Food Bank distribution centre there. We learnt how a small group of people in Witham decided they would try to organise a food bank, advertised the meeting to other local Churches and were astounded by the number of volunteers who came forward to help. Links with other organisations were then forged, training given to the helpers

and the doors were opened to the first users. A representative from Homestart, which helps young families through difficult times, expressed her joy that this new venture had been started as she had been aware of the desperate need of some of her clients. A volunteer told us her family had been through financial troubles when one partner had become redundant and how she can understand the issues faced by people today in similar situations. We saw an example of a three day supply given to a family and heard about the relief felt, and the joy expressed if the package includes a little treat for a child, such as a bar of chocolate. Our Church continues to collect tins and packages for this charity and is grateful for all contributions received.

Finally we have celebrated with Win and Albert their 70th wedding anniversary. They married in May 1944 when Albert was permitted to return to Hatfield Peverel from his Scottish air base for the occasion. There was no time for a honeymoon. After the war Albert returned from Germany to our village and they have lived here happily ever since. Congratulations to them both.

Our Church celebrated its 139th anniversary at the end of May with a service led by Rev Peter Cutmore, followed by lunch.

Regular events

Every Sunday - 11am Morning Service - Everyone welcome

Every Thursday 10am - 12 noon - Open Door - Come and join us for tea/coffee and friendly chat

2nd Saturday in month 10am - 12 noon - Coffee morning and cake stall

1st Monday in month 7.30pm House Group

A touch of Meet the Midwife in Hackney

June Wright retired from our surgery in April: after forty years she had been a mainstay of the practice, a friendly face to reassure and comfort worried patients in anxious situations.

Following her training, from 1959 June was a theatre sister in Chelmsford and Essex Hospital for three years before taking up a children's nurse training course with Evalina Hospital attached to Guys in London. She completed parts 1 and 2 of a midwifery course and remembers one of her 'ladies' expecting her second child but with no baby clothes but a large television in the corner of the room. June's claim to fame was not to pedal the streets of London to deliver babies on a permanent basis!

Back in Chelmsford working as theatre sister in St Johns she was on her rounds one day when Dr Sidney Emerick, unannounced, came to see her to offer her the post of practice nurse in Hatfield Peverel following the retirement of his assistant. 'Don't worry about working out your notice' he said. 'I'll sort that out'!

In 1973 life in Sunbury House in Maldon Road, once Laurence's electrical shop and now Dr Emerick's surgery, was different in the extreme. June remembers the appointment system - a big box on the corner of her desk - and the consulting room off the waiting room where the doctor's booming voice meant that everyone knew your ailments. One morning she came into work to find the doctor in his wellies: the rain had got in through the roof during the night - but it was business as usual.

Plans for the new surgery as we know it were going ahead. Before Sunbury House there had been a surgery in Springfield House, on the site where Hatfelda Square stands. Now was the time to expand and with the number of patients increasing and new doctors joining the staff more space was needed. In 1993 the surgery moved to the Boreham practice returning to Hatfield Peverel the following year

Sidney House re-opened in 1993, - the official opening was five months later - a state of the art surgery, light and airy with all mod cons including computers where patient's records could be called up instantly and doctors' prescriptions, the scrawl always impossible to read, were printed out in double quick time. From reception and general nursing duties to summarising patients' records, gradually June cut her hours down so leaving did not come as such shock. She enjoyed her time being part of a team, seeing the children from generation to generation mature and grow but will miss the patients, taking care of them, listening to their problems.

Her 'spare time' will soon evaporate, she has husband Keith and a young granddaughter to spend time with - and its good to enjoy village life without targets to meet!

When June joined in 1973 patient numbers were around 875: in March 2014 they were 6040.

It's good to talk

Would you like someone to come and have a chat with you in your home on a regular basis, or keep in touch by telephone?

The Home Visiting team is a group of mainly ladies who like to talk. Its amazing the topics that are covered in our chats - ancient and modern - from the good, or bad old days, and 'what is the world coming to'. You don't have to reach a conclusion but you have a great time getting there.

If you are interested, we will be delighted to contact you. Ring Mary on 380566 if you would like to join us or if you would like more information.

Time to trim the hedges bordering the pavements

It's that time of year when everything is growing like mad and some hedges and bushes which border street pavements grow out into the pavement making life difficult for pedestrians.

If you have any which do this, please get out at the weekend and take a look, then if necessary cut them back, but do dispose of your cuttings responsibly.



Thank you to Ralph Spooner for this 1932 photograph of the new Co-operative store being built on The Green. Young Ralph is standing next to his father George, a bricklayer on the site by day, a baker by night

Enjoyable get together for lunch

Chris Marks - Hadfelda WI



Hadfelda WI ladies met at Olivers Restaurant in May and had a very enjoyable get together over lunch. After our meal there was plenty of time to walk around the nursery and look at, if not buy, some plants.

At the May meeting had Amanda Southerland showed us her costume designs and accessories - what a bubbly and enthusiastic person she is! She started designing and making jewellery at school and even sold it to her teachers. After several design courses on fashion and tailoring and working hard even during her holidays she won Student Award of the Year and went to the Royal Opera House as a buyer for the wardrobe. She then worked on Jesus Christ Superstar and with Julie Andrews but missed the creative side of designing.

She designed her own wedding dress, bridesmaids' dresses and made them all including their headdresses - and then got lots of orders from other people. Some of the headdresses she had brought along to show us including one made with plastic bottles! They all looked fabulous. She also had some jewellery made from tin cans - now that's recycling!

Previously the April meeting was also our annual one and we had Kay Lodge to help sort out our new committee - and as it was St. George's Day we had good old fish and chips for supper with lots of red and white flags on the tables.

Our meeting on 25th June is an open one when anyone can come to listen to Margaret Joslin talk about Hatfield Peverel past and present. The competition letter will be 'C'. In July Wendy Hibbert's talk will be on Hylands House, Writtle and in August Kenneth Lodge's subject is All the Worlds a Stage. We meet in the village hall on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7.45pm. You would be most welcome.

Not more scams I hear you say! - read this, keep you and your money safe

A letter sent to people across Essex claiming they have won a 'postcode lottery' is a scam.

What to look out for

- * The letter claims to be from The Euromillions International Postcode Lottery, sent from Brussels, directly from the 'desk of the Vice President'.
- * It is written in very poor English, naming the FIFA World Cup, Glasgow Commonwealth Games and National Lottery as supporters - all fabricated.
- * The letter tells people they have won thousands, asks them to call a claim line and send a form back to claim the prize.
- * The scam has been around for many years but has reappeared over the last few weeks around the county. 'Some people fall victim to this scam' says .Crime Prevention Tactical Advisor Graham Anthony.

Remember - never give out your personal information, especially account details, PIN numbers and signatures to strangers. If you haven't entered the lottery, how can you win?

Fraudsters want your bank card and PIN

Reported on page 7 of the April edition, this is a continuing concern. The scammers use a technique which exploits the fact that your connection to the last caller remains live for about 2 minutes after you have ended the call. They are very convincing. Even savvy 'should have known better' people have been fooled.

Don't be fooled. With any suspicious call, end it immediately, **wait at least five minutes**, then verify the caller using an independently-checked telephone number where possible, using a different phone line or mobile. Where a second phone line is not available, try calling a friend on the line first. The fraudster will find it difficult to impersonate a voice that is known to you.

NEVER hand over bank card, PIN, card details or Online/Telephone banking log-in credentials.

But, PLEASE NOTE: The bank may genuinely call you for fraud prevention purposes to verify whether a transaction is genuine. It will NEVER ask to collect your card, or your PIN number, card details or Online/Telephone banking log-in credentials.

Next on the list of villains

Rogue traders are targeting residents in this area into having household repairs or household maintenance work carried out. This work is often unnecessary or may be offered at a bargain price which will escalate as the work is undertaken.

- * they will try to frighten residents into having work carried out - your chimney is dangerous, your roof tiles are loose, that tree needs cutting back.
- * they may start by carrying out small low cost jobs before moving on to larger projects asking for money at regular intervals, in the form of cheques and cash.
- * they use methods to rip off their victims from befriending the householder or using threats to obtain money.

Help us to stop this trading activity by not agreeing to work on your property via doorstep traders, and by keeping an eye on elderly or vulnerable residents living in your street or your neighbourhood.

If you are thinking of having work carried out to your home use a Buy with Confidence trader, approved by Trading Standards. Call 08454 040506 for the name of the three nearest traders to your address or use the www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk website. Passing information to Crimestoppers anonymously can stop a vulnerable neighbour from losing their life savings. Your call is not recorded or traced. Call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 to report suspicious activity.



A life on the rolling waves...

Year 1 Infant School children have been talking about pirates and what they get up to while year 2 has travelled from pole to pole, the Arctic to the Antarctic





Look forward to summer, Winter is over!

Bowling Club - Rita Thomson, Club Captain (380038)

www.hatfieldpeverelbowling.org

The winter season is over: the last games were played on 25th April against Wickford and West Hanningfield and we won both! The club finals saw John Franklin win over Rita Thomson for the Peter Brazier Cup, and in the pairs Chrissie Harris and Derek Wallis beat Denise Brazier and Ron Jarvis. The outside green opened on 28th April. The first friendly was on the 15th May, away to Silver End. At the presentation dinner on 3rd May forty trophies were presented to winners and runners-up in all fourteen competitions.

Denise Brazier held a charity night for Helen Rollason and we had a great evening when over £212 was raised. On Good Friday we held the Easter ladies versus gents annual competition - the gentlemen won again but the ladies were given an Easter egg each!

Hatfield A league team has won promotion to Division 3, a great achievement as we came up from Division 5 last year. Well done, everyone!

Players wanted for Hatfield Peverel Football Club

Terry Lingley (terry.lingley@mandg.co.uk)

Players of various ages are wanted for Hatfield Peverel FC for the 2014-2015 season. We are an FA charter standard club, playing our home games at Wickham Bishops Road. We have a brand new state of the art clubhouse and a very friendly atmosphere. We run teams starting from Reception year in school, through to adult football, working with CRB checked and FA qualified coaches.

We are currently seeking players for the following teams:

Hatfield Peverel Hawks Under 9s

Please contact Stuart Potter on 07767 739516 or stuart.potter@mclarengroup.com

Hatfield Peverel Under 13's

Please contact Graham Hirst on 07779 774867



Witham 41 Club

- new members wanted

Witham 41 club (an association of ex Round Tablers) is interested to try to increase membership. The Witham club decided it is no longer a prerequisite that you have to have been in Round Table to be a member but should be prepared to help Round Table if possible at their events such as the Witham fireworks, Carnival and Christmas food collection. Males over 45 are eligible and the annual fee is just £20. We meet once every month at various local locations and in addition attend beer festivals and hold other social events such as barbecues and parties for members and their partners.

If interested and want to know more please contact Rob Matthews on armat1950@sky.com

And now for something completely different

The Essex Wildlife Trust is holding a **National Moth Night** (setting the traps) at Fingringhoe on **Friday 4th July 9 - 10pm**. Donation £2 adults, £1 children. No need to book for either event. But it is weather dependent.

On Saturday 5th July you will be able to see the moths caught the previous night. Last year there were some huge ones, pink ones and rare ones. Donation as above. Phone 01206 729678.



1st Hatfield Peverel Scout Group

(For boys & girls 6-18 yrs)

Group Secretary: Suzanne Evans

HQ news

As you will have seen from the photograph on the front cover of the last Review, phase 1 of our HQ refurbishment program is now complete and we have a beautiful new kitchen, new toilets (male, female and disabled) and a brand new boiler, to keep us warm during the winter months. This of course means that, finally, the Scout & Guide Groups have a bright, fresh and up-to-date venue for their meetings.

Obviously, the HQ is primarily for the use of the Scouts & Guides, however, we would love to share our new facilities with the community, and welcome enquiries for family celebrations, children's birthday parties and other functions.

For HQ bookings and enquiries, please contact our Chairman, Chris Phillips, on phillips.chris@btinternet.com or 07850-024 578.

We would like to thank everyone who has contributed, in any way, to make the transformation of our headquarters possible.

Other news

Two of our members were honoured at Windsor Castle recently, please refer to back page for a full report by Jo Jarvis.

Fund-raising

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/1stthpsg

Everyone who shops on-line can help us with our fund-raising by using this Easy Fund-raising



website. Just shop via the site and a percentage of whatever you spend is donated to our Scout Group at no cost to you.

Paper collection - first Saturday of each month

To raise funds, the Scout Group carries out a monthly paper collection.

Please leave your newspapers, cardboard and cereal boxes etc by 9am on the first Saturday of the month. To those who kindly drop off their own newspapers and cardboard, please be aware that, due to repeated vandalism, the skip is locked between the hours of 5pm and 8am. Thank you for your support.

Useful Contacts

Group Chairman/HQ Bookings: Chris Phillips, 07850 024578, phillips.chris@btinternet.com

Group Scout Leader: Nick Nicholas, 07841 597977, darrennicholas@btinternet.com

Group Administrator (membership enquiries): Michelle Spicer, hpscoutgroup@gmail.com

Newspaper Collection Co-ordinator: Jonathan Dormon, 01245 382981, jonathan.dormon@btinternet.com

Group Secretary: Suzanne Evans, 01245 382397, boons_calibre_travel@lineone.net

Meeting times

Beavers, Monday 4pm-5.15pm

Cubs, Friday 6.45pm-8.15pm

Scouts, Wednesday 7.30pm-9pm

Explorers, Thursday 7.30pm onwards

SASU (adults only), first Friday in the month

8.30pm onwards (Jo Oldfield, Tel: 01245 381756)

Above, Charlie Marshall receiving his Silver Award, the highest award in Cubs, and left, David Evans, Alexander Strong, Rowan Davies and Brandon Barber being welcomed into Scouts by leaders Tony and Julie.



'Blooming Great Tea Party' for Marie Curie Cancer Care



Come and join us on Wednesday 2nd July between 2pm and 4pm for the 4th annual Tea Party to raise funds for Marie Curie Cancer Care. **Look forward to seeing you at 35 New Road, Hatfield Peverel.**

Last year was an outstanding success raising a total of £430. Tea and cakes, raffle and bring and buy stall. **For more information contact Wendy Doe 01245 381276**

Party in the Park Saturday 12th July Chairman Gary Cockrill (01245 697263)

Summer is just about upon us but the promised heat wave is yet to be seen! We may not be able to depend on the weather forecast but it never seems to stop the great British calendar of summer events. From Ascot hats to strawberries at Wimbledon; from the Open golf to a test at Lord's, everything seems to press on regardless.

Party in the Park may not quite be so prominent but it is steadily becoming perennial. Year upon year the attractions grow. We are now at the stage where the programme is coming together so read on for a potential sneak preview.

The official opening is at 3 pm (Who is opening for us?) but by this time the climbing wall will be up, the inflatable slide will be down and kids on the bouncy castle going up and down. Other family attractions get going with Warescot Farm at around 4 pm. We already know about the pony rides and sheep walking but how about some animal handling which may include any of the following: owl, pygmy hedgehog, royal pythons, leopard geckos, rabbit, guinea-pig, chicks and ducklings, chickens and ducks!

If you have never tried a boot camp but would like to do so you can have your chance from 4.30pm onwards.



We didn't win the big one but were finalists in this years Essex Life Community Magazine awards (there were forty entrants in all). Thank you everyone, without your input there wouldn't be a Review (Jackie and Ken)

On the main stage live music will be under way with Cobwebs from 5 pm. If you are all getting a bit hungry and thirsty the Girl Guides will be providing a barbecue throughout the event with Helen Rollason serving up teas and coffees in the village hall.

For something a little stronger the bar will be open and you may like to take something home from New Hall Vineyard. If that is not everything covered then cocktails will also be available. The raffle will be called at 6:30pm with plenty of good stuff on offer including a turkey from Kelly Bronze.

From 7:30 pm the live music kicks in with Ian Jordan followed later by Loaded Dice until the finish at 11pm.

If there is anyone I have failed to mention my apologies in advance, but there are still some stalls, attractions, clubs, societies and churches to be confirmed - haven't heard from these yet.

We can't be certain of the weather but what we can pretty much guarantee is that there will be something for everyone.

Hope to see you on Saturday 12th July at the Strutt Memorial ground from 3-11 pm.

We've been together now for seventy years....

It happened in May but I am sure all their friends, relations and neighbours won't mind sending again their love and best wishes to Winifred (90) and Albert Valentine (93) who recently celebrated their platinum anniversary, seventy years together - and in Hatfield Peverel.

On their first meeting Albert's words to Win were 'did you know war has been declared'. She said 'no', he walked her home, and five years after that meeting they married in the village on 20th May 1944. Albert was in the RAF and had to get two days special permission to travel home. Their recipe for a long and happy marriage is give and take, share everything and only argue occasionally: Win is the boss indoors, Albert runs the garden.

When war broke out Albert volunteered for duty and was posted to Scotland with the RAF to drive ambulances, helping civilians and frontline soldiers. Later he helped evacuate concentration camps in Germany and was affected by some of the sights he saw. While Albert was away, Win was based at Crompton's lighting factory in Chemsford making aircraft parts.

After the war and both living round the corner from each other, they saved up and bought a house in Station Road, where they live today, and where they had their two girls, Pauline and Linda, 'our happiest moments in the house' remembers Win. Albert worked for Cleave's bakery in the village, delivering bread and cakes, and when Louie Cleave retired he gave the bakery to Albert and the couple ran the shop for sixteen years until Albert retired. These were the days of early rising, a habit they have kept to this day! He has never been out of work, never smoked or drunk, and stays active - he gets great enjoyment from a day in the garden. Both he and Win eat and drink well - they put their great ages down to plenty of fruit and vegetables.

They decided against a celebration, instead they had a visit from Albert's brother Fred and his wife Mary - who have been married 67 years - and from their daughter Pauline and her husband David Carter who have been married 47 years. That's a lot of years to be reckoned with. May you have many more.

Letter spot

Disappearing wildlife

It's good to get your letters - Anne Adamson writes regarding disappearing wildlife in the village.

'Anyone know what has happened to the wildlife in Hatfield Peverel? I refer to the killing of the majority of rabbits in Stonepath fields and the meadows behind the William B. This coincides with the 'keep out' signs that have appeared recently. Any connection?

If you were to venture too far off the path, you will be faced with skinned, decapitated and mutilated rabbits. Have these rabbits been gassed or poisoned? No sign of gunshot wounds.

If anyone can throw some light on this matter, I would be very interested to know what has happened.



Who do I call if there is a power cut?

UK Power Networks owns and maintains electricity cables and lines across London, the South East and East of England, making sure your lights stay on.

What causes power cuts?

Bad weather when severe winds cause damage to overhead power lines or wind-borne debris and trees fall on power lines pulling them down;

Water if it gets underground and into the cables

People working near overhead lines/digging underground which can result in damage to electricity cables.

What we do to mitigate this

We work hard to prevent power cuts. Overall, each year we spend about £600 million to maintain and replace power lines ensuring the electricity network remains reliable.

Unfortunately, despite our efforts, accidents happen. **If you experience a loss of power supply, you can contact us in the following ways:**

Vulnerable customers - is this you?

During a power cut some people may need extra support. **If we know where you are, we can help.** We hold a list - called Priority Services Register - of thousands of customers who would feel particularly vulnerable during a power cut and we provide them with extra support if needed.

Who can apply?

Customers who are dependent on medical equipment; are chronically sick, have a disability; are blind, visually impaired or deaf; have young babies; nursing or residential homes and elderly customers.

We will consider other cases if you think you would feel particularly vulnerable during a power cut.

What we can do

We can't get your power back on more quickly (although we will try our hardest) but we can:

* Call you if we expect bad weather in your area that could result in a power cut and offer useful

advice on how to prepare

* Offer you a special priority phone number that you can call if you have a power cut

* Provide with a generator where necessary or book you into a hotel

* Keep you updated during a power cut, either by sending you text messages or calling you

* With your agreement, we can ask the British Red Cross to visit your home for extra help and support

How to apply

If you or someone you know, meets our criteria above and lives in London, the South East of England or the East of England then please apply by either:

* Emailing psr@ukpowernetworks.co.uk

* Writing to Customer Relations team, UK Power Networks, Fore Hamlet, Ipswich, IP3 8AA

* Applying online here: www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/priority

Please help us spread the word about the Priority Service Register so we can reach more people who need us in power cuts.

Village hall happenings

Come and enjoy a drink in the summer evenings - **normal opening times 7pm - 11pm**

Bingo (third Thursday in month)
19th June, 17th July, 21st August

Brag (first Friday in month)
6th June, 4th July, 1st August

Poker (last Saturday in month)
27th June, 26th July

Darts Monday nights

All bookings for hall and meeting rooms

HPCABookings@gmail.com
Phone Alan 07741 140732

Village hall (after 7pm) 01245 381481

See Facebook under -
Hatfield Peverel village hall

Useful telephone numbers

Please contact the editors for additions/errors.

Age Concern Essex	01245 264499
Anglian Water , 24 hours	0800 919 155
Braintree District Council	01376 552525
Clean Team ring number above and ask for Customer Services	
Witham Area Office in Witham Library - for walk-in enquiries only	01376 519625

Churches

St Andrew's (C of E), vicar	01245 380958
Methodist Church, minister	01621 853423
Salvation Army, officer i/c	01702 290250
Catholic Church, Witham, priest	01376 512219

Citizens Advice Bureau Witham	0844 4994719
Drop-in sessions Mon/Tue/Thur/Fri 10am - 1pm	
Appointments only Thurs afternoon 1 - 4pm	

Doctors, health services

Hatfield Peverel doctors' surgery	01245 380324
Boreham doctors' surgery	01245 467364
NHS Direct	0845 4647
Pharmacy, Hadfelda Square	01245 380130

Electricity - emergency	0800 7838838
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Essex County Council	01245 492211
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Essex & Suffolk Water 24 hours	0845 7820999
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First Essex Buses Ltd	01245 293400
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Gas - emergency	0800 111999
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Harlequin Children's Centre	01376 535270
Free support and services for children under 5	

Hospitals

Broomfield (A&E); St John's,	01245 362000
St Peter's, Maldon	

Libraries

Hatfield Peverel	01245 380988
Witham	01376 519625

Police , non-emergency calls	0300 3334444
Local Officer	07974 457258

Post Office	01245 380201
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Railway Information

National Express East Anglia	0845 6007245
National Rail Enquiries (24 hrs)	08457 484950

Registrar of Births, Marriages & Deaths

Witham, by appointment only	01376 323463
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Braintree, by appointment only 01376 320762

Relate	01245 258680
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Samaritans (24 hours - toll free)	08457 909090
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Schools

St Andrew's Junior School	01245 380131
Hatfield Peverel Infant School	01245 380220
Hatfield Peverel Day Nursery	01245 382450
Acorn Childcare	07580 834417

Social Services	0845 6037630
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Village Agent Sally Austin	0800 9775858
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Village Hall (after 7pm)	01245 381481
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Let us know of useful services to add to this list

Hatfield Peverel Parish Council

Committees and working parties

Planning (P)

Traffic (T)

Village Environment (E)

Keith Bigden Memorial Ground User Group (KB)

Country Park Focus Group (CP)

Internal Audit Review (A)

Party in the Park

Football Pavilion (F)

Burial Ground

Councillors (and their working parties)

Lisa Miller, Parish Clerk	01245 403071
parishclerk@hatfieldpeverelpc.co.uk	

David Broddle - Chaiman	01245 382829
(KB/A/B)	

Rosanna Briggs (E)	01245 381618
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Garry Cockrill (T/PP)	01245 697263
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Peter Endersby (A/PP/CP/B)	01245 381919
(KBMGround User Group chair)	

Colin Giffin (Country Park chair)	01621 892351
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Bernard Heard - Vice Chairman	01245 380370
(Burial Ground chair/P/T/A)	

Alan Ingram (P/CP)	01245 381880
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Martin Pyke (Traffic chair/E/A/F)	01245 380792
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Ted Munt	01245 381135
(Football chair/E/CP/A/B)	

Eugene Murphy	01245 380113
(Environment chair, Audit chair/F)	

Diane Wallace (P/CP/PP/B)	01245 381485
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District Councillor

David Bebb	01245 381065
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District and County Councillor

Derrick Louis (CP)	07918 721526
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Both lists updated June 2014

Kira and Max receive the Chief Scout meritorious award

On Sunday 27th April Kira Jarvis and Max Lenoir, both Explorer Scouts who live in Hatfield Peverel and members of Maldon and East Essex District Scouts, had the honour of attending the National St George's Day scout parade at Windsor Castle.

Both had received the Chief Scout meritorious conduct medal for saving the life of a fellow scout while on an international camp in Germany who got into difficulty when jumping from a 5 metre diving board and landing on his back in the water.

This is the first time anyone from the Maldon and East Essex district has been awarded a medal for bravery and a first for Hatfield Peverel.

Bravery awards are not given out lightly and there were only 90 awarded this year, many going to adults but some to very brave young people. Also in attendance were 600 Queen's Scouts.

The parade was held in the Quadrangle of Windsor Castle in front of The Duke of Kent, Bear Grylls the Chief Scout and other National Commissioners from England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland. Once the parade was over, the medal winners paraded through the castle grounds passed family and friends and then entertained to afternoon tea at The Harte and Garter Hotel in Windsor High Street where Bear Grylls attended and all had individual photos with him and special certificates for their bravery.

Well done Kira and Max.



Centenary celebrations

WEA

Our WEA is joining in with the centenary celebrations, meeting with other groups on a visit to the gunpowder mills at Waltham Abbey on Wednesday 18th June.

Future dates for your diary

Course for the Autumn term (10 weeks)
Subject **Current Controversies in Science**
Tutor **John Pickard**
Date **Tuesday 30th September 10am**
Place **Scout and Guide HQ, Church Road**

Spring Term

Subject **History of the World in 100 Objects**
Tutor **Frances Boardman**
Date **Tuesday 13th January 2014**
Place **Scout and Guide HQ**

For information ring Lesley Naish, 01245 380837.

We are now travelling through Baker Street. As you can see, Baker Street is closed. It would have been nice if they had told me so I could tell you earlier, but no, they don't think of things like that.

London tube train drivers' announcement