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Local events and happenings round and about

Diary Dates

April

- 24 Hatfield Peverel Walkers
- 25 Hadfelda WI
- 26 Folk Dance Club

May

- 2 Flower Club
- 4 St Andrew's coffee morning 10am
- 7 Beating the Bounds
- 9 Wine Club
- 12 Spring plant sale, Oaklands 10am
- 12 Methodist Church coffee morning 10am
- 14 Parish Council meeting, village hall 7.30pm
- 15 WEA to Norwich, see page 15
- 16 Folk Dance Club
- 17 Bingo in village hall, 7.30 for 8pm
- 23 Hadfelda WI

June

- 2 St Andrew's coffee morning, 10am
- 4 Queen's Jubilee party, see page 8
- 6 Flower Club
- 9 Methodist Church coffee morning
- 11 Parish Council meeting
- 13 Wine Club
- 16 Art Group exhibition, see page 5
- 17 Afternoon garden walk, Hockley
- 21 Folk Dance Club
- 21 Bingo in village hall

Front cover - Thomas Snowdon, accompanied by mum Roberta and brother James, tries out an e2v hand-held thermal imager at the St Andrew's Church Science and Engineering Day. The monitor in the background displays the thermal image from the tripod mounted unit standing behind its custodian, Ken Clarke. More about the day on page 9

And now for something completely different!

If you've reached a certain age and need to go to the Post Office to collect your pension - it won't be to buy stamps that's for sure - you may be asked to take a quick turn on the treadmill to keep you in trim. Don't read any further, it's 1st April today and they're getting us wound up, yet again. (The culprits, Radio 4 this morning!) The stamps are not an April Fool. I shouldn't be so frivolous, the Review has to be finished by tonight, we've used up all the space and it's too fine to be slaving over a hot computer.

Because of the need to keep down the cost of production of each issue we struggle to keep our page count to 20. This issue has been a nightmare: we've judiciously pruned articles - none of you has been exempt (including him below - it would have been a page!) - sorry - and have removed, just this once, the useful telephone numbers on the inside back page. We don't want you to stop sending us your news, that's what the Review is all about, but perhaps you could make it a page (aim for about 600 words max) instead of two?

Beating the Bounds - Spring Bank holiday 7th May

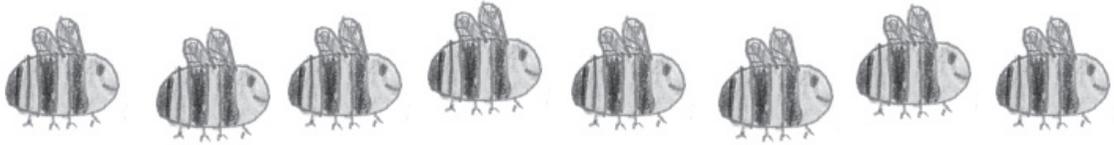
An ancient custom of processing around the fields singing psalms and chanting prayers to seek God's protection for crops, beasts and people which probably originated as a religious practice in 5th century AD France. It was by the 8th century established in Britain, having merged with an existing practice of fixing territorial boundaries of a community – the parish - by ceremonially walking them annually. It was practised on Ascension Day, or the three immediately preceding days, known as the Rogation days (Latin *rogare*, to beseech or to ask). The parish clergy played a leading part, reciting an appropriate passage of scripture at each significant boundary marker, such as an oak tree (hence the name Gospel Oak), a boulder, a stream etc.

It evolved from being a purely religious practice to become also, through an annual perambulation, an essential means by which the parish might guard against encroachment by an acquisitive neighbouring parish or farmer which could lead to loss of a vital fishpond, firewood-yielding copse or other valuable natural resource. An important component of the bound-beating party was the band of young boys who carried wands or staves with which they would beat the boundary markers. Sometimes they were on the receiving end, being beaten, bumped or dunked in a stream themselves. By these means they would remember the boundaries of their parish into their old age.

Beating the Bounds was performed in our parish in the past: I have a copy of the report held by the Essex Record Office of the perambulation made on the 22nd, 23rd and 24th May 1609. It was more than likely not a regular year by year affair, since volume 36 of the 'Essex Review' reports the custom being revived in 1920 by the then vicar, Revd HG Harrison.

I led a party from St Andrews church around the southern half of the parish boundary in 1998, a distance of about 9 miles, completing what had been started in May the previous year. We will walk again this year the northern perimeter on **Spring Bank Holiday Monday, the 7th May, starting at 10am**. Leaving from the public footpath fingerpost on Terling Hall Road (about 50metres/yards beyond the railway bridge), we will walk beside the railway towards Boreham to the parish boundary, then follow it all the way round to Lynfield services – a distance of about 9 miles (15 years ago it took about 4½ hours). Bring a packed lunch, we will stop about half-way round: do wear suitable footwear and clothing.

I will be happy to assist anyone unable to make their own arrangements for getting to the start and from the finish. Cars can be left about ¼ mile further from the start along Terling Hall Road, in the parking area of Oakland Orangeries Ltd at Berwick Barn. For the end of the day, Lynfield advises that there would not be a problem that Monday with leaving up to 5 or 6 cars there, although between now and the day I am investigating other possibilities. **Please contact me, Ken Earney, by phone on 381235 to find out more.**



Spring is Sprung

Allotment Association - David Goodey (01245 380389)

I am writing this the day after a highly successful annual fund-raising quiz at the village hall in March. Although, at the time of writing, I don't know the final amount I think we have raised around £450. An enormous success which will help to fund water tanks on the new site. 110 people attended in fifteen teams of up to eight. The winners, a team including locals Neil and Margaret Freeman won with a staggering 99 points out of a possible 110. A huge thank you goes to Michele Ridgewell, Barbara Richardson and Mike Steed, plus other helpers, who put such a lot of work into arranging the event. Also a big thank you to the donors of the thirty or so prizes in the raffle.

So the frantic digging and planting has started as we compete with the weeds to see who can gain control of the plot. It's strange to think that our competition is in just three months as the plots seem so barren at the moment. Strawberries in June seem so far away. Spring on the allotment is a glorious time and very social with a good healthy product at the end of it.

We have installed more dipping water tanks on the new site just as a hose pipe ban comes in to place. We don't use hose pipes on the allotments but will need to conserve water as much as possible. On this note I would urge all to install water butts wherever possible at both home and on the allotments. This will save a lot of water and give you access to supplies when there has been no rain.

As the new season has commenced some members have decided to release their plots. Presently we have three plots available on the new site. If you would like to rent a plot call Paul Waite (01245 380429) who looks after lettings for the new site, which is next to the cricket pitch.

First speaker meeting of 2012

Horticultural Society - Sarah Barker

Around forty people attended our speaker meeting on 22nd March and were treated to Harry Brickwood's talk on 'A gardener's year'. Harry's presentation included beautiful photographs from his own garden and from other gardens he has visited all over the UK, and an enjoyable evening was had by all.

Best front garden competition

Our attention now turns to the best front garden competition. It is not necessary to formally enter for this competition but please let us know (by email to sarah_barker2511@hotmail.com) if there is a particularly attractive garden in your street that you think deserves to be on the short list. Judging will take place during mid-summer and the winner receives an engraved glass bowl presented jointly by the Society and the Parish

Council. This will be presented at the Autumn Show in September

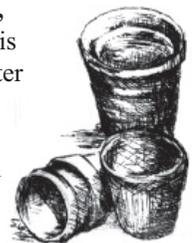
Forthcoming dates for your diary Spring plant sale and coffee morning

Saturday 12th May 10am - 12 noon at Oaklands, Nounsley Road. Dahlia plants for Autumn Show competition will be available.

Afternoon garden walk Sunday 17th June Orchard Cottage, 219 Hockley Road, Rayleigh, home of Harry Brickwood who gave the talk on 'A gardener's year' at the March meeting.

Garden social at Tudor Lodge, Sunday 15th July - tickets for this popular event available on or after 1st June (must be purchased in advance).

For tickets and/or information give Clive Emberson a ring on 01245 381704



Goodbye after fifty years

Peverel Wives - Sheila Fullbrook

It was a sad day for members of Peverel Wives on 15th February as it was our last meeting. After 50 years, with membership falling and expenses rising, we had to call it a day.

The WI Choir entertained us and helped us to enjoy our evening. Although tinged with regret members recalled all the lovely times we enjoyed in the past: days out with our children, visits to shows, boat outings, walks in towns and villages learning about their history and, of course, who could forget our dinners!

We had all types of speakers to entertain us but it was so nice to meet our friends once a month and have a chat. Now it has finished, another village society to bite the dust due to the change in our way of life.

Our thanks to all our leaders and committee members who through the years have worked to make Peverel Wives such a success. We will always remember it with great affection.



Extended painting day for artists

Hatfield Peverel Art Group - Peter Walker
Secretary (01245 381798)

Members have continued with their enthusiastic efforts during the gloomy chill of the winter, including another of their regular extended painting day events. Trevor Harwood applied his excellent tutoring skills to broaden the appreciation of different approaches and techniques relevant to specific areas of painting. This will be of considerable value to members whose attention is now drawn towards this year's exhibition, to be held on **Saturday 16th June from 10am to 5pm**, in the Salvation Army hall as in previous years. The format will be similar to last year, with a display of work by pupils from the local school, and special features on the day, including painting demonstrations. Exhibits will be available for sale, and will comprise works by both Art Group members and non-members.

Non-members wishing to exhibit should contact me, Peter Walker, or visit our website for an entry form (contact details below), which should be returned by Friday 18th May, the closing date for

entries. The exhibition is open to all visitors, and home-made refreshments will be available at very reasonable cost.

Should you wish to find out more about the activities of the group, which holds its' weekly meetings on Monday afternoons from 2pm to 4pm in St Andrews Church hall, please contact Peter Walker on 01245-381798, or visit the website at www.hatfieldpeverelartgroup.co.uk.

Invitation to a Summer Party!

Hatfield Peverel Toddlers - Steph Gunn
(steph.gunn@yahoo.co.uk)

Toddler Group committee would like to invite our members and their pre-school children to a Summer Party to be held at Hatfield Peverel village hall on Wednesday 27th June from 11am - 1pm.

We hope you can join us! Places will go on sale in May and will cost just £2.50 to include Tiddimix Entertainer (we had him at Christmas) and food for all. (Toddler group will be closed this day to anyone not attending the party.)

See you there!

Parish Council News

Lisa Miller, Clerk to the Parish Council

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clerk.hatfieldpeverelpc@blueyonder.co.uk



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

Planning

All Planning meetings are open to the public. Notification of these meetings will be displayed on village notice boards three clear days prior to each meeting.

The following applications have recently been made

Erection of detached garage at 4 Ingelrica Avenue; proposal to extend front and rear dormer windows, remove existing first floor left hand side window, brick up to match existing brickwork, replace with new windows to front and rear to match existing at 6 Priory Farm Road; erection of two storey side extension, single/two storey rear extension and single storey front extension at 19 New Road; erection of kitchen extension at Lower Farm, Maldon Road; proposed new entrance gates to front and rear at Rainbirds, Paper Mill Bridge; erection of single storey rear extension and roof line alterations to front and dormers and front porch, erection of rear conservatory and erection of detached garage and store at Petrosa, Ulting Road; construction of pitched roof above existing single storey flat-roofed rear extension and utility area to form two new bedrooms and addition of Velux windows to existing dwelling house at 41 Church Road.

The following applications have been approved by the District Council

Erection of single storey extension to rear of property at Vinehurst, The Street; erection of detached garage/ carport at Ivydene, Ulting Road; erection of side extension at first floor level at 19 Chestnut Avenue. Erection of two storey side extension together with single storey front projection and new window to rear elevation at Boxley Cottage, Maldon Road; raising of roof and erection of side extension at Witham Field Farm, Witham Road.

Amendments to previously approved application 11/01427/FUL - demolition of existing bay window and formation of new increased size bay window alteration to pitched roof over at 35 Sportsmans Lane.

The following applications have been refused by the District Council

Proposed loft conversion with 3 dormers to front elevation (single rear dormer under permitted development) at The Shambles, Nounsley Road.

Tree Preservation Orders

7 The Pines; 21 Toulmin Road.

Hadfelda car park update

Following on from the decision taken at the public meeting in November, Braintree District Council has now confirmed that the amendment to the Off-Street Parking Places Order for the car park at Hadfelda Square has been applied for. Notice of the change will appear in the local press on Wednesday 21st March. At the same time notices will be displayed in the car park informing customers of the proposed change - 2 hours free parking with no return within 3 hours - which will take place from Monday 16th April 2012 and the North Essex Parking Partnership will start enforcement immediately from 16th April.

Further discussion has taken place between the Parish Council and BDC and a programme of work to improve the car park has been agreed including removal of the tree and brick planter, provision of disabled parking spaces, removal of kerbing and levelling of the whole area. Re-siting of the recycling area is currently under consideration to provide further parking spaces.

Swan Close bus stop

Following discussion with Essex Police, Essex County Council Highways and the Parish Council, due to a recent accident where a person walked out on the zebra crossing behind a parked bus and was knocked down, a solution to resolve safety aspects has been addressed. The most practical solution is to make the temporary position of the bus stop sign permanent and to have a yellow 'bus stop' zone painted on the road to indicate where the bus driver is to stop so that visibility of the crossing for drivers coming in the opposite direction is improved. The bus shelter will remain in its current position. Alternative positions for the shelter and stop have been considered but none are realistically feasible or cost effective in the current climate.

Housing development at Langford on the Maldon Road

CML are proposing to submit plans for a development of up to 150 houses at Oval Park, Hatfield Road, Langford. There is the opportunity to view the exhibition material and provide feedback on their website: www.public-engage.co.uk or write to:

Capita Symonds, Croxton's Mill, Little Waltham, Chelmsford, CM3 3PJ. It is understood that the formal planning application was scheduled for submission to Maldon District Council on the 28th March 2012. (At the time of going to press it was not possible to confirm whether or not it was submitted.)

The impact of this development on Hatfield Peverel could be significant with perhaps 300 extra cars through the village morning and evening for the railway station, schools and access to the A12. Commuters may well start using local streets for all day parking. If you feel strongly about this additional impact on your village you can make a formal objection to the plans either in writing or on the website: www.maldon.gov.uk.

Parish council meetings - Monday 14th May and Monday 11 June, 7.30pm village hall

New members welcomed to

Hadfelda WI

Marel Elliston

We were delighted to welcome several new members to our February meeting when we were entertained by Gary Egerton. Gary has spent the last twenty years looking after VIPs, dividing his time between politicians and royalty. He regaled us with many amusing and slightly hair raising anecdotes. On one occasion, Margaret Thatcher was meeting the public at Tesco in Maldon prior to an election; all went well until she decided to do her shopping. As each walk-about was timed to the last minute, this caused mayhem. However, when she went to pay, she had no money and no card to guarantee her cheque. The manager did step in at this point to give the young cashier, who obviously had no idea who this customer was, the OK to accept the cheque!

The competition was the letter 'R' and was won



by Jenny Nicholas with a beautiful coloured glass tile of a rooster.

Another very interesting speaker entertained us in March when Jean Fullerton told us what goes on Inside a Writer's Mind. Before becoming a writer she had trained as a nurse and worked for the police. She has written many very popular novels and her enthusiasm was plain to see, she obviously thoroughly enjoys the whole process. The competition letter was 'T' and Betty Pryke won with an old fashioned typewriter.

A coffee morning with a bring and buy was held in the library at the beginning of April. The knitting/craft group still meets in the library on Wednesday mornings from 10am.

The April meeting is Wednesday 25th at 7.45pm in the village hall. The competition is something beginning with 'I' and Angela Lodge will tell us all about the Helen Rollason charity.

New members are always welcome.

Gone are the days...

...sadly, when we left our doors open while popping in to see a neighbour. Our police are looking out for us but we need to help ourselves. Do read the items below from our local beat PCSO, Nikki Doubleday and help cut crime.

Big change to the style of policing, station opening hours and nominated officers for your areas

Changes came in to effect on the 1st March 2012 but should not affect the service delivered by the police to the members of the public. I remain as the beat PCSO and have very good links with Neighbourhood Watch on the beat also parish councils and parish magazines. **Phone numbers remain the same 999 for emergency calls and 101 for non emergency calls.**



EC-wide emergency phone - 112

74 % of Europeans don't know what emergency number to call when travelling in the EU. **112** is the single emergency number they can call, both in and outside their home country when in trouble.

Metal thefts on the increase

Highlighted in the media and by the recently formed Metal Theft Task Force - everyone needs to be vigilant. Objects targeted include cable, drain covers, lift panels from housing estates, memorial plaques, children's playground slides, fire escape stairs, local electricity substations and even English Heritage buildings including churches.

If you see any suspicious activity near to any of these locations please call Essex Police tel 101, or 999 if an emergency, or Crimestoppers 0800 555 111 to call anonymously with information.

Catalytic converter thefts

Motorists living in mid and north-Essex owning **vehicles with high ground clearance** are advised to consider vehicle security following a recent spate of **catalytic converter thefts**. Consider purchasing a **marking kit**, or make it as difficult as possible for someone to slide under the vehicle.

Hatfield Peverel, Station Road- 14th Feb - suspects unknown removed a catalytic converter from a Ford Ranger.

Lighter evenings, warmer weather - be aware Thieves and burglars are around. **Make sure windows and doors are not left open or insecure** while you are not in the premises and please **do not leave valuables on display in an open window or door area**. The same advice is given for motorists leaving sunroofs and vehicle windows rolled down.

Over winter there have been shed burglaries and thefts of garden tools and machinery. I am happy to etch property such as spades and other garden tools as well as pedal cycles if you care to contact me. If we find property and can identify the item to a looser we can act accordingly.

Hatfield Peverel: 5th March - Terling Road - suspects unknown smashed glass pane in rear door of a premises – messy search – items removed; 17th March - Bury Lane - theft from motor vehicle - suspects unknown removed fuel from lorry.

Computer repairs over the phone - fraud

Be mindful when answering calls from companies who cold call and claim that they can fix your computer over the phone. **Do not give anyone remote access to your computer**, you could end up with either a virus or a repair bill.

Queens Jubilee Street Party

Sportsmans Arms garden

Sportsmans Lane, Nounsley

Monday 4th June 2012

1pm onwards

Live music - Bouncy Castle - Kids' Disco
Face Painting - Games - Raffle - Lucky Dip

Hot Food - available to purchase
Cold buffet included with ticket

Childrens' Fancy Dress Competition - PRIZES

Adults £6 - Children £3 (by 6th May)

On the day - Adults £10, Children £5

Contact Alex on 01245 380410
www.thesportsmansnounsley.com

All proceeds going to EMC Hatfield Peverel
and Alzheimer's Society

Science and Engineering Day at St Andrews

John Strange, St Andrews with All Saints PCC

On Saturday 17th March we held our first ever Science and Engineering day. It was timed to coincide with National Science Week, and brought to fruition through the endeavours of David and Clare Pring.

The church was filled with fascinating models, some that demonstrated scientific theory, colourful chemistry and others more practical in nature. There was something for everyone, and I am sure that the more mature visitor remembered building Meccano or playing with pop-pop boats or building model aeroplanes. This was a new venture in fund-raising, making over £600 towards church funds. Our grateful thanks go not only to David and Clare, but also to the following, who contributed to a most enjoyable and fascinating day:

Christopher James, David Berrington, David Twyman, Tony Earle, Alan Esplen, John Swinborn, Ken Clarke, Alan Church, Tom Bolland, Dr Peter Hindle, Stuart Nightingale, John Giles, Tony Whitehead, David Brooks, Geoff Austin and Chris Coombes. We also thank the following companies for their support in making the day a great success: NDC Infrared Eng. Ltd, Tabcrest Touch Controls Ltd, Colorex

Heat Pumps Ltd, CML Microcircuits, Moss Express, Braintree District Council (Sare Cross), Maltings Academy with their scaled down racing car, the Maltings Missile.

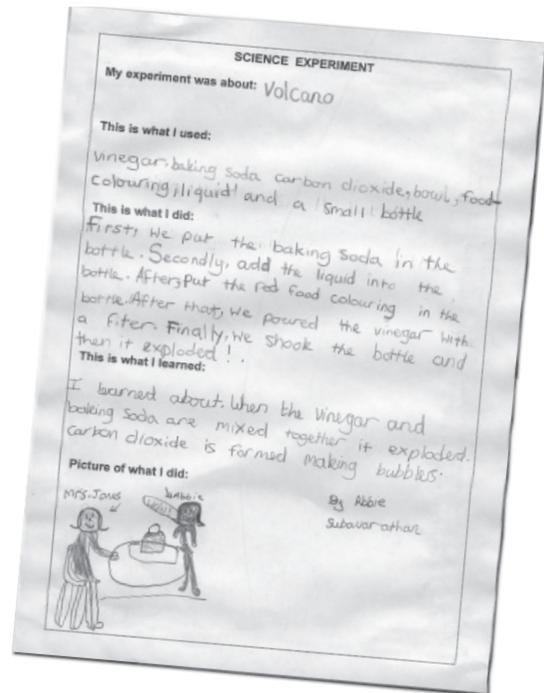
In closing this article, our thanks also go to those who ran the raffle*, provided the pancakes, cooked the hot dogs and served the tea and sandwiches, and to others behind the scenes who helped in any way.

Thank you all very much.

* The principal raffle prize, a starwatching session in Peter Hindle's garden observatory, was won by Gabriel Davies



Junior School Year 3 children during science week working on a variety of investigations with everyday tools, materials and substances that can be found in the kitchen. They worked in small groups exploring all sorts of simple reactions.



Goodbye to Russell 1934–2012

We all have our memories of Russell, a lovely caring man with a great sense of humour, always ready to lend a helping hand. At his memorial service Gretta paid this tribute to a man we loved.

Russell was born at Cold Norton, near Maldon, second child and first son of Queenie and Horace Clarke. He was educated at the local primary/junior school before attending the secondary modern in Maldon in 1945. They were happy, carefree childhood days wandering local fields and woodlands gathering bunches of primroses and a tin bath full of mushrooms and blackberries (depending on the time of year) to bring home and sell to the neighbours for a few coppers. (Alan Sugar eat your heart out!).

On leaving school he was employed by Essex Rivers Board (now Anglian Water Authority) building seawall defences. In the terrible east coast flooding of 1953 he was despatched to help evacuate residents of Canvey Island, some clinging to chimney stacks, too traumatised to move. Russell (who then couldn't swim) declared it was one of the few times in his life he had been really frightened: that fateful, pitch black night when he, and many others, were running along full-to-the brim sea walls hearing creaking under the pressure of water. They knew a breach could happen any second and take them with it.

National Service (1953 - 1955) was spent with the Royal Artillery which engendered his interest in, and loyalty to, the Royal British Legion where he was proud to be our local standard bearer and to raise vital funds for the cause - house-to-house collections and attending the local railway station at crack of dawn to collect annual poppy appeal monies. Russ was proud to lead the local uniformed young people at our Armistice Day Remembrance Service parades.

After demob he worked at the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company in Chelmsford, moving from wireless assembly workshop floor to apprentice school training instructor. When the new MD (Mr Weinstock) wielded his axe in the 1970s Russell

was made redundant and to support his family diversified into building - via Dolph Claydon where he stayed until the business was sold to Cross Country Caravans. He remained until his retirement in 1990 when he joined Dignity Funeral Services Ltd in Witham on a casual basis and became part of the Richards incredible team.

Whilst employed by Dolph Russell became embroiled (the only word to describe it!) in the building of the present Scout and Guide HQ in Church Road - what a wonderful village project that was, dedication and camaraderie personified. The project cost a lot of money and much fund-raising was needed resulting in, among other projects, an annual three-day event in the field next to the HQ.

When I started working on the Chronic Sick Unit (The Links) at St John's hospital, Russell became involved with the entertainment side of the therapy. He became chairman of a band of volunteers who arranged social events from ward parties and theatre trips to London to local places of interest and an annual visit to Maldon where the sun always shone on picnic day. We came to St Andrews for small special Harvest Festival services followed by tea in the vicarage garden. Christmas lunch was served at our home for Links residents who had no family connections., This involved Helen and Ken who long-term always willingly entered into the spirit of the occasion. Funding for these 'escapades' was mainly via the bookstall which stood at our front boundary for many years.

Russell enjoyed reading (particularly his daily dose of 'dross' from the popular press); ballroom dancing and a wide range of music especially Country and Western. He loved nature and his garden, where no self-respecting weed would dare to show its head. Able to relax and enjoy holidays at home or abroad his first job on returning was to see how much damage slugs and birds had done.

Russell and I were first introduced on the day he enlisted eventually married in St Andrew's in March 1960. As a young man he was a keen cyclist and in those quaint old days when we married first

and had our honeymoon after used to make a round trip of some 25 miles each Saturday and Sunday to visit me in Hatfield Peverel. Alternate Sundays I cycled to family tea at Cold Norton. As an only child I found these like a perpetual party - and Christmas tea time was a whole new experience. Once wed we saved up £8 for a second-hand tandem and just flew along; what fun we had, once covering the ground from Kelvedon to Witham in 12 minutes - that's before the bypass was built. Today it would be suicidal. When Helen was born we considered adding a sidecar to the old bike but motorists have no idea how fast you can go on a contraption like that so the idea was scotched on the grounds of safety - especially for our precious baby. We graduated to motorized transport which later included his beloved Robin Reliant - it just happened to be yellow, all very Del Trotter and a source of great embarrassment to poor Ken who thought his dad was teasing when the idea was first aired.

For several years now Friday afternoons have been dedicated to joining good friends as part of the churchyard gardening/maintenance team; he was so disappointed that because of a back problem he was prevented from helping with clearance of damage caused by the cyclone which struck with such devastating effect in early January.

Russell had a great sense of right and wrong: under a physically strong masculine exterior was a very special, thoughtful, tender, kind, caring, unassuming, reliable, 'coats off' Christian who



loved his family as much as we all loved him - and said so. Russ was only 77 but had a happy fulfilled life, We will miss him so much but with no regrets to haunt us - apart from his legacy of half-finished jobs! He loved this church, particularly the west window at sunset - and will not have been afraid to answer to his God. Now we must let him rest in eternal peace but he will never be forgotten. For now, farewell my love - just go and help prepare those places.

Gretta, Helen and Ken Clarke have been totally overwhelmed, but at the same time uplifted, by the amount of support received after the sudden, sad, untimely death of Russell.

Tributes, along with so many condolence cards and good wishes, have been very poignant - memories which will stay in our hearts for a very long time.

Thank you and may God bless you all.

Successful quiz night

Table Tennis Club - Andy Simmonds

Our annual quiz in March was a success with 90 guests filling the village hall and enjoying a fish and chip supper supplied by our local chippy. An excellent quiz was run by Chris Hibbitt and his wife Wendy, the whole event well organised by Dave Carter, and Keith Cullen did a great job raising funds for Hatfield Peverel and Billericay Table Tennis Clubs.

We are always looking for new members either

male or female of any standard. Now would be an excellent time to join the club and get to know us. Our club competitions are on Tuesdays the 10th, 17th and 24th April and our AGM is in the village hall on Thursday 24th May.

Anyone wishing to re-start their playing career would be most welcome and we would be delighted to hear from you. If you are interested please call either Neil Freeman on 01245 382249 or myself Andy Simmonds on 01245 381020.



News from St Andrews

Droughts? Hosepipe bans? Salvation for Essex water supplies rests on a little place called Denver, in Cambridgeshire. Most of us, I guess, have never heard of it but, to a railway enthusiast, it used to be a block post on the Ely to Kings Lynn line, with a pretty Great Eastern signal box and mechanical signalling. It is a very remote and a very lonely spot, yet it is the water being diverted from here, through the Denver sluice, that could make the difference between water out of taps in our homes and standpipes in the street.



In some ways this is a reminder of Holy Week and Easter. It was on one man, Jesus of Nazareth, that the salvation of the world depended. Without his self-sacrifice we would be groping about for salvation rather like chasing water from standpipes that may or may not be working at any one time. Through Jesus Christ we have access to God himself without having to try to find him. He has found us and by what he did during that first Holy Week and Easter he has shown that he is interested in the human race and, to use St John's metaphor, gives us access to the living water of his Holy Spirit at all times.

In common with many other Christian churches we have been following a Lent course 'Spot The Difference' in which the author, Nick Fawcett, asks the question 'what difference does being a Christian make to our lives?' With his background in youth work, he asks questions in the way a teenager would, straightforwardly, sometimes abrasively. At the beginning of Lent, thanks to Mary Daw, Anna Tomlins and helpers, we had a very successful craft afternoon learning about Lent, followed by a similar afternoon on 2nd April learning about Easter. Shrove Tuesday was marked by pancakes in the church hall followed by a talk by Revd Geoff Bayliss on the future staffing of the Deanery. One or two figures stand out, by 2025 the present number of stipendiary (paid) clergy will go down from about 11 to about 8. We in Hatfield Peverel have a good case for retaining a post in the village, though the responsibilities that vicar has will change.

Monthly coffee mornings are going well. Unless otherwise stated, they are held on the first Saturday of the month. This year we need to raise over £70,000 of which nearly £55,000 goes to central funds at the Diocese. This is largely used to pay clergy and fund their pensions. In terms of the fabric of St Andrews, our next project is to rewire the church and put in new lighting. Groundwork for this is being laid now.

On the weekend of Mothering Sunday, a special Science Day was organised by David Pring. It was most successful and many people passed through our doors to see and play with the displays. Before it opened a group of people and children met in the Vicarage and bunched together flowers and mixed the simnel cake for Sunday's celebration. This year the simnel cake raised money for Christian Aid. Also we have been collecting clothes for the Women's Refuge in Colchester, which caters for women who have had to leave home suddenly with their children, often in the clothes they stand up in. Clothes needed are adult women and children of both sexes. This is a particularly difficult time of the year; a lot of relationship breakdowns take place during the dark months. If you would like to contribute to this excellent cause, please leave the clothes (washed) either at church or under the Vicarage porch. We are collecting until the end of April.

Here are some dates for your diary

Sunday April 22nd - Annual Parochial Church meeting. This will be after the 10.15am service.

Sunday 27th May – Pentecost (Whit Sunday) a special joint service will be held to celebrate the Church's birthday. **NOTE this will be the only service on that day.**

St Andrew's Church Queen's Jubilee - A Special Service
Sunday 3rd June at 10.15am

Holy Week and Easter 2012

The Churches of St Andrew, Hatfield Peverel and All Saints, Ulting invite you to share the joy of the Easter faith and to join them in their special services and activities.

St Andrews, Hatfield Peverel

Maundy Thursday 5th April 2.30pm Holy Week service at Hatfield Peverel Lodge
7.45pm Holy Communion 'The Last Supper'
Good Friday 6th April 2.00pm 'Jesus – His Last Hours'
Easter Day 8th April 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP said)
10.15am Parish Eucharist and Renewal of Baptism Vows
6.30pm Easter Songs of Praise

All Saints, Ulting

Palm Sunday 1st April 9.00am Holy Communion with hymns
Easter Day 8th April 9.00am Holy Communion with hymns (Book of Common Prayer)

Mother's Union world-wide links

6th March

Speaker at our afternoon meeting, Rev Frances Drake, gave us an interesting talk about the worldwide links of the Mothers Union which has branches in 83 countries. Rev Drake concentrated on six of them with special links to our Chelmsford Diocese - George in South Africa, Meru in Kenya, New Bussa in Nigeria, Thailand, and Toungoo and Hpa'an in Myanmar. Some of these branches have been in existence longer than others but they, with us, are all guided by the same MU challenge to 'Love mercy, seek justice, and walk humbly with our God.

We are aware of the difficulties and dangers that exist in many countries at this time but wherever the MU is present it carries on its work of caring for the poor and needy in God's name and spreading the Good News of his Gospel. Since Mary Sumner's vision in 1876, the MU has become a Global Voice for women and is now clearly influencing international debt and family welfare. Our organisation has more than four million members worldwide - a force to be reckoned with!

Rev Drake showed us interesting slides about the six branches mentioned, all very different but the enthusiasm of their members is much the same. They are proud of their links with our Diocese of Chelmsford and grateful for any help they receive to make their lives more comfortable - a fresh water supply in their villages. At the end

of the talk we were given an MU Wave of Prayer leaflet naming the branches so we could pray especially for them. We gave a vote of thanks to Rev Drake for a very informative afternoon. It is important to know what is happening to our sisters in Christ in other parts of the world and to be aware of the conditions under which they operate.

Our leader Pat gave out the notices. Our next meeting will be on 23rd April when there will be Chelmsford Diocesan Council meeting in the Cathedral starting at 10am followed by lunch and, at 2.30pm, a Celebration Festival Eucharist led by the new Bishop of Bradwell. Three events are being celebrated: St George's Day, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, and the London Olympics. All who attend will be asked to wear a red rose - real, silk, or artificial. There will also be a three tier cake which will be cut at the end of the service. If you would like to go please contact Pat on 380748.



Home visitor's group

Our visits continue to be enjoyed by a number of Hatfield Peverel residents whose lack of mobility reduces the number of social contacts they have.

As we are all living longer we too may enjoy a visit from a familiar face. If you know of anyone who would like a chat please contact Belinda Hull on 01376 512540 for further information.

Methodist Church

In January we held our annual Covenant Service, a distinct Methodist service traditionally held at the start of a New Year. It originated from the earliest days of Methodist communities and was introduced by John Wesley, one of the founder members of the Methodist Church. It encourages an annual renewal of our commitment and challenges us to continue our faith in spiritual and practical ways.

At the end of January we were joined by our friends from St Andrews and the Salvation Army for a joint Service led by Father Stephen and our Minister, Rev Sue Lambert. We enjoyed shared worship and ended a happy afternoon with tea and cakes.

Our social event in February combined two favourites, a fish and chip lunch followed by a beetle drive. There was much laughter and an unexpected competitive edge to see who could achieve a complete beetle first and win the prize for the fewest points overall. There will have to be a re-match.

On Monday 26th March we held a craft session to decorate our Church, or ourselves, for Easter Sunday.

We have been contacted recently by the Wilson family from Chelmsford whose maternal ancestor, George Shelley was one of the founder members of our Church. He originally held Church meetings in his house on The Green and later money was given to build premises opposite our present Church. This May we will be celebrating 137 years of Methodist worship in this village and it is an encouragement that the Covenant Service, which starts each New Year, has been used throughout this time.

Pianist wanted to play on Sunday mornings at 11am. If you have the skills and can offer an occasional morning we would love to hear from you. Please contact John on 380852.

Special events

8th April Easter Day Service at 11am led by David Songer

6th May Anniversary Service at 11am led by Rev Sue Lambert followed by refreshments

Regular events

Every Sunday 11am Morning Service

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

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

1st Monday in month 7.30pm - House Group

Rainbows re-opening

Julie Down, Rainbow Leader

Exciting news, 1st Hatfield Peverel Rainbow Unit is re-opening in the village on 19th April. There is already a complete unit of ten girls but girls aged 5 - 7 are very welcome to join and can put their names on our waiting list.

If you would like more information about Hatfield Peverel Rainbows please contact our County Office: Unit 7, Park Farm, Kelvedon Road, Inworth, CO5 9SH, tel 01376 570464, email: office@girlguidingsexne.org.UK website: www.girlguidingsexne.org.uk

Hatfield Peverel Infant School holds information on Rainbows.

Hatfield Peverel Walkers

Sandra Bushby (380472)

February's walk was centred on the Twitty Fee area (that really is its name!) of Essex Wildlife Trust Reserves sited on Danbury Ridge. Our knowledgeable guide Gerald Dodson explained the history and future developments planned by the Wildlife Trust. Frequent stops to explain points of interest were welcome as was the final stop at Papermill Lock for refreshments.

A change of plan for our March walk, not to Woodham Walter but down to the river at Ulting. On 24th April it is hoped to go to Toppinghoe Hall wood. All walks start from the village hall car park in Maldon Road at 10am and finish 12 - 12.30pm. New walkers are always welcome, there is no membership charge - just turn up and go! Please contact Sandra Bushby (380472 or sandraebushby@btinternet.com)

Moving forward at Yvonne Stewart House

Helen Rollason Cancer Charity
www.helenrollason.org.uk

First floor opening Monday 2nd April

We have made great progress at Yvonne Stewart House thanks to support from the local community. Over twenty volunteers have helped to transform the car park and first floor offices. New tarmac has been laid on the driveway alongside the building to improve access to the centre and a fence has replaced the old conifer hedge providing privacy for clients. Inside, the tatty wallpaper on the first floor has been stripped and walls have been painted, toilets fitted and old carpet tiles replaced. The Risk Department at RBS Bishopsgate is supporting us as its charity of the year and it has generously paid for the new carpet tiles, window blinds and the installation of a small kitchen with appliances.



Trustee Gordon Cameron (centre) thanking the volunteers with a fish and chips lunch

Helen Rollason Cancer Charity trustee, Gordon Cameron, is managing the work and is delighted. 'It's a big project and to have got this far in such a short time is a real achievement. We are very grateful to the volunteers, RBS Bishopsgate and other businesses that have helped us – their support is overwhelming.' While this work continues, the architects for the YJS Charitable Trust are concentrating on the layout of the centre downstairs.

We have an active fund-raising group for the charity and have raised over £1,200 already including two 'Tea For Helen' events at Yvonne Stewart House before the staff moved in on Monday 2nd April. If you would like to join the group, contact Lindsey Glasman on 01245 380682, lindsey.glasman@hotmail.com

North Essex Circular Walk and Run

Our fund-raising team is looking forward to moving into its new offices. The extra space will be very useful as we organise our next big fund-raising event - The North Essex Circular Walk and Run on Sunday 6th May. Walkers and runners can choose a 7, 16 or 26 mile route through the countryside, starting and finishing at the village hall in Pebmarsh, near Halstead. For more information and to register, please call 01245 514325 or visit our website www.helenrollason.org.uk

WEA summer programme

Tuesday 15th May - coach trip to Norwich Castle galleries

Following an enjoyable course with Mark Beesley on East Anglian Painters we have arranged to visit the galleries in Norwich Castle which have a good selection of paintings from local artists.

Booking essential, cost £25 (includes gratuities and entrance to galleries)

Meet at the Scout & Guide HQ for 8.45am departure. Park in the HQ car park.

Send booking form and payment to Terry Bard, Lockwoods, Manor Road, Hatfield Peverel, Chelmsford CM3 2LZ. Telephone 01245 381289.

Tuesday 19th June - Saffron Walden walkabout

Terry will lead us on another walk around his home town. It will be about 2 – 3 miles (undulating) and take about 2 hours. **Cost £5.**

Meet at The Swan Meadow car park for 10.30am departure. Terry will provide a map (showing Swan Meadow etc.) for all going on the tour.

Why is the Football Club moving off the Rec?

Hatfield Peverel Football Club - Chairman, Gareth Howard

07778 408051 / gareth.howard@tiscali.co.uk

Website: www.pitchero.com/clubs/hatfieldpeverelfc/

Hatfield Peverel FC's 'New Venture'

I would like to start my update by answering a question that I am regularly asked – “why is the Football Club moving off the Rec, and what will it be used for after you have gone?” The main reason we are moving is that we have been asked by the Parish Council to vacate the Rec by the end of 2012. They would like it to be freed up for informal leisure activities. However, as a club we need to move so that we can continue to thrive and offer footballing opportunities to the village and the wider community. We have an ambitious 5-year football development plan with the key aims of providing safe, modern facilities for all our teams, including female only and disability teams. This can only be possible at our new Wickham Bishops Road site. As far as the recreation ground is concerned, my understanding is it was gifted to the village by the Strutt family for recreational purposes, and there is a covenant in place which protects it from development.

Fund-raising activities

Our grant and fund-raising activities continue at a fast pace. Since the start of the season we have raised over £6,500 through our own activities, with each team set an individual target to raise £1,000 by the end of the season. Recent activities include - bag packing at Tesco, parent's match, cross-bar challenge, sponsored weight loss, sale of club scarves and a casino night at The Swan. Grant applications totalling £160,000 were lodged with various funding bodies during March, so it is just a case of fingers crossed.

Final tenders have been received from potential contractors for the modular buildings, ground works, sewerage, electrical services etc. and we are still on track, subject to successful grant applications, to begin work in the close season. At the end of March club members met with our MP Priti Patel and representatives from Sport England to receive a cheque for £50,000 from their 'Inspired Facilities' scheme. *(See photographs below and on following page.)*

Season 2011/12

On the playing front all eight junior and two senior teams are progressing well. With the exception of a couple of weeks when the snow arrived, we have been relatively lucky with the weather and all teams are on track to complete their fixtures by the end of the season.



Upcoming fixtures/latest results are on our website or: www.essexsuffolkborderleague.freemove.co.uk and <http://www.juniorfootball.org>

We are always looking for new players, in particular we want to build up our Reception and School Year 1 age groups - if you have a son or daughter interested please give me a call or visit our website.



Thomson Day 2012

Our annual club tournament (running since 1972) is on Saturday, 7th July at the recreation ground. This will be followed in the evening by our end of season presentation event at the village hall.

Further club news, updates on the 'New Venture' and full details of fund-raising activities and events can be found on our club website: www.pitchero.com/clubs/hatfieldpeverelfc

Bowling green to open early?

**Bowling Club - Bob Gammie, President
website: <http://hatfieldpeverelbowling.website.orange.co.uk>**

Now our winter season is drawing to a close, we look forward to the opening of our bowling green on 30th April, or slightly earlier if the weather is good.

In our annual Franklin open competition, when we invite seven other clubs to compete in all day matches, our team of Rita Thomson, Chrissie Harris, Cherry Richardson and Steve Barry lost narrowly in the final against Gooshays Club. For the Jim Cowell triples competition, Joan usually attends but this year felt the evening would be too long for her. She missed a good evening: Joy Watson, Maurice Ball and Rita Thomson were the winners with runners up Sheila Fullbrook, Val Hudgell and Fred Brown.

In our friendly games, against other clubs we have only lost twice. Our internal league continues, still too early to see a clear winner. Our two teams in the Essex League, Divisions 5 and 7, are currently a credible mid-table but with games to play, this could change.

Our pairs and singles competitions for the Alan Doe Shield and Peter Brazier Cup respectively continue and will culminate in a finals night followed by cheese and wine. Silverware will be presented by Club Captain Rita Thomson at our annual dinner at the end of April, and the club is again very grateful to Daphne and Roger Hoare for volunteering to undertake the catering.

No major changes at our AGM: all officers and committee stood again and were re-elected en-bloc.

Our condolences to the family of Iris Foeluy, one of our founder members, who recently died.

As to the bowling green, the moss thrived under the blanket of snow but has been dealt with, followed by thorough scarification and aeration. With the addition of fertilisation and other treatments we look forward to another season with the green in tip top condition. We have a full list of friendly matches and have teams in the Central Midweek League and the Chelmer Ladies League and our own internal competitions.

We are a friendly club - do come and join us. Bowls is a simple game, all you have to do is be nearest the Jack!.

1st Hatfield Peverel Scout Group

(For boys & girls 6-18 yrs)

Suzanne Evans, Group Secretary

01245 382397

Our youngsters (and leaders) have been extremely active over the past few weeks, enjoying all the exciting opportunities associated with the world of scouting...

Victorian Evening

In December our younger members experienced a fantastic Victorian Evening at Cardfields. Everyone dressed in costumes from the era and enjoyed learning how Christmas was celebrated in the past. The evening culminated in a wonderful sing-a-long around the beautifully decorated Christmas tree.

Beavers

Beavers made fruit salad for their Healthy Eating Badge and also celebrated the Chinese New Year. Their craft work, which had an Olympic theme, was successfully entered in the District Handicraft Competition. In March, the children dressed as their favourite story book character to celebrate World Book Day (photo above right).

Congratulations to Rachael Shields and Oscar Marks, who were awarded the Chief Scout's Bronze Award; the highest honour in the Beaver unit.

Cubs

The Cubs enjoyed a very informative visit to Tiptree Fire Station, where the Fire Officers kindly allowed the children to try on their protective clothing and equipment. The highlight of the visit was the opportunity to sit behind the wheel of the fire engine.

The Book Readers Badge, Map Readers Badge and Artists Badge have all been gained this term.

Scouts

Scouts celebrated Chinese New Year by cooking a Chinese meal, and observed Shrove Tuesday by making chocolate and marshmallow pancakes. During Science Night, they made Electro-magnets and Trebuchet catapults. Work continues toward the Group Environmental Badge; shopping bags



were tie-dyed and the damage caused to the Pacific Ocean by plastic carrier bags was discussed.

Refurbishment of the Scout & Guide HQ

The HQ has been an integral part of village life for many years, and the majority of you will have attended a function within its walls. Although the fabric of the building is sound, unfortunately, due to time and extensive use, the internal decoration and facilities are now very worn and dated.

There are plans for refurbishment; however, this will require funds and manpower. Over the coming months, both the Scout Group and the Guides will be actively fund-raising for this specific cause.

If you can help in any way, please contact Nick Nicholas (Group Scout Leader) on 07841 597977; darrennicholas@btinternet.com

If you shop via the internet, you can help us by using the Easy Fund-raising website <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/1sthpsg>

Thank you

Very grateful thanks to the anonymous donor of the massive sum of £2336.71 towards the refurbishment of our headquarters. We hope you read the Review so that you know how very appreciative we are.

Horse riding

In March, eighteen Beavers, Cubs and Scouts met at Marven's Riding Stables for an enjoyable horse riding lesson (photo right). Afterwards, everyone agreed that the activity had been an overwhelming success and was something they would like to repeat.



Monthly newspaper collection

- first Saturday of each month

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

In the unlikely event that your papers are not collected, contact Jonathon Dorman, on 01245 382981 (jonathan.dorman@btinternet.com)

Party in the Park - Olympic Torch Day

Ed Dean (01245 381506) on behalf of the Party in the Park committee

Everybody will know from the flyer in the current Review that on Friday 6th July the Olympic Torch will travel through Hatfield Peverel. A number of organisations in the village have got together to plan a Party in the Park - in the recreation ground and village hall - for that day from early morning through into the evening. We want this to be a whole community event - from the very young through to the very mature - a real once in a lifetime celebration for the whole village.

The village hall will be open from 8am for teas and coffees, the bar will open from noon till late, light refreshments will be available at lunchtime, and entertainment is planned for the more mature residents during the day. From 4pm entertainment starts for the young and young at heart, featuring as well as disco music, a fancy dress competition, a dance troupe and live bands to suit varying musical tastes through into the evening, with food and drink available.

We have obtained some initial funding, but are hoping for help from local companies to make this day a great success.

What we would also like is participation from as many of the village organisations as possible, and volunteers to help with the planning and on the day; the more the merrier, so whether you are an organisation or one individual wanting to help, please get in touch with me and I will ensure you are brought on board.

CHESTNUT BOOK CLUB

Launch of
NEW evening Booktalk Group
starting in April.

We will meet locally at 8pm

For busy people who are unable to
meet during the day

If you are interested and would
like to know more please contact
Laura Wade on 01245 381597 or by
e-mail lauravwade@aol.com

or ring
Hatfield Peverel Library
Phone 01245 380988 for details



Children from Hatfield Peverel Nursery present a cheque to Grant Peters, of Little Havens Children's Hospice, after their Christmas concerts
Witham and Braintree Times photograph

Two nursery school mini-concerts have raised more than £270 for charity. The Hatfield Peverel Nursery, in Church Road, put on the shows for parents and grandparents over the Christmas period, with donations going to Little Havens Children's Hospice. Deputy manager Hilary Smith said: "The children did very well. We spread the concerts across two days, so all the relatives of the 96 children could come along and watch." The total was boosted by staff, who donated the money they normally spend on secret Santa gifts to the children's hospice instead.

Penguins at Colchester Zoo

Infant School children from years 1 and 2 had an enjoyable (but cold) trip to Colchester Zoo in connection with their Pole to Pole topic. Thank you to Base 1 children for these wonderful penguins.

