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Front cover - Shepherd Francis Meadows, born 1844. He is known to have worked at Dancing Dicks, on the back road to Witham. He is great, great, great, great, great grandfather to five children who live in the village

Local Parish Council elections Thursday 2 May 2019

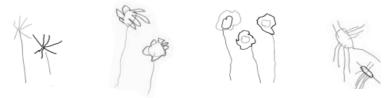
It is important that you vote, many throughout the world do not have this right and are the poorer for it.

Braintree District Council, along with 10 other local authorities in England, is participating in the Cabinet Office's trial, to provide the Cabinet Office with further insight into how best to strengthen and secure the voting process.

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This can either be a **photo ID** (one item) from passport, driving licence, bus pass, photocard Blue Badge parking permit, Oyster 60+, ID card, PASS scheme card, MoD identity cad, elector card. **Non-photo ID** (two items) from poll card for the election, Bank/Building Society credit/debit card, Bank/Building Society cheque book, driving licence, NI number notification, statement of benefits, Birth certicicate, Marriage or civil partnership certificate, Adoption certificate, Firearms certificate, Decision on bail notice. All ID documens must be original or a certified copy.

Further information braintree.gov.uk/VoterID. Don't worry if you don't have an item on the lists, the Contact the Elections team who will be able to help you. An 'Electoral Identity Document' can be issued by Braintree District Council - don't worry.



Spring is in the air and these lovely flowers have been drawn by Nursery School children, Reece, Miles, Lilly and Ava, who are looking foreward to Easter and all the delights it brings. See report on page 10

A picture of lambs for the April/Easter edition?

Why not, so I tried to get a shot of John Upson's lambs, something different from last April this time, but they proved uncooperative and the results were not that good. Then we heard about the Moroccan tree-climbing goats that Rosemary and Brian Bailey had seen on a recent trip to Morocco and OK, the sheep won't play ball, so how about finding a picture of a tree full of Moroccan goats instead. - there are a lot to be found on the internet and here is one.

The goats live in a region in south-west Morocco, and their diet includes the fruit of one particular type of tree, Argania Spinosa, more commonly known as the argan tree. They love the pulp of the fruit (Brian says it tastes revolting) and they can't reach most of it from the ground, so they long ago learned how to climb the trees to get to them.

Every tour coach stops by to allow the visitors to photograph them – and pay their custodians for the privilege. The locals love it, but woe betide you if you try to sneak a shot without paying!



Spring is upon us whether or not the weather seems an accurate indicator Allotment and growing news Drew Price HPAA new site letting officer www.hpaa.org.uk

At our allotments, clean-up is well in hand and digging-over, is mostly complete. Potatoes, onions, leeks, carrots, parsnips and beetroot are either in or will be shortly. We are all keeping a weather eye out for late frosts and other bad weather warnings.

Your own gardens should be at a similar level of readiness and your priorities should be weed control, sowing your seeds according to what worked last year, and mowing your grass to acceptable levels. Re digging-over, little and often. A key for every gardener is to keep your weeds in check especially before they can seed. Choose crops by what works rather than what you want. For instance, bougainvillea you love on holiday will not do well in our climate. And be realistic of both yourself and your garden. You can become easily disheartened by the amount of work a garden requires. Toward months end, and early in May, all planting should be complete. Weeding, the annual biggest concern should be done continuously. And now is the time to watch for the first of the years garden pests.

It is also a great time to get composting any garden waste including weeds. Yup. I did say weeds - with the exception of bind weed or couch grass. Check online for composting tips and ideas. And for garden enthusiasts who might wish for more room, come see us re an allotment plot. Call me, Drew at 0780 361 5062, or Steve Clarke at 07522 280980

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

'People don't quit gardening cause they grow old. They grow old cause they quit gardening.'

'I like gardening - it's a place where I find myself when I need to lose myself.' Alice Sebold

Sweet smell of Spring!

Hatfield Peverel/Ulting Horticultural Society Trina Butcher, Publicity 01245 380532

www.essexinfo.nethatpevgardens

Spring Show

The scent of daffodils filled the air as you walked into the village hall yesterday (Saturday 6 April) for the annual show. Excellent displays of spring bulbs, flowers and plant, and entries in the cookery classes were well up on last year - the Swiss Rolls looked good enough to eat!.

Trophies and awards were presented by chairman John Upson

Trophy winners: Doe Memorial Cup section A (daffodils). Daffodils Class 7 and Tulip Cup were awarded to Mike Jollands. Garden News Shield (other flowers) Janet Roberts. Les Childs Memorial Bowl (best individual exhibit) Trina Butcher; other flowers John Heathcote. Society Cup (cookery) and Hummingbird Trophy (best individual handicraft exhibit) Virginia Strange;

British Legion Cup (handicrafts) Mary Hills. Claydon Memorial Shield (children's) and Society Cup for best children's exhibit Jamie Franks. Lens Cup (photography) and £5 prize for best exhibit Les Brann. The Swiss Roll competition £10 prize was won by Trina Butcher and the Daffodil competition £10 prize by Jenny Clemo.

Awards: Diplomas of Excellence Horticulture Section A Irene Dawson. Floral Art Section C Virgina Strange. Certificates of Merit best individual Section D, Trina Butcher; Section E Virginia Strange; Section F (aged under 6) Jamie Franks.

Saturday 11 May plant sale, coffee morning 10am until 12 noon, Oaklands, Nounsley Road. Plants and refreshments wonderful as always!

Reminder The Autumn Show is only five months away - get planning! You can decide what vegetables to grow, plants to exhibit - and make jam with summer fruits. The cake with a £10 prize is an apple dessert cake. Plenty of time to practice on the family!

Ride for Helen 2019

Sunday 19 May in its sixth year - one of the biggest and best cycling events for Helen Rollason Cancer Charity!

Registration is open Visit www.rideforhelen. co.uk or call 01245 380719 to book your tickets!

Cyclists will meet at Crix in Hatfield Peverel to take part in this family-friendly event which offers a choice of cycling routes to suit all capabilities, ages and abilities. Included in the registration price is a fund-raising pack, route maps, route signage, first aid support, mobile mechanic support and recovery, refreshment stops and finishers' medal.

There are six circular routes through beautiful Essex countryside with distances of 6 miles, 15 miles, and new routes of 30 miles, 50 miles, 65 miles, 90 miles all starting and finishing at Hatfield Peverel. Beginners, occasional cyclists, elite adult cyclists. There is something for you!

Helen Rollason Cancer Charity CEO Kate Alden said: 'We are looking forward to this year's



Young riders leaving Crix at the beginning of their cycling challenge in 2018

Ride for Helen, such an exciting and popular event which attracts a variety of participants. We have worked hard to map out the best and safest routes through beautiful Essex countryside with new routes for a fantastic experience. 1,000 cyclists took part last year raising over £30,000. This year, our 20th anniversary, we hope to beat this.

If cycling isn't your thing but you'd like to help, why not volunteer on the day? We have exciting roles for you to get stuck into – call us on 01245 380719 or email fundraising@helenrollason.org.uk

Building work in Progress

Helen Rollason Cancer Charity

You may have wondered about building work at our Helen Rollason Cancer Charity office in The Street. Thanks to kind support of people and businesses of Essex, Hertfordshire and London, we are reconstructing our current Fund-raising Office into a two-storey, purpose-built Cancer Support Centre, encompassing offices to accommodate fund-raising and administrative teams. This is huge step to improve services we offer for those living with cancer. Featuring modern, state- of-the-art facilities, the centre will provide complementary therapies - reflexology and aromatherapy, and counselling and support groups to those affected by cancer. In the plans are social spaces, a relaxing garden area and free client parking.

We are delighted to be moving forward with the new centre. Yvonne Stewart House was purchased with money bequeathed to the charity from the Stewart family. It has been the plan to develop it into a

functioning Support Centre and thanks to additional legacies and donations from kind supporters, this is happening..For further information, please contact the office on 01245 380 719'.

We will keep you informed - perhaps a summer opening? Meanwhile, behind scaffolding, a small team keeps things together.

Regular coffee mornings (third Saturday in month) are having a change of scenery too. On Saturday 20 April coffee pots will be ready in the Scout and Guide HQ in Church Road, 10 am start. Following monthly meetings will be held in St Andrews Church hall until further notice.



Parish Council news

Sarah Gaeta, Clerk to the Parish Council

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Annual Parish meeting

Please come along to the Hatfield Peverel Annual Parish meeting on Monday 20 May at 8pm at the Little Bears Nursery (formerly the Salvation Army Hall), Maldon Road, to hear about what has been going on in the village over the last year. If you are a member of a group or club and would like to come along and talk about what you do, please contact the Clerk as soon as possible for inclusion on the agenda.

Design a Logo competition

The Parish Council will be holding a competition for children aged 11-17 to design a logo for the new Hatfield Peverel Youth Council which will be launched this year! The winning logo will be used on all Youth Council correspondence and will be printed in a forthcoming edition of The Review. Please look out for further information on how to enter on the website, social media and notice boards. The winner will be announced at the Annual Parish meeting on 20 May!

Social media

Please follow the Parish Council on social media for news and updates: Facebook: @hatfieldpeverelpc Twitter: @HatPevPC

Planning applications

For information on what planning applications have been received, granted and refused, please see the Braintree District Council weekly planning lists which are updated daily and available to view here: https://www.braintree.gov.uk/info/200225/search and track planning applications/592/weekly lists

Website Don't forget you can view all Parish Council news on the website: http://www.essex.info.net/hatfieldpeverel/ The next monthly meetings of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 13 May, Monday 3 June and Monday 1 July 2019.

NDP Hatfield Peverel Plan update

The six week consultation ended on Monday 25 March just prior to the start of the purdah period on 26 March for the local elections.

In total Braintree District Council (BDC) received 22 comments on the Neighbourhood Plan, 2 comments on the revised Basic

Conditions Statement, and 3 comments on the Statutory Environmental and Habitat Regulation Assessments. BDC immediately sent all these comments together with the revised documents to the Examiner, and now await confirmation as to how the examination should progress.

All correspondence can be found on both the District and Parish Council websites.

Recruiting Beavers and Cubs!

1st Hatfield Peverel Scout Group (Boys and Girls 6 - 18 years)

With the longer evenings, all sections will be looking forward to taking part in more outdoor activities.

Recruitment for new Beavers and Cubs

The waiting list for Beavers and Cubs has been closed recently but we're pleased to announce that it is now open and the section is able to recruit children from Hatfield Peverel, Langford and Ulting. Our **Beaver Scout Colony** has members aged between 6 and 8 years old. They meet together as a Colony and



work within small groups called 'Lodges'. Beavers take part in a wide range of activities, including playing games, going on visits, investigating nature, listening to stories etc. Their leadership team carefully selects their programme of activities.

Our Cub Scout Pack has members aged 8-10½ years old. They meet together as a Pack and work within a variety of small groups called 'Sixes'. Cubs take part in a wide range of activities that are designed to be both interesting and challenging but also fun. They take part in a programme of activities such as: camping, playing games, trying new things and exploring the outdoors. Cub Scouts work towards awards and badges. Activity badges are specialist interest badges that can further develop a Cub Scout's interest. Beavers meet on a Monday from 4:30pm to 5:45pm; Cubs meet on Fridays from 6:15pm to 7:45pm. If you are interested in your child joining the section please see the joining form on the website or email the membership contact below. (http://www.hpscouts.org.uk/join-us.html)

Beavers

In March the Beavers had a visit from Essex Police where they learned about fingerprinting, the Cubs had an evening of box building while the Scouts took on Parkour with team kinetics.

Hall hire

The cost of the hall hire is £12 per hour. Please see the website or use the contact details below. http://www.hpscoutandguidehq.org.uk/index.html

Newspaper and cardboard collection

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

Useful contacts

Website: www.hpscouts.org.uk

Group Scout Leader: Nick Nicholas; 07841 597977, nicknicholas1990@gmail.com

Chairman: Simon Reed; 07990 580985, sgreed1972@gmail.com

Membership: John Dinnen; hpscoutgroup@gmail.com

Hall hire: Debbie Fuller; 07920 512471, copper ben@hotmail.com

Paper collection: Jonathan Dormon; 01245 382981, jonathan.dormon@btinternet.com

Maldon Film Club

Maldon Town Hall

www.maldonfilmclub.info, or visit Maldon Tourist Office, phone 01621 869340 for membership enquiries or 01621 850250 for general enquiries.

The Club meets in Maldon Town Hall fortnightly on a Wednesday. Membership is open to all and new members will be made very welcome. Doors open 7.15pm, wine and soft drinks available at a charge from 7.30, films begin 8pm. It screens a programme of the best recently released English and foreign films. The season finishes on Wednesday 29 May.

Wednesday 1 May AGM/social evening Film Stars don't die in Liverpool

English drama/romance set in 1970s and based on the memoirs of Liverpudlian Peter Turmer (Jamie Bell). This is his love story with ageing Hollywood star Gloria Grahame (Annette Bening)

Wednesday 15 May Frantz

French/German drama/romance story of discovery and growth set in post WW1 Germany

Wednesday 29 May The Florida Project

English drama. Halley lives with her daughter Moonee in a budget motel along one of the commercial strips catering to the Disney World tourist clientele. Moonee and her friends, with their pranks, are the bane of the hotel manager's existence.

The 2019/20 season begins on Tuesday 10 September 2019 - same time, same place!

Sunday Cinema, Witham Library Doors open 2pm, film starts at 2.30pm

Sunday Cinema only shows Golden Oldies - no

booking required but seating is limited and sold on the day on a first come, first served basis.

Films and Dates

Singing in the Rain
The Philadelphia Story
Pillow Talk
Enquiries: Rob Williams rob@rojosa.co.uk or
Witham Library

Power of Friendship welcomes you all

The Power of Friendship Club meets at the Museum of Power on the 4th Sunday of each month between 2pm and 4 pm - January to December.

This afternoon tea club - only just down the road from us in Hatfield Peverel - is part of the Maldon Livewell Campaign. There is plenty of tea and coffee and delicious cakes, and a choice of activities to suit everyone.

Come and visit - on Sunday 28 April there will be a piano and sing-a-long. Enjoy meeting new friends and new experiences, there is something to look forward to every month.

Why join us?

Museums are well known to be restorative environments - places where people go to relax, recharge, and boost their mental and physical well-being.

Activities will include

Lots of time to drink tea, eat cake and talk to each other. Craft Activities, Art Sessions, Magic and experiments, Games/talks from interesting people.

We look forward to sharing a fun time with you every month

Price £2 per person, per session

To book, please contact Debbie or James on 01621 843183 or email powerof75@museumofpower.org.uk

Tea, Coffee and Cake

Saturday 1st - Sunday 30th June

Host your very own British Afternoon Tea and raise funds for Essex & Herts Air Ambulance.



Just bake and donate, helping to save lives one cake at a time.

For free fundraising pack call 0345 5040055 or email: afternoontea@ehaat.org



St Andrew's Junior School pronounced securely good (www.hatfieldpeverelstandrews.co.uk)

We had an Ofsted Inspection in January: the inspection was a thorough and rigorous process and many positives within the report reflect the hard work and commitment of the staff, governors and children over the last two years.

We are delighted St Andrews has returned to its 'Good' rating and it was great to hear the inspectors say 'the school is now securely good'. We are grateful to our all parents for their continued support as we seek to work together for the benefit of the children in our care.

World Book Day

Our celebrations for World Book Day were very successful again this year. On 7 March we invited parents and family members to join us in school for part of the afternoon, and it was a delight to see so many had found it possible to join their children for our 'Reading Café'. It was an opportunity for the adults to 'taste, share and review' books with their children in the classroom. Back by popular demand too, was our 'DEAR' time – 'Drop Everything and Read' – when a 15 minute time slot is given over to quiet reading in the middle of the day!

The 'Design a Potato to represent your favourite book character' was very successful. There were some amazingly creative and imaginative entries for the competition which was also great fun.

On Friday 8 March (see us all in the photograph above) we enjoyed a 'Where's Wally' theme day and there was a rich colour of costumes across the

school. Wally is in this picture, a bit difficult to see!

As ever life in school during the Spring Term continues to be busy with much going on as always. We were glad to see so many parents at our Parents Consultation evenings. Our cross-country running team took part in a local Primary Schools event, and football and netball teams have represented us in matches against other local schools.

A dozen Year 6 children successfully passed a two day 'Bikeability' Cycling Safety course held in half term, and had a highly enjoyable visit to the Harry Potter Studios, Year 4 visited Colchester Castle to enhance their work on the Romans and Year 3 enjoyed a 'Caveman Day' at Danbury Park for their topic on the Stone Age.

The JSA continue their hard work for our children and there have been film nights and a disco this term. There are two whole-school events taking place this half term - the '5Live Music Group' was a very upbeat musical experience for the children and just before Easter a visiting Theatre Company will present a production on the topic of H₂O.

School is closed for the Easter holiday between the 8 and 22 April. May we take this opportunity to wish everyone in our school and the local community a very Happy Easter.

Poems - thank you to

Irene Cavender for her favourite poem we used in the Christmas issue - What is this life, if full of care, We have no time to stand and stare ...

William Henry Davies (1870 -1940)

On the Beat when Policemen had Feet'

Hadfelda WI - Marel Elliston

As St. Andrew's Church hall was being renovated, our February meeting was held in the Library. What a lovely space this is, how sad it will be if we lose this great village asset! The speaker, Peter Lazell, whose amusing and interesting talk 'On the Beat when Policemen had feet' kept us entertained with his reminiscences of being a young policeman. He reminded us of the 'village bobby' who knew the area he patrolled and many of the residents. Living in the community, a policeman was able to identify the vulnerable who needed help and the trouble makers who needed a good telling off!

The post Christmas meal at The Wheatsheaf was a great success and enjoyed by all the members. Other outings and future events were discussed including a trip to a garden centre and afternoon tea.

March was an open meeting and we were delighted to welcome 12 visitors. This was mainly due to our speaker, Allen Bourne, who talked about the history of Perrywood. What an excellent speaker he was, and how interesting to hear how this business had been started by his parents and carried on by him and his family. The centre has changed and expanded over the years and now boasts an amazing selection of garden and house plants as well as garden furniture, books, cards, clothing and many other items. When they first decided to open the cafe, it was a bit of a gamble. However, it proved very popular and has been extended to cope with all the extra visitors. This garden centre's success is obviously due to the families high standards and attention to detail.

The County Annual Meeting in Colchester was attended by seven of members and was most enjoyable. The main speaker was the Rev Richard Coles, who has taken part in 'Strictly Come Dancing' - he was first to admit it was not his finest hour - and he can also be heard on BBC Radio 4 on Saturday mornings, one of the co-presenters of 'Saturday Live'. His family were shoemakers based in Kettering who, among other things, made boots for the army during the two world wars. Sadly, cheap imports in the 1970s killed the shoe industry. However, one of his ancestors is famous for inventing the Christmas Cracker. During the 1980s he was in a group called The Communards and made the hit record 'Don't leave me this way'. In his thirties he went to college and became a Church of England priest. In the afternoon we were entertained by 'Abba Rival' who had everyone singing and dancing in the aisles.

Our Annual Meeting is 24 April and we will be serving tea and scones. Happily we are back in St. Andrew's Church Hall with it's lovely new kitchen. Our meetings start at 2pm, visitors are always welcome.

Lunch club and home visitors

Belinda Hull, 01376 512540

We celebrated a late Christmas meal on 9 April when we sat down to tasty turkey, with trimmings, followed by crumble, cream, custard or ice cream. What are calories? Congratulations to Belinda and her helpers for this excellent lunch!

Lunch Club

St Andrews lunch club extends a warm welcome to new members. Do you have an elderly friend or relative who would enjoy a meal and chat on the **second Tuesday of every month?**

We meet in the Church hall at mid-day for tea/coffee before lunch at 12.30pm. The cost is £4 for

a two course meal. You will meet old friends and make new ones. Transport can be arranged.

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

Home visitors

A small group of friends who take chat and friendship to anyone living on their own or recently bereaved. We would like to reach anyone who may feel isolated or on their own who would like more contact with the outside world. We would love to meet you, its good to talk and friendships can be made this way.

A life well lived

Derrick Joseph Swallow (1931 - 2019)

Derrick spent 43 years in Hatfield Peverel. His whole working life revolved around the sea and ships and fittingly 'Sailing' by the Band of HM Royal Marines was the entry music to his service. He travelled widely in his job as a Chartered Ship's Broker, ending over eleven years with his family in Nigeria.

Derrick enjoyed all sport and was a lifelong supporter of Grimsby Town. He played football, and cricket for his school, and was a late convert to the pleasures of Rugby, thanks to his very good friends Ann and Paul. He was a keen bridge player and enjoyed his weekly games at Witham Bridge Club.

He was very proud of his family: Phillip and Debra, his son in law Shaun, and his five grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

Pip Swallow and family would like to thank their Hatfield Peverel and Boreham friends and neighbours for their kindness and support over the last 6 months, Father Stephen for conducting both services, Howard and Julie Southgate and the Church choir.

Spring time at the Nursery

We have had lots of new experiences this term, using two Saints days. We joined in St David's Day by looking at daffodils (thank you to the children for their Spring flower drawings on page 3), this developed into exploring growing other plants. For St Patrick's Day we printed shamrocks. For book week we enjoyed some familiar stories, building houses out of sticks, straw and bricks. Our Mummies came in to play to celebrate Mother's Day, which we all enjoyed. We would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter.

Next term we look forward to our two favourite weeks of the year when the eggs arrive ready to hatch into ducklings, a truly wonderful experience. It is going to be a busy term working with the 'big' school to aid the children's smooth transition.

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

Nightingales return

Today (10 April and slightly later than last year)) the first nightingale was sighted at Essex Wildlife Trust's centre at Fingringhoe Wick.



These welcome birds will soon be filling the air with their magical song - and Fingringhoe is one of the best places to hear them. Nightingales don't sing to order, but if you are visiting during the day, the centre opens from 9am - 5pm, there is a good chance you will hear - and sometimes - see them. But it is worth going on a guided walk with the experts.

Nightingale guided walks, led by ranger Alex, will be held at the reserve daily from Tuesday 23 April until Tuesday 14 May, 7.30 every evening until 9pm. The Reserve will be open for the walks from 6pm. The cost is £7 per person and you must book - telephone 01206 729678, www.essexwt.org.uk

A welcome from Pear Tree Pantry Wickham Bishops Road

Open seven days week, 9am until 3pm. Breakfast until 12noon, followed by lunch and tea, Sunday breakfast only, 9 - 12 noon,

News from St Andrews

Writing any church article at this time feels peculiar, because it about Easter or beyond. In the midst of Lent, leading up to the cataclysmic events of Holy Week, it doesn't seem right to be writing about the resurrection, or events relating directly to it. It is almost like hearing the 'Amen' chorus of Handel's 'Messiah' after the overture, with the rest of the piece following! But we are, whether we realize it



or not, living in the new age and, in a sense, every Sunday to a Christian is Easter Day. We are, as the late Pope John Paul once said 'resurrection people'.

What is happening at St Andrews and All Saints? The period between Easter and Pentecost is called the Great 50 Days and gospel readings concentrate on the resurrection appearances of Jesus and sayings that prefigure the resurrection. This sense of a new beginning is reinforced in church by choice of readings. For seven weeks Old Testament readings (or Old Covenant) are replaced by the Acts of the Apostles, whose stories show how the early church began and spread, and many of the problems it faced!

On the theme of newness and freshness visitors to our churches will experience two physical changes; at St A's kitchen and lavatories have been rebuilt and better arranged. I would like to thank Mr Chris James, Headteacher of St Andrews, for offering school premises while this work was happening and for Mr Mark Keenan for giving his free time to open up and prepare the school hall for the morning services. We are back to normal with services restored. At All Saints, see next page, the hard standing in the car parking area has been renewed. No longer will worshippers get stuck after divine worship.

Holy Week and Easter Services - St Andrews

Thursday 18 April - Maundy Thursday: 7.30pm Holy Communion The Last Supper (sung)

Friday 19 April - Good Friday: 2pm Jesus' Last Hour.

Sunday 19 April - Easter Sunday: 8am Holy Communion; 10.15am Parish Eucharist and Renewal of Baptismal Vows; 6.30pm Easter Songs of Praise

Holy Week and Easter Services - All Saints, Ulting

Friday 19 April - Good Friday: 10am - Devotions with Hymns.

Sunday 21 April - Easter Sunday: 9am Lighting of the Easter Fire and Holy Communion.

Other events: Sunday 28 April: 8am Holy Communion; 10.15am St George's Day Parade Service at St Andrews; 6.30pm Evensong.

Keeping the helicopters flying

Mothers Union Jean Ashby

The Essex and Herts Air Ambulance service aims to provide a first class pre-hospital emergency service and since it began in 1997 has flown 20,000 missions. In February Roger Smith, a volunteer for the Charity raising funds needed to keep the helicopters flying, gave us an interesting talk about their work.

There are two helicopters, one at Earls Colne airfield, the other at North Weald. These aircraft cost a lot to run - £6 million per year - and there is no government funding. Money comes from the Charity's events, donations and their charity shops. The helicopters are on duty 7 days a week 7am to 9pm: at sunset Rapid Response ground vehicles take over, in bad weather and when aircraft are unable to fly. The flight team consists of a pilot, co-pilot, doctor and a paramedic plus life saving emergency equipment. They work in partnership with the East of England Ambulance Trust who monitor 999 calls from a Critical Care Desk based at Broomfield Hospital. The helicopter can take off within 2 minutes of an emergency call being received and can be with a patient

within 15 minutes. Once the patient is stabilised (sometimes emergency treatment at the scene) he or she is airlifted to the hospital most appropriate for their condition. If there is a major incident - a road traffic accident or a natural disaster with many victims, more aircraft can be called from neighbouring counties to help (Suffolk, Norfolk, Kent or Lincolnshire).

Patchwork and quilting

Due to continuing building work our March meeting was held at Virginia's home where the theme was patchwork and quilting. Elizabeth read an article about Elizbeth Fry who helped women prisoners in Newgate to learn to sew and knit: once out of prison they could earn money to support themselves. Two books were mentioned: stories about people who used sewing or quiltmaking to help them through life. *Threads of Life* by Claire Hunter (a Radio 4 book of the week), and *The Last Seams Mistress* by Liz Trenow are worthy of a read.

Virginia showed various patchwork samples and explained different techniques of sewing the items together - piecing over papers or making blocks - and explained that patchwork patterns have different names such as Seminole, Bear's Paw, Secret Garden, Grandma's Fan. The afternoon ended with the Churchwarden and Vicar serving members tea and cake! (*April's report will appear in the June edition.*)

All Saints Church, Ulting

History was made at All Saints Church, Ulting on the evening of 6 March when it was the first time in living memory an Ash Wednesday Service had taken place at Ulting. The congregation sang from the heart so enthusiastically that it must have rattled the tiles on the Church roof. The timeless message of the hymns would have resonated with those who had sung them many years ago in the same Church before all our modern technology became a way of life.



After the Service the great community spirit at All Saints showed itself when everyone rallied round to help a car that had become stuck in the mud! However, this will no longer be a problem as, since the Ash Wednesday Service, All Saints has a new and enlarged car park. It has been made possible through the great generosity of Ernest Doe & Sons, who provided the labour and machinery for the project, and the generous people who have given money for the materials needed. A very big thank you to all at Ernest Does and to everyone who donated so much and so quickly after the appeal was launched.

This could not have been achieved without you all. There will be a Dedication Service for the new car park on Sunday 5 May at 9am when Cllr Henry Bass, Chairman of Maldon District Council, will be guest speaker. He has a special regard for community spirit, which is something which manifests itself time and again at All Saints. His particular interest is the Men's Shed Project which creates a community venue for men at risk of social isolation to meet up and learn practical skills and I'm sure this will get a special mention during his visit.

Make a note in your diary that All Saints Church will be open to visitors on Sunday 28 April from 11am to 5pm and again on Friday 3 May from 2pm to 5pm in partnership with Ulting Wick whose gardens and magnificent displays of tulips are also open on those days as part of the Open Gardens Charity. It is a great opportunity to visit the Church and find out more about its history and enjoy its peaceful surroundings.

Prayers and blessings, Revd Derek Clark.

Come and join us - we are arranging a Musical Concert at All Saints, Ulting, on Saturday 29 June. Please put the date in your diary and look for further details in the June copies of The Review and Parish magazine.

Hatfield Peverel Methodist and Reality Church

Our new Church has moved into the building previously used by the Salvation Army Church on the site of the Little Bears Nursery in Maldon Road. The facility gives us extra space for craft tables for our families and more opportunities to experience new and inventive community worship.

Our recent services have covered subjects such as the temptations of Jesus as part of our preparation for Easter (illustrated with a cartoon), the meaning of the Cross on which Jesus died which allows us access to eternal life (during which we made paper planes!) and the enjoyment of belonging to a group (when our younger members made us invitation cards). We enjoy discussing or listening to ideas which emerge from each morning's talk in a very social gathering.

In addition, a group of us have been meeting to think about ways to share our Christian faith with family, friends and neighbours. The course has looked at ways to connect with others, in work and social situations and we hope that we are learning how to be more open with one another and also able to make the most of opportunities which arise to share with others.

We invite all villagers and your friends and families to come along to our Sunday meetings – coffee and refreshments are usually on the table by 9 o'clock and our meetings start at 9.15am with songs followed by an illustrated talk and more music. Services are very relaxed; children can move around, play with toys or make something at the craft table. Services are due to end at 10am but there is always time for more refreshments and a further get together.

Reality Church Facebook page

Follow our events, information and pictures on our Facebook page Hatfield Peverel Reality Church

Regular events

Every Sunday 9.15am Every Thursday 10am - 12 noon

2nd Saturday in month 10am - 12 noon 3rd Monday in month 7.30pm - 9pm New Reality Church at Little Bears Nursery in Maldon Road Open Door - come and join us for tea/coffee and friendly chat at our Church in the Street

Coffee morning and cake stall at our Church in the Street House group Bible study

Special dates

21 April Easter Day Service 9.15am at the Little Bears Nursery in Maldon Road Coffee morning and cake stall at our Church in The Street , 10am - 12 noon 21 April, 11 May, 8 June

Badly/illegally parked vehiclesNorth Essex Parking Partnership NEPP advice

North Essex Parking Partnership encourages the receipt by them of reports and images of badly/illegally parked vehicles, including repeated instances of the same vehicle on different days. Where they have an enforcement team in the area, NEPP will visit and act as necessary. However, their resources are stretched and they cannot guarantee a 100% response. They cannot issue a Penalty Charge Notice on the basis of a third party image but will use that image to identify the vehicle when they visit, and can then take their

own images and issue a PCN if appropriate.

Contacts for reporting and/or sending images are:

Telephone: 01206 282316

Email: parking.central@colchester.gov.uk

At the time of publication we don't have NEPP's definition of badly parked: it may or may not include vehicles parked on pavements, a practice which is highly anti-social and can in certain circumstances be dangerous for users of mobility scooters, wide child buggies etc. We aim to include an update in the June edition, hopefully including this missing information.

Heybridge Basin, the sea wall and the canal

Hatfield Peverel Walkers, Ken Earney

A fine cold day for an enjoyable January short walk around the sea wall, ending up, where else, at the Wilkins Tearoom at the lock.

As an infrequent participant I found many keen to be on their way, no time to stop for a minute and take in the scene. I was one of four laggards some way behind the others on the sea wall section when we stopped to watch the beautiful sight of a large flock of Brent Geese taking off when the tide reached their feeding spot and moving to a better uncovered spot of mudflat a little distance away. The group ploughed on, seemingly unaware of this. Now, the next paragraph in italics is by Herself - she just cut my offering and inserted her own!

When Ken and I walk out together, he is always many steps in front of me, checking stiles, wiggling waymarker posts to see if they're safe, and telling me to hurry up! I like to look for stones, fossils (our garden is filled with strange stones, collected by the family over the years and removed from the loft before they came through the ceiling!), strange plants and, of course, the scenery!

Some years ago I went on one of the local Ramblers Association groups' regular walks and this appeared to be their practice – plough on regardless, no time to stand and stare for a minute or two, must get to the pub. I do hope this was not a sign of the group's infection by the RA bug, Graham, Chris, Dave?

Thanks for a good new year walk for the group, and welcome coffee and cake afterwards.

Beyond Terling and the Essex Way

Hatfield Peverel Walkers, Graham Bushby

Our March walk, led by Dave and Les Groves, took us around the attractive countryside beyond Terling and parts of the Essex Way - an old and historic route from times past. Unfortunately our regular watering hole was unavailable but hardy souls that we are we persevered to the end and returned in one piece.

Our next two walks are on Thursday 25 April and 30 May, 10am at the village hall. New walkers are very welcome, there is no subscription and walks take between 2 - 3 hours and cover 4 to 5 miles.

For information contact Graham Bushby 380472



The hunt for Easter eggs

Edward Bear children enjoyed Easter colouring and an Easter egg hunt in the garden (see above). Mums enjoyed hot cross buns.

Edward Bear opens on the 25 April - please come along, enjoy refreshments and the children playing in a happy safe environment. Cost is £1.50. Nicky 380814

Wishing you all a happy Easter.

Beeleigh Abbey gardens

Three acres of riverside gardens in picturesque/historic setting from the 13th century

Open days - 10.30am to 4.30pm **May** Friday 10, 24, 31; **June** Friday 14, 21

Admission: adult £6; children 5 - 16 £2.50, under 5 free

Refreshments, plant sales, free parking Website: visitmaldon.co.uk/beeleigh-abbey

Enquiries telephone 07506 867122

A majestic mouthful, not just a pretty face and antipodeans activities for ANZAC Day!

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

www.peverelwineclub.co.uk email peverelwineclub@hotmail.co.uk

A couple of great meetings in February and March and exciting times for the rest of the year! In February we welcomed Jonny from Majestic on Springfield Road, Chelmsford. It was the day before Valentine's Day, and Jonny gave a tasting of wines from the Majestic Loves range. All pronounced excellent and good value for money.

March's meeting was entitled 'Not Just a Pretty Face'. Is it possible to pick a good bottle of wine by looking at the label? Research shows women are more influenced by a pretty label than men, who are attracted to a price reduction! We might believe determining factors in buying a bottle of wine are the number of medals it has won, favourable reviews, quality of the vintage and supremacy of the terroir, but we are swayed by the label! We tasted 2 whites, a rosé and 3 reds, and the LB7 wine from the Lisbon area was voted wine with the prettiest label. Best-tasting was a Durif Shiraz from the ever-reliable De Bortoli winery in Australia, and the LB7 was overall winner on looks and flavour.

We headed for the Antipodes in April, with a tasting of Australian and New Zealand wines for an early celebration of Anzac Day accompanied by tastings of typical food of these countries. During the interval four brave sould underwent bushtucker trials, feeling their way through boxes containing venemous snakes, wijitilt's grubs and, the lucky ones, gold nuggets! A chaotic and fun evening.

A tasting of wines from Chile in May, and in June we celebrate International Rosé Day with a selection of wines in shades of pink, from faintest blush to a deep, vibrant shade verging on red. If you'd like to join us for a light-hearted and inexpensive evening out, you would be very welcome. Give Vee a ring beforehand to confirm attendance (and to ensure we have enough to eat and drink!) on 01245 355723, or Graham on 01245 380472. Date and topic for each month's meeting is on our website at www.peverelwineclub.co.uk

The Club meets normally on the second Wednesday of the month at 8pm in the village hall, but with some exceptions, so it is always worth phoning first, especially during summer months.

What's happening in the village hall?

Facebook: Hatfield Peverel village hall Yearly membership £5

Come and enjoy a drink and a chat in a friendly atmosphere, you will be made most welcome

Opening times

Monday to Saturday 7 - 11pm Sunday 12 noon - 4.30pm

Special dates

Friday 26 April 7.30 - 8pm

Mark and his band will be playing Free entry, everybody welcome

Saturday 27 April 8pm

AGM meeting room 2 - come and support you community centre

Regular happenings

Bingo (third Thursday in month) 18 April, 16 May

Brag (first Friday in month) 3 May, 7 June

Poker (third Saturday in month) 20 April, 18 May

Darts Monday nights Ladies team Tuesdays

Booking for hall/meeting rooms

HPCA bookings@g.com

Village hall 01245 381481

Leave a message if there is no reply and this will answered as soon as possible.

2018 Poppy Appeal

The amount collected for the Poppy Appeal by St Andrew's Junior School was £160.97 not £60.97 as printed in the February Review. Sorry for this mistake.

A History of Britain's Railways

Men, money and power



The spring course, led by Roger Mannion, started in the early 1800s, pre-railway, when the sole means of transport were canals and poor quality roads. The railway age began in 1825 with the opening of the Stockton and Darlington Railway (George Stephenson's Rocket) and the Rainhill trials followed five years later by the Liverpool and Manchester Railway. Our railway network expanded throughout the Victorian era, fortunes made and lost in the 'Railway Mania' in the mid-1800s, they brought social change - easier, faster, cheaper travel (Thomas Cook, George Bradshaw), but many made homeless through railway construction.

We covered signalling and safety developments, the great railway engineers, one week devoted to Brunel and the GWR in the 19th century, and later in the 20th century Gresley, Stanier and Bulleid, the gradual amalgamation of the many Victorian era railway companies into a smaller number of larger groups, leading after WW1, to the final 'big four', LMS, LNER, Southern and GWR. The first World War brought social change involving women significantly for the first time. That final grouping lead to nationalisation in 1948, giving British Railways' six regions — Eastern, North Eastern, London Midland, Scottish, Southern, Western.

For me a most interesting course – but then, I was a schoolboy railway fanatic in the days of steam.

Suffragettes in NE Essex'

At our AGM on 26 March, speaker Dr Jane Pearson's subject, 'Suffragettes in NE Essex', first clarified the difference between the Suffragettes (led by Emmeline Pankhurst) who campaigned for votes for women by protest and direct action, and the Suffragists, led by Millicent Fawcett, campaigning peacefully for change by persuasion. (Neither Pankhurst nor Fawcett were East Anglians.). The Suffragists were far more numerous, and prominent in NE Essex. In the 1880s the vote was not the initial objective: ownership of property, access to education/professions, repeal of the Contagious Diseases Act (DDA legislation which bore down overwhelmingly on women working as prostitutes) came first.

The women's suffrage movement gained support from a number of areas in NE Essex. Many men, Colchester Town Council, the Cortaulds: the Benham family, notably Mary Benham, through their publication of the 'Essex Standard' were very supportive. The combined efforts of the women's 'campaign first achieved a limited female franchise in 1918).

Future programmes

Evening talks, in October and November, will be listed in the June Review

Tuesday 24 September, 'Footsteps Through the History of our Streets', tutor Lucy Rawlinson Discover the interesting past of some less famous towns of England from the history of their buildings and streets to the role they played in British history.

Tuesday 14 January, 'The Jazz Century', tutor Graham Platts

Embark on a decade by decade journey from 1900, with guided commentary and musical examples

WEA Essex summer walks (duration typically $1\frac{1}{2}$ - 2 hours)

Thursday 9 May, Alresford Creek and Wivenhoe, £8 Thursday 23 May, Halstead, £5

Tuesday 4 June, Manningtree and Mistley, £5 Wednesday 19 June, Tollesbury, £5

Wednesday 10 July, Harwich, £6

Tuesday 3 September, Coggeshall, £5

Places limited, booking essential, further information from the editors, Jackie or Ken Earney, kenearney@hotmail.com, 01245 381235

Rainbows excited by new Girlguiding programme

Hatfield Peverel Girlguiding Group, Rainbow Leader Julie Down, Rainbow



Rainbows

Since January we have been doing lots of exciting things at Rainbows. We introduced the new Girlguiding programme with an amazing response. They have learned lots of new skills: speaking out in front of others, expressing their opinions and standing by them, listening to the beliefs of others, to name just a few. We celebrated Shrove Tuesday with pancakes and the girls chose and 'bought' their toppings with pretend money. We also made Valentine cards and sensory bottles.

The girls have embraced the new regime of interest badges which they do at home. We have been inundated with their response – lots of amazing and beautiful work has been brought in by the girls who have confidently stood up and shown their badge evidence to everybody. They have encouraged one another to complete badges and the standard is very high. All in all, a busy 3 months. Here's to many exciting experiences in the future.

Brownies have carried on working on the new programme and this term some of the girls have finished their first Skills Builder and gained their first Interest badges. To complete the Camp Skills Builder they had to choose what items you need to take to camp, and get ready for bed in the dark using a torch. We have now started working on the Network Skills Builder which looks at working as a team, the way you learn and what makes a good friend. Other activities the girls have enjoyed include making a room in a box, Danish hearts for Valentine's Day and a Friendship Circle for Thinking Day.

Guides

In autumn last year Girlguiding introduced a new way of delivering the programme and at the beginning of this year we have started to incorporate those changes in to our weekly meetings. The girls chose which themes they are interested in and so we are currently split into 3 groups looking at innovation, wellbeing and communication. As well as the tasks and challenges that these bring, we have also enjoyed pancakes (and can recommend strawberries with syrup!).

Outside green opens Easter Monday Rita Thomson, Bowls Captain, 01245 380038

Congratulations to our League team promoted to Division 2.

The club AGM was held in March when, after 20 years, John
Franklin stepped down as chairman.
He and his wife Janet were thanked for their hard work and commitment to the club: John was presented with a garden voucher and Janet a basket of flowers. Derek Wallis is new chairman.

Eight teams (including Hatfield Peverel) took part in the annual John Franklin Open on 30 March An excellent day won by Canvey Island.

The outside green opens on Easter Monday, 22 April. The presentation dinner, where trophies and medals will be awarded, is on Saturday 27April.

Our first match, at home to Silver End, is on Thursday 2 May.

Open Day on Saturday 4 May 10am - 4pm.

Let's hope the weather is fine - come and have a try, short mats inside, lovely green outside.

Boon's Calibre Travel shortlisted for National Tourism Award

Managing Proprietor, Suzanne Evans says 'we would like to thank our loyal clients for their custom over 25 years. The many testimonials received, complementing our product and service, contributed to the judge's decision to place us in the final six for Coach Tourism Professional of the Year.' The winner will be announced at a Gala Awards Dinner, hosted by Carol Vorderman MBE, at the National Motorcycle Museum in Birmingham.

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Please contact the editors for additions/errors.			08453 727701	
Age UK Essex	01245 346106	Samaritans (24 hours - toll free)	08457 909090	
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Braintree District Council	01376 552525	St Andrew's Junior School	01245 380131	
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Witham Area Office in Witham Library		Tiger Tots Toddler Group	07886 021048	
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St Andrew's (C of E), vicar	01245 380958	Jan Hawkins		
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Catholic Church, Witham, priest			01376 574330	
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Gas - emergency	0800 111999	Village Environment (E)		
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St Peters, Maldon	01621 725323	David Broddle (P)	01245 382829	
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Hatfield Peverel		Charley Dervish (CE/T)	07809 687944	
Tuesday, Thursday 1 - 5pm		Marel Elliston (Emp/E/FG)	01245 380827	
Wednesday, Saturday 9am - 1pm		Suzanne Evans Vice Chair (Emp)	01245 382397	
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Emergency calls	999	John Pennick	07881 415383	
Police Stations, Braintree, Chelmsford		Reginald Peters (T)	07484 377876	
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Registrar of Births, Marriages &		David Bebb	01245 381065	
Witham, by appointment only	03456 037632	James Coleridge	07534 275449	
Braintree, by appointment only	03456 037632	County Councillor		
		Derrick Louis	07918 721526	

You are invited to tea at Cardfields

Everyone is welcome to afternoon tea, 2pm on Thursday 16 May, at this Victorian country house with its beautiful views across the Chelmer Valley. The large picture windows in the lounge look down to the fields below where cattle grazed when the land was farmed.

I remember, as many villagers will, groups of wellbehaved children walking round the streets, notebooks

and pencils at the ready. They visited the church, looked at our old buildings, and enjoyed the wide open spaces in the countryside, a change from the busy streets of London.

Cardfields has been welcoming schools and groups for over thirty years and holds the 'Learning Outside the Classroom Quality Badge' and provides an excellent learning experience.

They would like to feel part of our community, we all have memories and experiences we could share.

Do come and enjoy tea and cakes in May. Give me, Jackie, a ring if you are interested (numbers by Monday 13 May) as they would like to know how many to expect - 01245 381235. I can possibly coordinate cars to get you there as it is a distance from the centre of Hatfield Peverel. Hope to see you there.

Hatty P Knit & Crochet Group

We meet at the Cross Keys on the Green, every fortnight on a Monday evening, 7pm to 9pm. It's free and all are welcome. We do ask that you buy a drink at the bar as Dan is letting us use the space for free. We're a friendly bunch, sharing hints and tips and helping each other out with our projects. The next few meet-up dates are: Monday 29 April, and every second Monday: 13 May, 27 May, 10 June, 24 June, 8 July, 22 July. (Dates subject to change, good idea to join the group on Facebook/watch the hub for changes)

There is a Facebook group (Hatty P Knit & Crochet Group) which you can ask to join, and where we share useful links and list the events. If you would like to come along, but don't use social media, just turn up, or contact me on the number below, to check we're meeting.

We are not replacing or encroaching on the wonderful group in the library on a Thursday morning. Some people work full time and commute, so can't do that one.

Ring Jodi Earwicker on 07984 392 930 for information.



Saturday 8 June sees the return of the Hatfield Peverel Infant School family fun day - we hope you can mosey on down this year as we have a wild west theme! Buckle up and ride pony cycles or let the children bounce away their energy on the inflatables.

There will be food a plenty with a BBQ, cakes and refreshments. Bensons Driving School will return, helping the little ones drive a car. There will be stalls, tombola and also lots of games to try your hand at. It's going to be a fun filled day with performances by the children, a raffle and a silent auction. It's all to raise money for the children and the school so please do come along. Children are free, adults £1.00