

*Hatfield Peverel*

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# Local events and happenings round and about

## Diary Dates

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### August

- 5 St Andrew's coffee and cakes 10am
- 9 Wine Club
- 12 Methodist Church coffee and cakes
- 19 Helen Rollason coffee and cakes 10am
- 23 Hadfelda WI
- 31 Hatfield Peverel Walkers

### September

- 2 St Andrew's coffee morning and grand toy sale, see page 14
- 4 Parish Council meeting, village hall 7.30pm
- 6 Flower Club
- 7 Folk Dance Club
- 9 Methodist Church coffee and cakes 10am
- 16 Helen Rollason coffee and cakes 10am
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- 21 Folk Dance Club
- 23 Evening concert in St Andrews, see page 12
- 27 Hadfeld WI
- 26 Folk Dance Club
- 28 Hatfield Peverel Walkers
- 30 Horticultural Society Autumn Show

## Goodbye to Revd Sue

*The Methodist Church was filled with villagers, members from local organisations, friends from St Andrews and the Salvation Army together with other members from local Methodist Churches and most delightfully for Sue, her own daughters and grandchildren, when she took her final service on 23rd July. See full report on page 15.*

*Thank you to Brian Bailey for his photograph and the one on page 15*

## **Fantastic news - Gladman's application/appeal to build 80 houses on Stonepath Meadow dismissed**

**U**nusual for the Review to be up there with the days current news but today (24th July 2017 ) we have learnt that the Planning Inspectorate has dismissed Gladman's appeal for eighty homes on Stonepath Meadow. We have won the appeal held in May. We are very grateful to David Leaf, Rt Hon Priti Patel MP, and everyone who has contributed to this success. (see page 10 for further details on the enquiry hearing and thoughts from a resident on the Arla and Bury Lane proposals)

We now wait for information on the next step regarding 'call in' on the 140 house application on the same site. Stonepath Meadow Residents Group (SPMRG) will actively continue the battle against it.

### **But we're not there yet**

**Villagers now also need to get behind the fight to stop the building of 120 dwellings on land off Gleneagles Way.** Like Stonepath Meadow, the Gleneagles site is green-field, it's outside the village boundary and not included in BDC's Local Development Plan (LDP) or our own Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP). In addition, it's vital to preserve what remains of the much diminished separation of the village from Witham. There are serious concerns regarding road safety at the junction of Gleneagles Way with The Street as well as traffic noise from the A12 and air pollution from vehicle exhaust emissions. Please be ready to give your valuable support when it's required.

### **Latest update on NDP**

Regulation 16 consultation for the Neighbourhood Development Plan commenced Monday 5th June and finished Monday 7th July. Braintree District Council contacted all statutory consultees and interested parties included in the Consultation Statement inviting comments. BDC advertised the consultation through their own website, Witham & Braintree Times, and Essex Chronicle,

Meanwhile BDC called for bids for an independent Examiner and also made application to NPIERS (Neighbourhood Plan Independent Examiner Referral Service). The Parish Council will be consulted in the appointment of the Examiner which may take place during August. Once an Examiner has been appointed, it is hoped the NDP can be submitted with accompanying documents and all comments received through the consultation without delay.

**If the NDP is found satisfactory on examination, the Referendum may take place during autumn which will be organised by BDC. It will be your opportunity to vote on the plan for the future of the village. Please look out for more details in the October Review, and both the Parish Council and BDC websites.**

If more than 50% of those voting in the referendum vote 'yes' then BDC will adopt the NDP and it will become a legal document and form part of the statutory Development Plan for the Parish.

### **RNLI during World War One Peter Archer, RBL Branch Secretary**

**R**oyal British Legion members from five branches come together for a group meeting at The Wheatsheaf recently when Ken Harrison gave a talk on the activities of the RNLI during World War One along the East Coast. His talk was extremely well received. He was given a vote of thanks and a collection was taken for the Lifeboats which was generously supported.

Reports from all branches showed donations were still coming in for the Poppy Appeal. Witham Branch were happy to report that their Youth Band is growing in numbers, and rehearsing regularly.

Your Local RBL Branch had a stand at the Parish Council Party in the Park on Saturday 8th July and raised £114 for the Poppy Appeal.

The next group meeting is in Tollesbury in October. Please come and support us. Peter Archer tel: 01245 381 286. Email [hatpevrb1@aol.com](mailto:hatpevrb1@aol.com)

## Allotment and growing news

Sean Pettit HPAA Chairman [www.hpaa.org.uk](http://www.hpaa.org.uk) (...and our foreign correspondent, this report came from Italy!)



Firstly, apologies for missing the last couple of reviews, but moving to a new house and work madness dictates sometimes, but lots has been happening recently around the allotments, so let me catch you up.

The allotment competition on the new site was won by Alan and Diane Ingram, well done! On the old site, we congratulate Pete and Steph Gammons narrowly pipping Thomas Smith, last year's winner, so well done again. We have been busy fund raising too and the committee has worked hard securing a Lottery Fund Grant of £10,000 to assist us to build composting toilets on both new and old sites and landscaping on the new site, plus purchase of new equipment to aid working parties preparing plots ready for newcomers and existing members.

We have had such dry weather the recent rains are a welcome sight and will help to spur on our crops. It has been a challenging year due to the dry spells but lots of produce is coming out of the allotment, my French beans have been particularly good and my tomatoes, although a little late in the ground, are now showing fruits - and of course cucumbers and courgettes are in abundance too. Hoping for a good chilli crop again this year. The aubergines are doing nicely. Can't wait to sample the first of those. Lots of garlic and onions also harvested already.

Next is a bit of sad news, Darren Fazackerley sadly passed away aged 48 in June. Always a friend of the allotment association, he did a great job for many years judging our competitions. Our deepest sympathies to his family.

We have a couple of plot available on the old site for those wishing to start allotmenting and we will be happy to welcome all interested in taking up this rewarding pass time. Get in touch, it is not too late to get crops in the ground and start harvesting this year! Telephone: 01621 859629 or 07966 662556 Email: [chairman@hpaa.org.uk](mailto:chairman@hpaa.org.uk)

Happy growing and a healthy life Sean Pettit

## Wells, England's smallest city, a delight to visit

Trina Butcher, publicity (01245 380532)

**The Horticultural Society's summer break in July centred on this most lovely of cities**

Wells is a great place, not only great but beautiful - and the front of our hotel, The Swan, had a sweeping view across the greensward to the wonderful 12c cathedral (*see photo top opposite page*) with one of the largest galleries of medieval sculpture in the world. The Bishop's Palace, alongside the cathedral, has found renewed fame recently doubling as a French convent housing prisoners of war in Poldark while the town hall was transformed into Warleggan Bank.

In the 1800s buildings, including a bakery, obscured the hotel's view of the cathedral and were demolished. You can now enjoy tea, coffee, or something stronger, in a delightful setting.

And what of the gardens? On the way down we stopped at Riddleys Cheer - not a hostelry but a large private garden - where we enjoyed our sandwiches in the sunshine - but under the trees. Bees were buzzing in and out of one of the walls where we were sitting but we left there unscathed. Wrong sort of bee or wrong sort of legs!

Yews Farm in Martock offered us a theatrical setting - tall exotic plants - in a walled garden where chickens did their own thing and two spotted pigs sheered away from having their backs scratched.



## Local walk proof-tested Hatfield Peverel Walkers Graham Bushby - 380372

Our June walk was to proof test one of the local walks in Catherine Voysey's booklet prior to an update reprint run. The walk went off road at Crabbs Hill, joined Damases' Lane for a short while and off into the country before re-joining the road at Paper Mill Lock. An opportune moment for a short break for refreshment due to the heatwave currently being experienced!

The walk continued back across the fields to Mowden Hall Lane, Crabbs Hill and the village, the total distance around 5 miles.



Our next walks are on 31st August and 28th September usually meeting at 10am at the village hall but please check with Graham Bushby on 380372 if you would like to join in on our walks as we do often go further afield using car share.

## Grenfell Tower sponsored event

Over £600 has been raised by the Infant School to send to support families of the Grenfell Tower tragedy. Well done children on the obstacle course and thank you to all the sponsors

## Maldon Film Club Maldon Town Hall.

The club opens again on Tuesday 12th September and on every other Tuesday for the remainder of the autumn season. Tel 01621 850250 [www.maldonfilmclub.info](http://www.maldonfilmclub.info)



I think my favourite garden was Kilver Court in Shepton Mallet. Created in the 1800s and restored in the 1960s it is dominated by a grade 11 listed viaduct built for the Dorset and Somerset railway. Clive almost went for a swim (*see left - the notice reads 'please do not go into the lake'*) and some of us bought plants!

The most refreshing thing about the visit to Coleridge's cottage in Nether Stower (near Bridgewater)

was that you were allowed to touch the items, turn the pages of books, sit on the chairs. It gave you the feeling that this home was loved and lived in. In the afternoon we explored Wells

Thank you Clive for yet another winner. Where to next year? Cheshire, highlight the Northgate staircase lock

### And now for more serious matters

You still have time to up the watering/feeding of your potatoes in the potato competition - weighing takes place in September. results at the **Autum Show on Saturday 30th September.**

### Autum Show, Saturday 30th September

**Thirty vegetable classes to enter** - you must have something on your allotment or garden to beat all others? Perhaps the novelty classes - heaviest onion, potato or marrow, or the longest runner bean? Its chrysanthemum and dahlia time too, as well as handicrafts, cookery and photography. Get busy and swell the number of entries to make this a special day. **You can see a copy of the schedule in the library, look on our website [www.essexinfo.net/hatpevgardens](http://www.essexinfo.net/hatpevgardens) or ring Trina on 01245 380532.**

## Parish Council news

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### Vacancies on the Council

The Parish Council has three vacancies - anyone interested in local issues who has a few spare moments each month, please contact the Clerk on the above. The Planning Committee, and also Traffic and Environment Working parties would welcome additional help and support.

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

### The following applications have recently been made

Erection of single storey rear extension and internal alterations at 5 Rye Close. Erection of single storey front/rear extensions and two storey side-extension at 18 Remembrance Avenue. Approval of site appearance, landscaping and scale reserved matters for Phase 1A to provide 91 dwellings with associated landscaping, public open space, access and parking on land adjacent to Lodge Farm, Hatfield Road, Witham.

Application for outline planning permission with all matters reserved for the erection of 1 detached dwelling on land adjacent to Oakleigh Lodge, Crabb's Hill. Erection of 52 dwellings with associated access, landscaping and public open space on land at Bury Lane. Repair and reconstruction of timber framed barn and change of use to Class B8 at Wick Barn, The Wick Farm, Terling Hall Road. Erection of single storey side extension at Badgers Oak, Nounsley Road. Erection of two storey and single storey front extensions at 45 Baker Avenue. Erection of existing roof and new roof installed with changes to external façade at Brooklyn, Ulting Road. Erection of single storey rear extension, single storey front extension and conversion of existing garage to playroom at 4 New Road. Erection of single storey front extension to existing garage at Startling, Peverel Avenue. Treeworks at Haven Court, Swan Close

### The following applications have recently been granted

Conversion of garage into dining and utility area and erection of extension to front for storage at 14 Beech Rise. Erection of part two storey and part single storey rear extensions at Stuarts, Maldon Road. Proposed alterations to front extension at Joranique, Nounsley Road. Erection of new pitched roof front dormer and first floor side extension at 103 Church Road. Application for approval of reserved matters following outline approval – erection of 3 bed dwelling house at land rear of 1 The Limes.

Erection of single storey front extension with internal alterations and existing entrance canopy to be removed at 22 Rookery Close. Provision of holiday accommodate of 2 fisherman lodges with hot tubs, 1 yurt, and 1 toilet/shower/kitchen unit at Lakeland Fishery, Wickham Bishops Road. Application for an existing lawful development certificate – change of use to dwelling and creation of separate dedicated access and driveway at annexe at Oakford Farm, Nounsley Road. Erection of two storey rear and single storey side and rear extension at 2 De Vere Close. Change of use from Financial Advisors to Chiropractor at Gemma House, Bury Lane. Outline planning application for residential development for up to 145 dwellings (Use Class C3) with public open space, vehicular access and associated infrastructure at land at Station Road.

### The following applications have recently been refused

Proposed new entrance at Smallands Cottage, Spring Lane. Erection of detached dwelling at land adjacent to 5 Church Road.

### The following applications have recently been withdrawn

Application for variation of conditions 1 & 2 of approved application at Grove Lea, Maldon Road

## **Tree Preservation Orders granted**

Treeworks at The Brambles, Wickham Bishops Road, 6 Woodham Drive, 28 Woodham Drive, 45 Woodham Drive.

**Tree Preservation Order refused** at 39 Willow Crescent.

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

**The next meetings of the parish council** will be held on Monday 4th September 2017 and Monday 2nd October 2017 in meeting room 1 at the village hall starting at 7.30pm. **Please note there will be no meeting in August.**

## **Lovely labels, Mother's ruin and a South African safari!**

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

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

**I**n May we tasted six bottles of wine chosen for the prettiness of their labels. Overall winners of red and white were The Astronomer wines from Majestic – lovely labels, great flavours, value for money!



In June our first out and about evening visited Hayman's Gin Distillery in Witham for a talk and tasting. This proved interesting, and even more so were the sample tastings and discount from our purchases of the various different gins on offer! You may remember seeing Hayman's on the last series of BBC's The Apprentice, when the teams were required to come up with a new, exciting brand of gin.

July's meeting was a Safari Supper in a member's garden. There were opportunities to practise assegai-throwing (darts) and to take part in a hunt through the jungle for the lost treasure of King Solomon's Mines, with provisions of Boers on Horseback (bacon with prunes or apricots) or Tropical Mix, washed down with Jungle Venom punch. Members brought South African wines for the typical supper of bobotie and sweet potatoes followed by Matabele mango trifle or cheeses. During supper we puzzled over a quiz with South African-related questions. Which Boer War battle resulted in the award of 11 Victoria Crosses\*? Which other grape is blended with Pinot Noir to make South Africa's flagship grape, Pinotage\*\*?

We had a Bottle Tombola stall at Party in the Park in July, colourful with brightly-coloured wine bags. Only 1 in 10 of these contained a full bottle of wine! Trade was brisk - win or lose, every adult was offered a free glass of red or white wine, kindly provided by Eddie Hymas and Alan Porter. The bottle of wine for Count the Corks was won by Debbie, sister of Kevin Marshall of Marshall's Garage. The junior 'Count the Corks' was won by Isobel Delaney – not wine but wine gums! Well done both winners.

August is our annual walking treasure hunt followed by a pub supper, this year in Danbury finishing at The Griffin. You would be very welcome to join us but please give Vee a ring to confirm attendance.

We meet on the second Wednesday of the month, 8pm in the village hall, but with some exceptions, so phone first, especially during summer. The Wine Club has its own website, courtesy of Fred Brown, this can be accessed via Hatfield Peverel community site at [www.essexinfo.net/hatfieldpeverel/clubs-and-societies/](http://www.essexinfo.net/hatfieldpeverel/clubs-and-societies/) or direct via [www.peverelwineclub.co.uk](http://www.peverelwineclub.co.uk). Find more about the Wine Club, its activities and 40-year history before you come along! \*Battle of Rorke's Drift \*\*Cinsault, used mainly in Rhone wines like Hermitage



## History in the making

So what did you do in your long  
“us time” break they asked?

Well, please permit us a little self-indulgence just this once. First - this is himself speaking -we went to Connemara on the west coast of Ireland. As I'm a Marconi Veteran with an interest in the company's history and as the editor of the Veterans Association's annual newsletter for a number of years I've wanted to visit

Clifden in County Galway. There in 1907 Marconi and his company built and commissioned the European end of the world's first transatlantic wireless telecommunications service. The other end was at Glace Bay on Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia.

Marconi realised as a young man of 20 in 1874 that the work of Heinrich Herz, in the investigation of the effects of electric and magnetic fields, held the possibility of a system of communication without wires. He started experimenting at the family home, a large country villa near Bologna, first across one room of the house, then rapidly increasing the range in a few months. Within 16 years, with the help and connections in England of his mother, Annie Jameson of the Irish Whiskey family, and lacking support from the Italian government he came to England, formed a company based in Chelmsford and established the first wireless factory in Hall Street, producing principally marine communication systems, and by 1907 commissioned the site at Clifden.

He and his assistant George Kemp had spent some time investigating various sites in the west of England and Wales and the west coast of Ireland before homing in on one large area of blanket bog at Derrigimlagh, a few miles south of Clifden. Blanket bog gave the best damp soil conditions for the earth plane of the station's aerial system, and provided the fuel source, peat, for the boilers producing steam for the site's electricity supply: this location gave an unrestricted view across the Atlantic to Glace Bay. It covered some 1200 hectares (300 acres), and a narrow gauge railway was constructed to convey material and personnel around the site.

The heart of the transmitter was, forgive the techie talk for a moment, a vast capacitor (*condenser at that time*) array of 1.8 microfarads charged to in the region of 20,000 volts, housed within the Condenser House (*see centre of photo above*) covering a floor area of 105m (345ft) by 22.5m (74ft) - five times the length of our village hall and twice its width. When transmitting, this charge was discharged by means of a morse key, across a spark gap which produced a range of low radio frequencies centred on around 45khz at a transmitted power of 300 kilowatts, sufficient for its signals to be detected in Glace Bay.

Some of our readers might like a technical explanation. A capacitor, its value stated in microfarads, stores an electrical charge, in some ways it's like a battery but in general doesn't depend on electro-chemical action to do so. This vast array comprised 1820 metal plates each measuring 9 metres (30ft) by 3.7 metres(12ft) and spaced from each other by an air gap of 30 centimetres (12in) giving that capacitance of 1.8 microfarads. You may well have 1.8 microfarad capacitors in any of your radios around the house, but they will only have to store voltages of less than 20volts, not 20,000!

Enough techie talk. The Clifden Heritage Society last October inaugurated an all-weather pedestrian trail with information panels at each of nine locations describing what existed there between 1907 and 1922

- there are now only brick and concrete bases and foundations to be seen. One of the points furthest from the site entrance was where in 1917 Alcock and Brown crash landed in the bog after the first ever transatlantic flight in a Vickers Vimy bomber (see photo right). My contact Shane Joyce in Clifden, one of the principals in the creation of the heritage trail, gave us a lightning tour of the site on our second afternoon: we then went back and had a more thorough look some days on. Later he took us to a hillside site at Letterfrack about 10 miles to the north of Derrigimlagh where the company installed a second receiving station (a prototype receiving station for the new Duplex system - a world first later used for all trans-ocean receiving stations - uh,uh, too much tech talk) to reduce the effect of interference from the transmitter.



(Photo of Clifden, Bert Kaufman - see what I meant about the weather!)

This part of Ireland is a delightful place to visit. We spent nine days there, with superb weather which you don't expect to get during a stay of this length. The scenery of the Atlantic seaboard of Ireland is beautiful, Clifden is a lovely little town, the folk are very friendly, there are umpteen pubs and restaurants all serving fantastic seafood and traditional Irish music - we loved it, although sometimes a little respite from 'Whiskey in the jar' is necessary. Boat trips to local islands, formal gardens at Kylemore Abbey, what's not to love, I could go on but she tells me it's her turn to do Scotland - in the October edition.

## Helping children in the Ukraine

### Hadfelda WI - Marel Elliston

At our May meeting we heard how George Mills and his wife Marion started up a charity to help children in the Ukraine. His revival centre has grown over the years and many deprived and disabled children have benefited greatly. With help and support from volunteers, including donations of various goods from Essex WIs over the years, he has provided wonderful facilities for these youngsters.

His talk was poignant and inspirational, proving what can be done with hard work and determination.

In June we welcomed Miranda Pender, a 'late-flowering lyricist' who gave an amusing talk on how she learnt to play the guitar and write songs

after recovering from breast cancer. She sang several of her songs which were most entertaining.

Our afternoon tea was a great success with a selection of sandwiches, scones and cakes served on pretty matching china. Centre piece was a beautiful cake made by Virginia Strange especially for the occasion. The ladies making a scarecrow to enter in the County Show at Whitelands brought photos of their efforts. 'Sam' was amazing, in jeans and a shirt with a smart red scarf and sporting a wonderful straw hat covered in flowers.

Dot Reed read a report of her visit to Liverpool for the National Annual Meeting which was most interesting. Hadfelda meets on the 4th Wednesday in the month at St. Andrew's Church Hall at 7.45pm. See you there!

## The intrinsic beauty of the countryside would change

### Gladman's appeal to build 80 houses on Stonepath Meadow dismissed

The Inspector says : Hatfield Peverel triumphed at the Appeal Hearing on 16th & 17th May. Braintree District Council did not defend for their reasons for refusing planning permission. The job of saving Stonepath Meadow was left to residents, NDP team, Parish Council and locally elected leaders. The following people spoke very well in front of the inspector, Mr Cullum Parker: Kevin Dale, Margaret Freeman, Andy Simmonds, Elise Gwyn-Williams, Mike Renow, Cllr Les Priestley, Cllr George Boyd Ratcliffe and Cllr Derrick Louis. David Leaf Parliamentary Researcher attended on behalf of The Rt Hon Priti Patel MP. *(Photo right by Andy Simmonds showing Gladman's team, the eight facing, Keven Dale and Margaret on the right, BDC officer on the left)*



Stonepath Meadow Residents Group would like to thank those who attended the public gallery. A special word of gratitude to all those who donated to the crowd funding. The money raised gave SPMRG access to a solicitor and barrister. Residents, especially Mark East and Kevin Kearns, worked hard to help build the case presented. Referring to our advanced Neighbourhood Development Plan, Mr Cullum Parker said that it provides: ‘... a useful indication of the planning aspirations of the local community’. He also ruled that the development would ‘visually jar with the existing settlement’.

This represents a great victory for the village against unwanted development. A battle won – but the fight goes on! Braintree's decision to grant 140 houses on Stonepath Meadow has now been ‘Called In’ by the Secretary of State.

## Arla and Bury Lane development proposals

From Eddie Hymas, [edhymas@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:edhymas@tiscali.co.uk)

*I have serious misgivings about the development proposals for the Aria and Bury Farm sites.*

*Whilst accepting that brownfield are generally preferential to greenfield this should not result in a deterioration of residents wellbeing. There are currently 51 dwellings in Station Road plus 98 in the Pines estate for whose occupants, and the ever increasing numbers of commuters using the railway station, the only access to the The Street and beyond is Station Road. Access to The Street is already difficult at times.*

*The Aria proposals alone will increase the number of dwellings and associated traffic in the area by 116% all of which would be funnelled through Station Road and, I suspect, most of the Bury Farm traffic which will add a further 35% increase. Even if the western access to Bury Lane was improved combined traffic would still have to access into The Street resulting in an intolerable situation.*

*This expansion would have a detrimental effect on the area, resulting in a feeling of entrapment, increased air and noise pollution (currently a problem due to the A12) and a general reduction in the quality of life of residents north of the A12 which is not acceptable. I also question whether the current access to both the Aria and Bury Farm sites would support the necessary construction traffic and the noise and general disruption would be burdensome to existing residents.*

*These proposals should include compensation in the form of a substantial reduction in Council Tax for existing residents as they would result in a deterioration of living conditions on which the current tax was based. I have made my views known to Priti Patel, Braintree Council Planning and to Aria Developments via VW Communications and urge those readers who share similar views to make them known via the Local Plan consultation portal.*



## Planning update

**H**atfield Peverel parish contains around 1,800 dwellings, with 1,400 situated in the village itself and the remainder in Nounsley and rural parts. In 2016 Braintree District Council indicated it required Hatfield Peverel to allocate land for 100 new dwellings, which would be more than covered by development on the former Arla Dairy site. In fact, five applications have been submitted, covering more than 500 dwellings.

16/01813/OUT - 140 Stonepath Meadow  
16/02156/OUT - 120 Land off Gleneagles Way  
16/02096/OUT - 145 Arla site, Station Road  
17/00341/OUT - 51 Bury Farm, Bury Lane  
17/00973/FUL - 52 Sorrell's Field, Bury Lane

The first two were approved by BDC, despite having previously refused development on these sites. Both have now been called-in by the Secretary of State, thanks largely to the efforts of our MP, Priti Patel, and will be the subject of local enquiries by the Planning Inspectorate. Further information on this, and how residents can support the village and help the fight against these wholly inappropriate and unjustifiable developments, will become available in due course.

The Arla application received approval on 4th July. The last two will be considered at

future planning meetings. However, if all five are eventually given the go ahead, it will mean the number of dwellings in the village itself increasing by more than one third, destroying the character of Hatfield Peverel and adjacent countryside. **If you are dismayed at this prospect then please make your views known to the local planning authority, Braintree District Council).**

The local surgery and infant and junior schools are already close to capacity and yet our planning authority seems to believe the village can cope with this level of increase. The erection of 1,200 dwellings is starting at the Lodge Farm and Wood End Farm sites, off Hatfield Road in Witham, where a new school is also planned, and one suggestion is for Hatfield Peverel schoolchildren to walk along the A12 to that school.

Our roads are congested morning and evening, particularly with Maldon traffic, as well as traffic from Witham using Hatfield Peverel station, all of which will continue to increase. Highways England has plans to widen the A12. This will entail major works to the cutting here, as well as replacing its three over-bridges, resulting in disruption for the village over many months.

*Photo by Meloney Dale*

## Goodbyes and happy retirements

Best wishes for stress-free and fulfilling retirements to two long time staff who have left the Infant and Junior Schools after a total of fifty eight years - they will be greatly missed.

Susan Field spent her entire career at Hatfield Peverel Infant School (thirty years) and has taught a great many children and worked with many families. She celebrated end of term with gifts and cards from colleagues and children and a party, where past and present staff and head teachers wished her well.

Kathy Meads has had an amazing career in the St Andrew's Junior School Office, supporting children, parents, staff and governors over the past twenty eight years. She says they have been the happiest of days, staff and children becoming her 'extended' family. Three head teachers during her time have been Dennis Morley, Jeremy Crook and now Chris James.

At the leavers service in the Church on 21st July everyone sang with gusto a specially written song about Kathy's life at the Juniors. Then back for a special celebration for the whole school, a picnic in the grounds organised by Kathy.

There were many cards, presents and flowers from the children and colleagues and a picture of the school to remind her of happy time. And she will be back in the autumn in a voluntary role.

**St Andrew's Church Hatfield Peverel**

**Saturday 23rd September 7.70pm**

### **An Evening Concert**

featuring

**Naomi Poole (cello), Matt Archer (flute)**

**Paul Strong (piano)  
play easy listening music**

**Men of St Andrew's  
with a selection of a capella  
four-part male voice material**

**Wine and light refreshments, tickets £10**

## **Did Not Attend (DNAs)**

### **Please read**

#### **The Laurels and Sydney House Surgeries**

The Practice always tries to fit patients into appointments as soon as possible but sometimes they have no available spaces. **Imagine the distress when, every single day, there are spaces they can do nothing about when people book appointments and simply don't turn up.** In May we had a staggering 222 DNAs - quite simply 11 more people could have been seen every day.

**PLEASE, if for any reason you do not need that appointment, call the practice either on 01245 380324 and select the cancellation line option or send a text to 07594 715982.** Even if you need to cancel an appointment for the same day - the practice needs to be informed. The appointment you no longer require can be offered to other patients who may be desperate to be seen.

If you are registered for on-line services and need to cancel a booked appointment - it is a simple process to cancel on line. The staff will be very grateful to be notified of a cancellation.

Clearly, you would expect the practice to manage this and in future, those people who DNA will be written to and regrettably **if any Patient DNAs on three occasions in a 12 month period that Patient will be asked to register at another Surgery.**

**May seem hard but it is an unfair and ridiculous situation at present when a patient selfishly cannot be bothered to find the time to cancel his or her appointment which could be used by someone in urgent need of a doctor.**

## **Wanted immediately please...**

A volunteer to deliver the Review in Station Road, Terling Road up to Whitelands, including Termitts Chase. Please contact Marel and Ron Elliston on 380827, or [marel.elliston@btinternet.com](mailto:marel.elliston@btinternet.com)



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Party in the  
Park  
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whirlwind**

*Thanks to Diane  
Wallace for the  
photos*



## News from St Andrews Church



When you receive this Review we will be well into the Sundays after Trinity. Our colours will be green, the colour of growth. It is important to remind ourselves that growth in the faith is not just about the big Christian festivals of Christmas, Holy Week and Easter, Ascension and Pentecost. These are pointers to something much greater; how we reflect on our faith and allow it to inform our lives. In allowing a period for growth the Church is merely following Jesus' example. He always took time out from the big events and large crowds in order to recharge his spiritual batteries and work out the implications of his vocation.

Speaking of big events, St Andrews Church and Hatfield Peverel Methodist Church were represented at what must have been the busiest Party in Park so far. This year we had a joint 'Tent of Meeting' with information about both churches and lots of cakes. Party in the Park gives our churches the opportunity to meet who we would not normally meet and they, in turn, see we are human after all! A few expressed interest in things like; how to get married, how to get baptized and other items of topical interest. I would like to thank the Party in the Park Committee for encouraging us to be present, and to everyone in our two churches who contributed manning the tent and selling both the cakes and ourselves.

### What comes next?

- 1 **Coffee Morning** – Saturday 5th August 10am start. Come and join us in the Church Hall for a time of fellowship, coffee, home-made cakes, quality cards and nearly-new items.
- 2 **Toy Sale and Coffee Morning** – Saturday 2nd September. Alongside our usual coffee morning there will be a grand toy sale run by our Edward Bear Toddler Group. Donations of nearly-new toys may be given to Nicky Shelley, telephone 380814.
- 3 **Harvest Festival** – Sunday 10th September. We are once again collecting for WaterAid and plastic water bottles will be given out at the services. If you would like one, let the Vicar know, but money in any (or no) container is, of course, acceptable. Also other food items will go to the Witham and Braintree Foodbank. We intend this year to keep the church open during that weekend and for the week following, in order that people can visit us to see the church in its harvest glory.
- 4 **'A Musical Evening'** at St Andrews 23rd September 7.30pm – an occasion not to be missed. Paul Strong, one of our organists, has got together a group of expert musicians for this evening. It will cost £10 a head with refreshments including wine.
- 5 **Deanery Evensong** – Sunday 15th October 6pm at St Luke, Tiptree. This is where lots of parishes get together and have one glorious choral evensong, featuring special settings of various parts of the service. There will be no 6.30pm service that day at St Andrews.

## Cats entwined in our lives...

### Mothers Union - Jean Ashby

In June a volunteer from The Cat Protection League gave us an interesting natural history talk about cats and how, over the ages, they have become entwined in our lives. Domestic cats are descended from the African wild cat or the Asian jungle cat (mostly the latter). They came into prominence in Ancient Egypt when they were treated with respect, even worshipped, as they were efficient pest controllers in the grain stores. At about 350bc they left Egypt - probably in traders' ships - and were transported throughout

the Mediterranean, into Europe, and to England.

Over the ages their fortunes changed: being respected to considered bad luck and sometimes evil - familiars of 19th century witches. Only during the last 150 years have cats been treated as pets.

The Cat Protection League (now Cat Protection) founded in 1927 is a UK charity dedicated to rescuing/rehousing stray, unwanted and homeless cats, and educating people about their welfare. They welcome volunteers to help at their many rescue centres. A cat will spend a lot of time

sleeping, but always has one ear cocked, and one eye slightly open to be ready approaching danger.

We enjoyed the talk very much and felt we had filled in many gaps in our knowledge.

**What do organists do at organist conventions?**

## **Methodist Church**

### **Party in the Park**

We joined with our friends from St Andrew's Church to provide the cake stall at this year's event. Once again our three celebrity goats, Tilly, Ruby and Coral, formed part of the attraction, enjoying the extra feeding and petting from some local admirers.

Over 700 cakes were sold – a mammoth baking task for our volunteers who produced delicious cakes on the day. If you enjoyed your purchases and would like more, come to our regular cake stalls at our coffee mornings - first Saturday of the month at St Andrew's and second Saturday at the Methodist Church. *Above is Rev Sue enjoying an ice cream.*



### **Rev Sue's farewell**

Our final service with Rev Sue took place on 23rd July. Our Church was filled with villagers, members from local organisations, friends from St Andrews and the Salvation Army together with other members from local Methodist Churches and most delightfully for Sue, her own daughters and grandchildren.

Rev Sue came to our Church in 2010 and made an immediate impact with her friendly, caring Ministry. Her final service took the theme of making a journey and she thanked us for being companions on that path over these seven years. For her, the journey was a pilgrimage which did not necessary have to be physical but could also be a way of finding space to encounter God, and she reminded us that Christ is the way, the truth and the life and that by trusting in God we can be bolder in our actions as we are held safely in his care. We sang her favourite hymns, including: 'Brother, sister let me serve you' which truly illustrates her calling to Ministry. In the service she welcomed two new members to our Church, Jenny and Joan, which is a testament to the inspirational leadership we have received.

Afterwards we held a barbecue for her - our theme was California and San Francisco as Rev Sue will shortly be visiting her son and holidaying there. Unfortunately the British weather did not live up to West coast sunshine but we enjoyed great food and were entertained with appropriate music including a version of 'The Wild Rover' adapted to 'The Wild Retiree' with the chorus *And it's no nay never, no nay never no more, will I be Hat Pev's minister, no never no more!*

We thanked Rev Sue for her service to us, and wished her a very happy and fulfilling retirement. We look forward to hearing her next steps in her life's journey and will be pleased to see her in Hatfield Peverel again when she is able to visit.

### **New Minister for our Church**

We have been very fortunate to have a new minister appointed to our Church. His name is Rev Barry Allen and he is coming from South Africa with his wife Ria. As before, we will share him with our Churches in South Woodham, Maldon and Witham. He starts his Ministry in the UK in September and his first service here will be our Harvest Festival on Sunday 10th at 11am. We hope his move will be straight forward and that he will feel welcomed to our village, so come along to join our congregation on that morning, getting him off to a good start.

## Scouting news

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

**Suzanne Evans – Publicity (01245 382 397)**

### **Paper and cardboard recycling skip**

As you know, we fund raise for our group by on the first Saturday every month..The large skip in our HQ car park is filled by us, and is available for residents to deposit their own paper and cardboard

**Recently we have been made aware of two issues**

**1 Someone put glass in the skip and one of our volunteers was injured.**

**2 Someone (from outside the village) has been stealing newspapers from the skip for use within their business enterprise.**

We appreciate everyone's help with this fund-raising exercise, however, please ensure that only paper and cardboard is deposited in the skip and left out for collection. **Also, should any suspicious activity be noted near the skip or the HQ, please take details** (times, dates, car registration etc) and contact our Group Scout Leader (details below). Thank you. .

### **Beaver and Cub summer camp**

Highlight was their camp held at Chigborough Fisheries, Heybridge. Activities included cooking dampers (bread dough mix) over a fire, making bird boxes, painting china, fishing, building shelters, hiking, games. On Saturday evening Claire was invested as our new Beaver Leader. The weather was kind, and the children had a great weekend. Many thanks to everyone who gave up their time to make the camp a success..

**Beavers** sadly have said goodbye to our long standing colleague and friend Gillian who is leaving us to pursue another volunteering role. Gillian joined the Group in 2001, as a parent helper, and has been Assistant Beaver Leader, and latterly, Beaver Leader. The Beaver unit is the introduction to Scouting for our young people and most youngsters carry on through Cubs, Scouts and finally Explorers, gaining valuable life skills and experiences. Our grateful thanks to Gillian for her hard work, kindness and encouragement over the past 16 years.



**Cubs** have been very busy - they visited the Museum of Power at Langford, enjoyed a fun evening of footgolf, learnt first aid, completed their Athletics Badge, practised putting up tents and cooked a three-course meal on an open fire. Congratulations to Harry, Harry and Rowan, who have gained their Chief Scouts Silver Award. To end the summer term, the pack took part in a hike, a water evening and sausage sizzle.

### **Scouts summer camp**

In June twenty-three Scouts enjoyed a successful summer camp at the lovely Hollowtree site near the River Orwell. Activities included archery and a visit to the Suffolk Dry Ski Slope for an afternoon of ringos and tobogganing. A team of older Scouts took part in the Chelmsford District 'Plainsman Hike' and walked over 12 miles carrying their full kit!. They all achieved the Expedition Challenge Award. During meetings the troop has been working on a variety of skills - pioneering, cooking and learning magic tricks.

**Explorers** have been preparing for their forthcoming Duke of Edinburgh expeditions and attempting International cooking - leaders sampled foods from India, Thailand, Poland and Mexico! In July they took part in Gilwell 24, an event held at the UK Scout Headquarters, where 4000 Explorers experience a continuous 24 hours of activities; including scuba diving, go-karting, ninja warrior course, bumper cars, an all-night disco, a reverse bungee jump and lots more. Amazingly everyone stayed awake but returned home shattered!



**Don't forget to visit our website** [www.hpscouts.org.uk](http://www.hpscouts.org.uk) It is jam-packed with useful information for existing members and those seeking to enrol their young person in Scouting activities within the village.

**Useful contacts:** Group Scout Leader: Nick Nicholas, 07841-597 977. Membership enquiries: Michelle Spicer, [hpscoutgroup@gmail.com](mailto:hpscoutgroup@gmail.com), 01245-380 630. HQ bookings: Debbie Fuller, [copper\\_ben@hotmail.com](mailto:copper_ben@hotmail.com), 07920 512471. Monthly newspaper collection: Jonathan Dormon, 01245 -382 981, [jonathan.dormon@btinternet.com](mailto:jonathan.dormon@btinternet.com) Publicity: Suzanne Evans, 01245-382 397, [info@boons-holidays.co.uk](mailto:info@boons-holidays.co.uk)

## WEA Autumn programme

**Join us for our Autumn course**

**A History of Ideas** Edward de Maunsell  
 Tuesday 16th September 2017  
 Scout HQ Church Road 10am

This 10-week course identifies ten important ideas that shaped human development. Where do these ideas come from, where does the actual word originate from that describes the ideas? The ten ideas are: Renaissance, Reformation, Enlightenment, Industrialization, ideologies, Feminism, Darwinism, environmentalism, post modernism, Islam. What has been the impact upon society from these ideas.

**Autumn evening talks**  
 Methodist Church Hall, starting 8pm

Tuesday 3rd October 2017 Roger Cooke  
**The Great War – One Man's Diary**

Tuesday 7th November 2017 Tony Earle  
**The London Underground**



Tuesday 5th December 2017

**To be arranged**

**Spring course January 2018**

**Gardens in British Art in 19th /20th Centuries**  
 Tuesday 9th January 2018 Susan Pownall

This 10 week course explores how gardens have been represented in British art throughout the 19th and 20th centuries. Work includes botanical artist Margaret Mee and English painter Eric Ravilious.

If you have any questions please contact Lesley Naish on 01245 380837.

## £400 raised for Marie Curie

**Marie Curie Cancer Care tea party**

The tea party on 29th June was a great success raising an amazing £400 for the charity. Many thanks to all who donated prizes for the raffle and to all who attended.  
 Wendy Doe





## **Animal Agents Summer Reading Challenge 2017**

**Join this year's reading challenge in our local library - it runs until Saturday 2nd September**

*Dear Mum, Dad or Carer*

*Every year 40,000 children take part in The Summer Reading Challenge in Essex. It's that special time when children choose exactly what they want to read, and have fun talking about books with you, brothers and sisters, library staff and our young volunteers.*

*It is free and motivates children to read, develop a love of reading and build their reading confidence.*

*This year the theme is Animal Agents and it's all about detectives and solving clues. Animal Agents is aimed at all children aged 3-12 years with a special version for children aged 2 and under. Inclusive Communication Essex are providing libraries with fun equipment to help children of all abilities chat about their books.*

*Children will need to read or share 6 books to earn their rewards, certificate and medal. They can join in with a treasure hunt, lots of other fun activities or play on the Animal Agents website.*

*This year our partners at Colchester Zoo are offering a voucher for children to go to the zoo for free (terms apply) when they sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge. For those aged 10 and over there will be a new ImagiNation challenge with arts activities inspired by books and stories. Animal Agents is produced by The Reading Agency and delivered by libraries.*

Like us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter or on Google - watch us on YouTube, or visit our website: [libraries.essex.gov.uk](http://libraries.essex.gov.uk), contact the Help line on 0345 603 7628 or call in to our library in Hatfield Peverel.

**Opening times Tuesday, Thursday 1 - 5pm,  
Wednesday, Saturday 9am - 1pm**

## **Joan Richardson 1928 - 2017**

Joan had a wide circle of friends through her involvement with village groups and her interest in creative hobbies. With a cheerful smile and sunny disposition, she loved a chat and always had time and energy to do things for others, even when suffering from effects of her cancer treatment.

Joan and Dennis met at a dance organised by the parishes of Danbury and Hatfield Peverel: they shared their love of the open road on the back of a motorcycle, attending numerous racing events at Silverstone and Brands Hatch. They married at Danbury Church on St Patrick's Day 1951 and lived in Chelmsford until they bought a plot of land in Hatfield Peverel, built a house and started a family. It was a bit of a shock when the village GP Dr Emerick told them they were expecting twins! Paul and Clive arrived in April 1961.

In the early 60s Joan was a founder member, with her best friend Hilary and others, of Hadfelda WI. She belonged to St Andrews Young Wives and the Playgroup. She was also active in the Mother's Union. Her passion was gardening and flowers: she belonged to the Flower Arranging Club and often helped decorate the church for special occasions. She loved embroidery, creating intricate and decorative work, and was involved with the village embroidery project in the early 90s which is displayed in the church hall.

In the 80s Joan and Dennis went on well-deserved and thoroughly enjoyable holidays: with Hilary and Derek, Ron and Jill. They were involved with the building and fitting out of the new village hall and in the 90s, with the building of the Bowls Club, enjoyed many a 'roll-up' with their friends.

Over the last few years Joan became a carer for Dennis although her own health was failing. They were able to remain in their home and enjoy the garden, close to friends and neighbours who were always warmly welcomed in for a cuppa and a catch up on the news.

Her family and friends miss her greatly.

## Useful telephone numbers

Please contact the editors for additions/errors.

**Age Concern Essex** 01245 264499

**Anglian Water, 24 hours** 0800 919 155

**Braintree District Council** 01376 552525

Clean Team ring number above and ask for

Customer Services

Witham Area Office in Witham Library

- for walk-in enquiries only 01376 519625

### Churches

St Andrew's (C of E), vicar 01245 380958

Methodist Church, minister TBA

Catholic Church, Witham, priest 01376 512219

**Citizens Advice Bureau Witham** 0844 4994719

Drop-in sessions Mon/Tue/Thur/Fri 10am - 1pm

Appointments only Thurs afternoon 1 - 4pm

### Doctors, health services

Hatfield Peverel doctors' surgery 01245 380324

NHS - non-emergency helpline 111

Pharmacy, Hadfelda Square 01245 380130

**Electricity - emergency** 0800 7838838

**Essex County Council** 01245 492211

**Essex & Suffolk Water** 24 hours 0845 7820999

**First Essex Buses Ltd** 01245 293400

**Gas - emergency** 0800 111999

**Harlequin Children's Centre** 01376 535270

Free support and services for children under 5

### Hospitals

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

St Peter's, Maldon

### Libraries

Hatfield Peverel 01245 380988

Tuesday, Thursday 1 - 5pm

Wednesday, Saturday 9am - 1pm

Witham 01376 519625

**Police** Non-emergency calls 101

Use 101 also for the local officer

Emergency calls 999

Witham Police Station opening hours

Monday - Saturday 12 noon to 6pm

**Post Office** 01245 382787

### Railway Information

National Express East Anglia 0845 6007245

National Rail Enquiries (24 hrs) 08457 484950

### Registrar of Births, Marriages & Deaths

Witham, by appointment only 01376 323463

**Braintree, by appointment only 01376 320762**

**Relate** 01245 258680

**Samaritans (24 hours - toll free)** 08457 909090

### Schools

St Andrew's Junior School 01245 380131

Hatfield Peverel Infant School 01245 380220

Hatfield Peverel Day Nursery 01245 382450

Tiger Tots Toddler Group 07886 021048

Charlotte Greaves 07527 763038

**Social Services** 0845 6037630

**Community Agent** for Hatfield Peverel

Jan Hawkins 07540 720605

**Village hall** (after 7pm) 01245 381481

**Let us know of useful services to add to this list**

## Hatfield Peverel Parish Council

### Committees and working parties

Burial Ground Working Party (B)

Country Park Focus Group (CP)

Employment (EMP), External Audit Review (A)

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

General purposes (GP)

Keith Bigden Memorial Ground User Group (KB)

Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)

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

Village Environment (E)

### Councillors (and their working parties)

**Lisa Miller, Parish Clerk** 01245 403071

parishclerk@hatfieldpeverelpc.co.uk

**Les Priestley** (Chair) (E/FG/NDP/P) 01245 380404

**Mark Weale** (Vice chair) (CE/FG/P/PiP)

01245 381726

**George Boyd Ratcliff** (CP/EMP/FG) 01245 380496

**David Broddle** (CP/E/FG/KB/P) 01245 382829

**Suzanne Evans** (EMP) 01245 382397

**Kevin Gallifant** 01245 381850

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**Ted Munt** (E/FG/NDP) 01245 381135

**Linda Shaw** (CP/P) 01245 382669

**Diane Wallace** (CE/CP/NDP/P) 01245 381485

### District Councillors

**David Bebb** 01245 381065

**Daryn Hufton-Rees** 07729 458757

### County Councillor

**Derrick Louis** 07918 721526

## A strong season for Hatfield Peverel Football Club

Terry Lingley [terrylingley@hatfieldpeverelfc.co.uk](mailto:terrylingley@hatfieldpeverelfc.co.uk)

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Another strong season for the club as we saw a 175% increase in girls football participation with the establishment of 2 youth girls teams, and growth also in our boys youth teams. The club won silverware on the pitch with our U14s and U17s taking home cups as well as a number of cup final runners up medals. We saw our U13s narrowly lose their first cup final while the men's team put up a brave account of themselves in their cup final, narrowly losing to the eventual League and Cup double winners.

The club during the year has been accredited to the Children's Learning University and the Jack Petchey Foundation award which lets us acknowledge work undertaken by our young leaders. We formed and held our first Youth Council meeting, giving the young players at the heart of the club the chance to drive the future direction. The season was capped off by our biggest ever Thomson Day football festival where over 200 children received their trophies and awards.

Looking ahead to next season, we are pleased to have created a third men's team, to aid the transition from youth to men's football for the first time, and we welcome our newest team, the U7 Hurricanes, and look forward to having another successful season at HPFC. We will be running our popular soccer camp on 30th August to 1st September and have an inflatable fun day on August 27th, both events open to all.

### A plea from Paul Mooney, manager of the U9 Red Sharks football team

Our team is looking for players to join us to increase our squad size to suit seven-a-side football from next season. Players must be in school year 4 from September 2017. To find out more please contact me, Paul Mooney, on 07795 663520.

## New members needed

### Table Tennis Club - Chairman Andy Simmonds

A friendly club, home playing night in the village hall in Maldon Road is Tuesday, there is a bar, tea/coffee making facilities, excellent playing conditions and top class equipment.

Winners of the Club competitions were

**Handicap Singles** Gary Ward

**Handicap Doubles** Gary Ward and Dave Carter

**Open Singles** Gary Ward

Congratulations Gary on completing the Treble.

Our teams entered last year's Chelmsford League, Division 2 down to Division 5 and we will be entering 4 teams next season in September.

September 5th will be the first of two practice evenings when new members, male or female, may come along to get to know us and possibly join one of our competitive teams. If you wish to play non-competitive social table tennis, the village hall has its own table - contact Alan Benfield on 07741 140732. Anyone wanting to

play competitively or to re-start their playing career would be welcome. Please leave your details with Secretary Neil Freeman 01245 382249 or myself Andy Simmonds 01245 381020 or 07932 057 205.

## Outside bowls gets under way

Rita Thomson, Bowls Captain 01245 380038

We've played several friendlies, won some, lost some. In the Mid-Essex League teams are having a good run of wins, we are in second spot in the league. The insiders have had several Friday night friendlies. Our charity this year is Age UK.

On 8th July we held our strawberry tea. In the Captain versus President Challenge, inside and outside teams played - its the first time the scores were 115.115. Many thanks to everyone who made it such a lovely day, we had a really sunny afternoon.

We have a busy few weeks, the draws have been made for singles and club pairs Who will be in the finals in September?