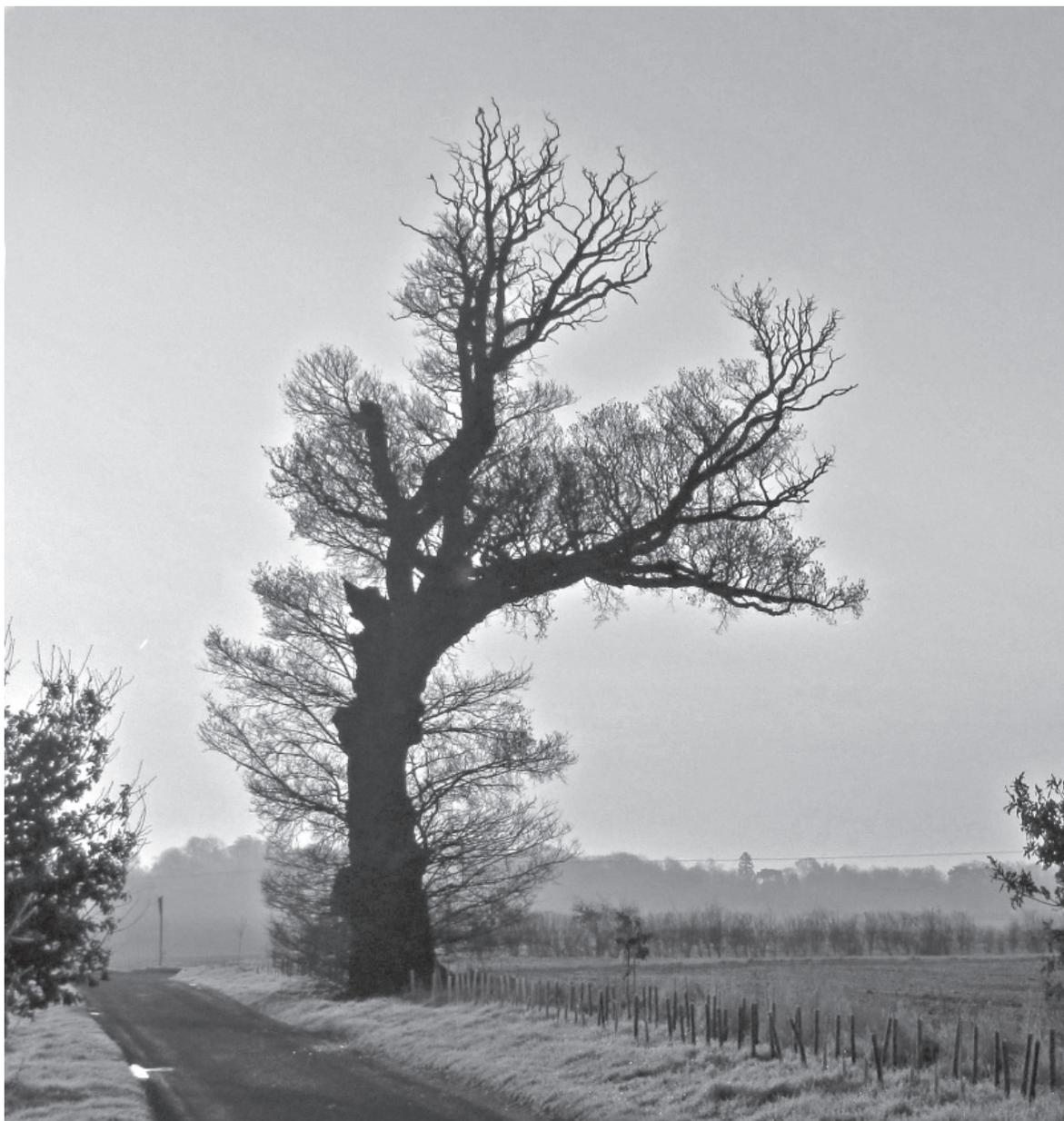


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- 19 Helen Rollason coffee morning
- 23 Hadfelda WI
- 24 Folk Dance Club?
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### February

- 2 St Andrew's coffee morning 10am
- 4 Parish Council meeting
- 6 Flower Club

### Front cover

*Early morning frost on the ancient wych elm on the ridge in Mowden Hall Lane, taken by Neville Bright last winter*

## **A new year is coming - let's try and forget the old one**

**W**e don't get floods in Hatfield Peverel I was saying the other day in a complacent sort of way. I had forgotten our three river crossings - short cuts to Maldon, Danbury and that part of the county - and it was only last week that a friend, who mistakenly took advice from a fellow passenger, tried to cross at Little Baddow in the dark. Almost made it when the car stalled and came to a halt. Had it not been for two young knights in shining armour, who pulled them out and took them to The Six Bells in Boreham for tea and sympathy, they might still be there! Imagine how terrible it must be when the water comes into your home, and not once but several times?

But Christmas is almost with us: we are off to Scotland and may need rescuing from snowdrifts! Those at home, or visiting family and friends, have a peaceful and worry-free (after the Christmas dinner) festive time. It has not been a good year but poor weather becomes trivial when we see what is going on in this beautiful country of ours. We hope that 2013 will improve and wish you all the best for the New Year.

**A special thank you** to our readers, contributors of articles, emails and photographs, the team who deliver the Review come rain or shine, and last, but not least, our printers - Steve and David who run a wonderful turn-round service. An apology to those who have been left out - yet again. You know who you are.

## **Baker Avenue path**

**Ken Earney, Parish Paths Path rep for Hatfield Peverel**

**A** quick update. The application to ECC to have the way adopted as a public right of way was submitted in mid-September. The ECC case officer who will be dealing with it has said that she will be working on it next year, from April onwards: at the moment we have no indication when the outcome will be known. Meanwhile, following the submission, the Parish Council wrote to Greenfields Community Housing seeking confirmation that, in accordance with the approved plan, they will be opening up the way once the development is finished. They confirmed that this is the case and that they predict completing the development and reopening the route in March 2013.

## **It's your village, make sure you have your say**

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Consultation on this draft plan commences on 10th January 2013 and is open for six weeks. We urge you to make comments so that the voice of local residents is heard. To receive the relevant information you need to register with Braintree District Council either on-line at <http://braintree-consult.limehouse.co.uk/> portal (click on the picture of the gold key on the Login / Register tab) or by telephoning the planning department on 01376 552525 (tell them you want to register to receive information about the draft plan).

**There will be an exhibition in the village, showing the proposals, at a date to be confirmed in January or February 2013. Watch out for further information.**

The report containing this information is the 'download report for item 5' at:  
[http://www.braintree.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/434/local\\_development\\_framework\\_sub-committee](http://www.braintree.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/434/local_development_framework_sub-committee)

## **Wow! a website - HPAA.org.uk**

**Allotment Association - David Goodey (01245 380389)**

**W**e are pleased to announce **our website at HPAA.org.uk**. This has been constructed by Sean Pettitt, one of our very talented members, and is still under development but contains a lot of useful information and links. Please browse.

There being no nominations for chairman at our AGM on 8th November, I have agreed to remain for a further year (getting a sense of déjà vu here). Michele Ridgewell has retired from allotmenting and her role as secretary. As there were no nominations I will cover until a volunteer steps forward. Michele was thanked for her support as secretary, her work organising the Quiz and assisting at the annual competition, and was rewarded with flowers and a kiss from the chairman, which will no doubt cause her nightmares.

Paul Waite presented the accounts which were duly accepted as healthy and accurate. Paul then stepped down from the position of Treasurer whereupon Barry Faber was nominated and elected. Paul was thanked for his work as treasurer and provided with a small token of gratitude from the association. He will continue as letting officer for the new site (01245 380429). Letting officer for the old site remains John Cockell (01245 381646).

Finally it was announced that after thirty years of dedicated service on the association committee, Dave Russell has chosen to retire. Dave has been a real servant to the allotments and is deserving of the praise he has received. The committee unanimously agreed to award Dave honorary life membership of the association and also presented him with a certificate and some gardening vouchers for his many years of effort. Sadly Dave was knocked off his bike a few months back and spent six weeks in hospital with a shattered pelvis and hip joint. Now at home and out of traction he is looking forward to getting back to his allotment and cycling after Christmas.

Due to the bad weather this year and following our rent collection and membership renewal in September we have a significant number of vacant plots. If you are interested in exercise, relaxation, healthy food, socialising and saving money please contact our letting officers.

Apart from over wintering onions, garlic, broad beans, spring greens, etc, this is the quiet time. Have a good Christmas everybody and remember, you could have grown those potatoes and sprouts yourself!

## **A mixed year for gardeners**

**Horticultural Society - Sarah Barker**

**A**t the Horticultural Society's AGM on 8th November the chairman reported a mixed year with cold, drought, rain and more rain - in spite of this there was a good Spring Show and the two plant sales realised over £800. The garden event in July was a fantastic success, sunshine and wonderful food, and Hedley and David were thanked for their hospitality. The annual 5-day/4-night holiday to the Isle of Wight - more sunshine - was enjoyed by everyone. Following the election of officers and committee the pumpkins were weighed - John Clemo was first, Jonathan Barker second and Hedley Janes third. The evening finished with refreshments.

## **Something to look forward to...**

### **Houses and gardens of Kent, 5th July 2013**

We are 'popping next door' next year, minimal distance and maximum garden coverage. Our holiday is based in Sevenoaks at The Royal Oak Hotel, and we will be visiting house and gardens at Down House and Charts Edge, Mount Ephraim, Pheasant Barn, Downs Court, The Secret Gardens of Sandwich at the Salutation, and Sissinghurst. There is a river trip on a Medway paddle steamer.

Cost is £359 per person, £50 deposit at time of booking (cheques payable to Clive Emberson).

Booking/enquiries to Clive, 62 New Road, Hatfield Peverel, CM3 2JA. Phone 01245 381704/mobile 07771 536938

## **A busy year for the Art Group** **Hatfield Peverel Art Group - Peter Walker,** **Secretary (01245 381798)**

**T**he Art Group continues to develop a great atmosphere, with meetings held on Mondays during the school term in the church hall, from 2pm to 4pm.

We were sorry to lose Iris Mayes and Jean Sharp at the start of term for family reasons, and we wish them both the very best for the future. We have welcomed Rae Edwina's return and Sebastian Chew as a new member this term, and much good work has continued to be delivered with the regular availability of tutor Trevor Harwood's usual valuable input.

An all-day painting session on 22nd October, based on the difficult theme of Perspective, proved extremely constructive for participating members, with Trevor's expert assistance and worked examples providing a sound platform for understanding the principles involved. Only the memory remains to be tested!

The next few weeks will bring us surprisingly quickly to the group's Christmas lunch, which will again be held at the Lion Inn, on Monday 17th December. The lunch is for members and their partners, and is always looked on as the highlight of the year for those who attend. Last years' was certainly enjoyed by everyone.

For anyone requiring further details of the activities of the Art Group, please contact Peter Walker on 01245-381798 or visit our website at [www.hatfieldpeverelartgroup.co.uk](http://www.hatfieldpeverelartgroup.co.uk).

**Join us for our**

**Festival of Lessons and Carols**

**St. Andrew's Church, Hatfield Peverel**

**Sunday 16th December 2012**

**6.30pm**



**Mince pies and refreshments  
in the Church hall**



*"If you think I'm going to swim across there..."  
Nounsley Ford on the 27th November, swollen by  
the recent rains. Let's hope conditions are somewhat  
more benign for the New Year's Day walk. Thank you  
to Catherine Voysey for the photograph*

## **First the muddy walk, then a welcome lunch**

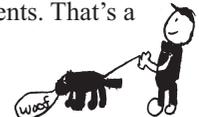
**Hatfield Peverel Walkers**

**O**n the last Thursday in September sixteen walkers, in somewhat wet and muddy conditions, took part in a five mile walk along the river to Ulting church calling in at The Sportsmans to place orders for coffee and/or lunch. There was a brief glint of sun on the way back before the hostelry came into view and everyone shed their boots and enjoyed the warmth and welcome refreshments. That's a good way to end a walk!

Will it be wet, will it be dry?  
The November walk has been cancelled due to the conditions. The next one is scheduled for Thursday 13th December.

Details of the traditional New Year's Day walk can be found on page 21.

*Give a man a fish and he'll ask for a lemon. Teach a man to fish and he'll leave work early on Friday.*



## Parish Council news

**Lisa Miller, Clerk to the Parish Council**

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clerk.hatfieldpeverelpc@blueyonder.co.uk

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



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

### **The following applications have recently been made**

Change of use from beauty therapy to acupuncture and massage therapy at Hillcrest House, The Street.

### **The following applications have been approved by the District Council**

Erection of single storey rear extension and alterations to existing detached dwelling at 3 Woodham Drive; erection of single storey extension to the rear of the dwelling at Latneys, London Road; creation of new disabled entrance and ramp, rebuilding of existing rear extension to provide accessible toilet facilities at Highwood House, Maldon Road.

### **The following applications have been refused by the District Council**

Outline application for two detached two bedroom dwellings on land at rear of the Swan View, The Street; erection of front porch extension and two storey rear extension at Rose Cottage, Ulting Road.

**Tree Preservation Orders granted** - notice of intent to carry out works to trees at Tudor Lodge, The Street. Referred to Tree Warden for comment.

### **Local Development Framework - 120 new homes for Hatfield Peverel**

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See full details on page 3

**It's your village, make sure you have your say.**

### **Swan Close bus stop, The Street**

After much deliberation on the location of this bus stop and shelter, it has been decided that both will remain in their current location for the foreseeable future. The Parish Council has asked Essex County Council to mark the stopping area for the bus to encourage the buses to stop away from the crossing.

**Awards: Hatfield Peverel Parish Council was recently awarded a Certificate of Merit in Class 1 for playing fields serving a population of 2,500 or more by the Essex Playing Fields Association.**

**Parish Council meetings - 7th January, 4th February, meeting room 2 at village hall, 7.30pm.**

*Gardening rule: when weeding the best way to make sure you are removing a weed and not a valuable plant is to pull on it. If it comes out of the ground easily, it is a valuable plant*

## Time for tea in Hatfield Peverel

Helen Rollason charity

Heather Baldwin - 08456 80 20 47 heather.baldwin@helenrollason.org.uk

Since we moved to Hatfield Peverel, we have been overwhelmed by the kind support we have received. Thank you to the volunteers who recently donated paint and decorated the kitchen and a room downstairs. It means we can use these rooms for fund-raising until we have the money to convert the ground floor into our new cancer support centre. **If anyone has useful skills such as glazing, general DIY or is a qualified electrician and would like to help, please call us on 08456 802047 (charged at local rate).**

Our Race Night in the village hall last month was a great success. BBC Essex presenter Dave Monk hosted the night and got the crowd cheering as the horses galloped home in each race. In the break, there was folk and blues music performed by the charity's CEO Greg Camburn on the saxophone and whistle with singer Pat Crilly. Thank you to local businesses who sponsored the races and to everyone who came along, raising £810.

We are hoping to run another Race Night next year - see our events web page for more information [www.helenrollason.org.uk/events.php](http://www.helenrollason.org.uk/events.php)

### Tea parties on third Saturday of month

Hatfield Peverel Fund-raising Group has done a fantastic job raising money for us. Earlier this year, they held tea parties at our office at Yvonne Stewart House as part of our popular 'Tea for Helen' campaign. They have decided to hold them regularly on every third Saturday of the month.

**The first is at Yvonne Stewart House on Saturday 15th December** so please join Kay Coombes and the rest of the group for tea, coffee, delicious cakes and craft from 10am to 12.30pm.

**New volunteers are always welcome so call Kay on 01245 381342 to find out more.**

### An evening with Sir Trevor Brooking, Friday 1st February

This is a unique opportunity to hear Sir Trevor Brooking CBE talk about his amazing footballing



*Splendid cakes for all tastes - the 'Tea for Helen' tea party in March*

career and also includes a three-course dinner and live music. Sir Trevor is one of our Vice-Patrons and was a good friend of Helen Rollason. This event is being held at Colchester United Football Club. For more information and tickets call us on 08456 802047.

**Helen Rollason Cancer Charity would like to wish all readers of the Hatfield Peverel Review a happy and healthy 2013.**

## A meeting with a difference

Hadfelda WI - Marel Elliston

We had something a little different at our October meeting, a painting demonstration. Caroline Stevens brought along some of her lovely paintings for us to see and, during the evening, painted a completely new picture for us to raffle: it was decided to save it for the Christmas meeting. The competition, the letter S, was won by Glad Pearce with her beautiful gold St Christopher.



Members are again gathering in the library on Wednesday mornings to knit tiny hats for the premature baby unit, and some of these were on display. If you enjoy knitting, or just a chat, do come along - we meet at 10am.

Please remember our Christmas meeting is on Wednesday 12th December and the entertainment will be provided by Elaine Barker accompanied with guitar, songs and comic monologues.

Our usual meetings are on the fourth Wednesday of the month in the village hall at 7.45pm. Do join us, you can be sure of a warm welcome.

## Bowling green put to bed for the winter

Bob Gammie, President (381497)

New website: [www.hatfieldpeverelbowling.org](http://www.hatfieldpeverelbowling.org)

We are now well into our short mat season having put the bowling green to bed after some rigorous autumn renovation, but regrettably the continuous wet weather has enabled the moss to return.

It is early days with our internal competitions to know if there will be any giant killing upsets and in our friendly matches so far these have all been won. In our finals night for the summer competitions for the pairs cup Irene Richardson and Ron Jarvis beat John Franklin and Kath Joule. For the singles cup Chrissie Harris beat Ron Jarvis. The Aspinell trophy had been decided earlier and this was won by Chrissie Harris with John Franklin as runner up. In the John Russell League Chrissie Harris headed the table with Peggy Brown second.

On the social side an innovative cricket match saw Sandra Tolfrey, Dennis Partridge and Ron Jarvis win on a turning wicket! We look forward to our quiz night which has attracted an increased number of tables to previously, and our Christmas special when we get into the spirit of things with well thought out silly bowling games. After Christmas we play for the Trevor Matthams triples cup and the Chris Hatfield plate.

A late result on the bowling green for the pairs cup saw Sheila Butler again winning, following her success in the singles cup, now with her partner Catherine Hood beating Sid Gentry and Rod Byer.

Do come and join us, even fulfil that New Year resolution which in this case you won't wish to break! All our details and more are on our revised website as above.

Our compliments of the season to you all.

## Looking ahead to a new term

We will all be sad that **WEa** 'Mixing with Music', our Autumn course

with Quintus Benziger is coming to a close. The diverse music we have listened to and the 'Points to ponder' he has set us each week - "how important is it to know the plot before seeing a ballet?", "why do you think 'Strictly come dancing' makes such popular television?", "should operas be sung in their original languages?" have made us think for ourselves and look at music and what we get from it in a different way. Wonderful!

### Autumn evening programme

In November, with the North Essex Astronomical Society, we met in St Andrew's church hall - less light pollution in the vicarage garden - for 'Looking at the Stars'. In spite of a keen pair of eyes from one of the astronomers no stars appeared, but in the hall the speakers talked about the type of equipment they use, including a variety of telescopes, and what can be seen in the night sky



as well as the planets and where they stand in the scheme of things on their journeys round the sun. An enjoyable and informative evening.

**Brief Encounter' on Tuesday 4th December** at 8pm in the Methodist Church hall, is the second lecture in the series. Brian Bourne will give personal reminiscences of Chelmsford's greatest experiment in chemistry. - the Eastern Gas Board's chemical plant to manufacture gas from oil for supplying gas to the whole of East Anglia. Brian was Assistant Works Engineer and later Engineer responsible for the plant.

**The Spring course, 'Ingatstone Hall'** the jewel in the crown, with Margaret Mills will meet in the Scout and Guide HQ, Church Road on Tuesday 8th January at 10am. The ten-week course will include a visit to Ingatstone Hall.

For details contact Terry Bard, 01245 381289.

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*All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.*



*Shoe boxes being carried into the church for the annual Operation Christmas Child service and box blessing before the journey to orphaned children in Swaziland*

## **Operation Christmas Child**



**O**peration Christmas Child is an annual appeal that our schools and churches are involved with. This year the boxes are destined for Swaziland and in early November St Andrew's Junior School had a visit from two of the adult volunteers from the charity who have actually been to Swaziland. They showed pictures and explained to the children what life is like for the young people that receive our boxes. Whilst they were in Swaziland they met many children and had a chance to play games and sing with them and to provided a nice meal for everyone to eat. It was great to see how the Christmas boxes packed with lots of goodies go such a long way to making others have a Happy Christmas!

In mid-November we had a special service of thanksgiving at St. Andrew's Church. Children and staff walked down to the church with their boxes. We joined together in singing and praying for the journey of the boxes and for the children who would receive them. Then, after the service, the Junior School House-Captains and Vice-Captains helped the adult volunteers from Operation Christmas Child pack all the boxes into cars ready to start their journey to Swaziland.

## News from St Andrews

**B**ack in 1980 the Church of England adopted the Alternative Service Book and, apart from early editions containing only the modern Lord's Prayer, the other controversial move was to convert the last Sundays in Trinity to Sundays before Christmas.

Why do we need to be reminded of Christmas this early? There is a perception that it comes earlier

every year and this may not always be a bad thing. For many at

St Andrews, Christmas thoughts began before September with preparations for

Samaritan's Purse shoeboxes. On our box-filling Monday morning in early November, we filled 147 boxes, with many items left over which went to the warehouse. Also we had a huge number of fleeces and shoes, very useful for living in Swaziland which is sometimes very cold indeed. The following week, both our schools came to church to present their boxes and the whole collection - over 400 boxes - was blessed.

Thanks to Dorothy Keenan, Mary Daw and Margaret Jex for organising everything so efficiently.

The special service at 3pm for Remembrance Sunday was astonishingly well attended, by all ages. Denis Ashby gave the address which had everyone rolling in the aisles. I would like to thank Essex Police for stewarding the procession so we were safe along Church Road, the British Legion, as well as the uniformed organisation leaders for their part in making that afternoon a worthy tribute to those who gave their lives (and are still giving their lives) for our country.

Before Remembrance Sunday we had a special service to launch our 'Open Doors' letter writing campaign. Called The Secret Service we tried to imagine what it would be like if our Christian faith had to be hidden because we would be arrested, imprisoned or even killed. Meeting other Christians would be in secret. Our service took place in the church hall with screens to make the space cramped and small. No organ was available, music was sung unaccompanied. There were no Bibles so verses had to be learnt by heart. The church door was locked and barred and people went round to the back to gain entrance. This gave the merest hint of what some Christians have to suffer daily. The true value of such a service is it focuses our minds on the task of praying for our persecuted brothers and sisters as well as writing to them.

Christmas is about giving and receiving and the Christmas Services for all our churches are on the Christmas card enclosed with your Review. Please keep it handy. Come and celebrate God's greatest gift of all; his Son Jesus Christ. Through his sharing of our human nature, he has shown he is not a remote, disinterested God, but one who understands, who wants to draw close to us, in our joys and in our sorrows. These are indeed 'tidings of great joy', something we sorely need amidst the uncertainty around us.

### New Year dates for your diary

**Saturday 5th January** - 10am to midday coffee morning

**Sunday 6th January** - 4.30pm Lessons and Carols at All Saints, Ulting

**Sunday 18th January** - 10.15am All-Age Service at St Andrews.

## Chasms and closing the gap

### Mothers' Union

**A**t our October meeting the Rev Sue Lambert from the Methodist Church gave members an interesting talk entitled 'Chasms and Closing the Gap' - the age gap between



young and old, gaps in the difference of opinion, the difference of upbringing, the difference between the churches.

She told of her life as a theology student when she was sent by her college to widen her experience by living with the nuns in a Belfast





convent to see how they coped with the chasms between various religious factions during the troubles. After the peace was signed many people decided to explore what they had in common instead of what separated them. The scheme worked well with the ladies, but not so well with the men folk. Sue said she learnt much from her time in Northern Ireland. In Belmarsh Prison she encountered gaps of a different kind with the nuns working to bring some understanding and reconciliation between prisoners of different races and religions by being interested in their backgrounds and listening to their personal problems.

### **6th November**

Our speaker was Jill Evans, co-ordinator for the Diocese on Prayer and Spirituality. She began by saying that prayer is simply chatting to God. It is for every day and should be as natural as breathing. Jesus was aware of his Father's presence and took time out to pray, exalting his followers to do the same and taught them how to do it - the Lord's Prayer. No relationship can flourish without communication and we can do that in many ways - talking; singing; sharing bread and wine in Holy Communion etc. If possible try to spare a few minutes at the same time each day to be quiet and talk to our Heavenly Father. Some publications can help with this and Jill recommended several - 'How to pray -alone,- with others,- at any time, any place' by Stephen Cottrel (our own Bishop of Chelmsford); 'Prayer' by Margaret Silf; Celtic Daily Prayer. We thanked Jill for her interesting talk; it gave us a lot to think about.

Pat gave out the notices: the meeting on Tuesday 4th December is a members' afternoon for reading our own poems and stories with a

festive theme, plus mince pies with our cup of tea. On 11th December we have an invitation from the ladies of the Salvation Army to join them at 2.30 for their Christmas meeting at their hall in Maldon Road - everyone welcome.

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## **Methodist Church**

**T**he cold wet spring and summer impacted on our Harvest celebrations in September. Those of us who grow vegetables and fruit found little produce had survived to decorate the harvest table. Rev Peter Cutmore who led our service has an arable farm in the Silver End area confirmed his harvest had been poor. He showed us the decrease in volume of grain from 2011 and 2012 and demonstrated the difference in water content with a meter. His best harvest were peas sold to manufacturers for mushy peas and exported to China for a dried savoury mix which we tried. It reminded us that our own harvest is very dependent on the weather and how much more serious it is for countries which experience extreme drought and flooding to produce their crops.

After the service we enjoyed lunch of chicken casserole and apple pies, thankful that we have sufficient food to meet our needs.

Once again we collected a variety of food to take to CHESS, the organisation in Chelmsford which helps homeless people.

In November we invited back the Karibuni Trust, a charity dedicated to helping orphans, runaways or abandoned children living on the streets or in slums in Kenya. Our congregation was swelled by visitors from other churches and our friends in this village. We started the event with a Kenyan meal (delicious goat casserole, surprisingly enjoyed by all evidenced by the clean plates) and then joined together for a service and presentation led by Joy and Corinne Murphy, founders of the organisation.

The charity was set up by Corinne after she visited Kenya with her parents and saw the wretched poverty of these children. Subsequently she was involved in a serious road accident and

it was after she received excellent medical care from both French and English hospitals that she realised Kenyan children were also deserving of a similar quality of care. In 1990, when just 17, she persuaded a bank manager to set up a charity account with her only savings of £2.

At their last visit about twelve years ago, the charity was running four projects - now they have fourteen which include working with local partners for projects in hospitals, schools, and to support welfare and orphans. Joy Murphy, her mother, showed us slides and spoke about different projects, how children, usually malnourished, enter a project, receiving food, a home and an education to give them independence for their adult lives. HIV is a major problem and the charity supports a group of grandmothers looking after up to fourteen grandchildren in small mud huts after the parents have died. What a commitment!

The charity needs £180k per annum to support their work which apart from one manager in Kenya is entirely run by volunteers who work with the children or undertake building projects. Our congregation raised nearly £500 to support this worthwhile cause and Joy and Corinne had sales of £250 from the beautiful African crafts. Corinne has been awarded the British Empire Medal for her charity work. Visit their website at [www.karibuni.org.uk/](http://www.karibuni.org.uk/) for more information.

During November we put together gifts to go into shoe boxes as part of the annual Operation Christmas Child charity scheme delivering presents to Swaziland children again this year.

**Special Christmas Services and events can be found in the enclosed Christmas card.**

**Regular events**

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

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

**1st Monday in month** 7.45pm - House Group Bible study.

*The First Law of Bicycling: no matter where you are going, it's uphill and against the wind*

**New leader for Hatfield Peverel Salvation Army**

Major John Turner, a retired Salvation Army officer living in Shoeburyness, has taken on the leadership of the Hatfield Peverel Corps. John told the Review that he became acquainted with the corps here some years ago when his son and daughter-in-law, Steven and Elizabeth, were the full time leaders. John is part-time, travelling two or three days each week, and is occasionally accompanied by his wife Nina. ‘When there is a shortage of available leadership’, commented John, ‘it’s seemed wrong to be sat in a large congregation in Southend when there is a need elsewhere. The experience is most fulfilling and my circle of friends has greatly increased. My greatest joy is conducting the Sunday morning service each week, and we’re all getting along famously.



**Remembrance Day**

**Peter Archer,  
Poppy Appeal Co-ordinator**



The annual Remembrance Day service was conducted by Father Stephen Northfield at St Andrew’s Church on Sunday 11th November. A large congregation attended to pay their respects to this special service. Wreaths were laid on behalf of the Scouts, Guides, Police and Parish Council, the latter being represented by vice chairman Bernie Heard. Emma Morris and John French gave readings relevant to the occasion. Denis Ashby gave an enlightened talk about the background of the poppy collection in the village, past and present, and the meaning of the Standard.

A church collection organised by the Scouts and Guides on behalf of the Poppy Appeal raised £292.26p, a remarkable collection. The donation box at the back of the church realised a further £14.10p. Thank you to the collectors. Special thanks also to our new volunteer Standard Bearer Geoff Hawkins.



*Representatives of the Salvation Army Chelmsford Corps during their visit to Chikankata, Zambia, where they were able to see the wonderful work done by the Salvation Army in this remote part of Africa. Keith Wright, our man in Zambia, is second from right, and in the centre chieftainess of all the tribes in the Chikankata area*

## **Our man in Zambia**

**F**rom spring in Hatfield Peverel to the heat and dust of Zambia can take some getting used to. But the fourteen-strong team from Action Africa, representatives of the Salvation Army Chelmsford Corps, including Keith Wright from the village, took it in their stride.

During their two-week stay in Chikankata, a community with 3000 inhabitants, 31 kilometres from a tarred road, they visited the local hospital where Action Aid, Chelmsford, had donated a new Landcruiser ambulance, and helped on the wards. In the Basic School the children welcomed them with smiling faces and invited them to join in with singing and dancing. Many walk miles to attend school - education and qualifications is the only way they can look forward to an improved future.

During their second week the party spent three days in Livingstone in a hotel with hot water - their first week in rural mud huts they had limited water - only the promise of a cold shower should the water appear. They saw the magnificent falls, spent time on the Zambezi and visited Chobe safari park. Then back to reality visiting a slum community in Lusaka with 'houses' like sheds. One home had a grandmother and thirteen orphaned children living in two rooms. Older children would be looking after their younger siblings while parents worked.

An inspiring, unforgettable and life-changing visit, an ongoing mission to help and support the work of the Salvation Army in Chikankata and whole of Zambia. Keith says it was an experience he will never forget. **You can read the team members' blogs at [www.action-africa.org.uk](http://www.action-africa.org.uk)**

## A very novel approach to flowers

### Flower Club

**D**emonstrator at our meeting in November was a young man with stick up hair and lots of earrings - a sort of flower hoodie! Shaun Keeble is a florist from Basildon with a very novel approach to flowers. His arrangements were dramatic. His snowball sputnik creation had tiny flashing lights among the flowers; a glass bowl full of white flowers turned into a snowman's head, and one of his low designs started off as an organdie wrapped sausage! The hot tip of the moment - this years asparagus fern - is the 'in' foliage. Shaun leapt about spraying snow into the air from a sort of vacuum cleaner gone manic - the stage, and possibly the people in the front row, were soon glossy and sparkling.

Next month, on 7th December, is the club's Christmas meeting with mince pies, a competition, and a sales table. The demonstrator will be Ione Woodger Smith with lovely Christmas arrangements which will be raffled off at the end of the evening. New members and visitors (£4) are always welcome.

The club meets at 7.30pm in the village hall on Maldon Road on the first Wednesday in the month (except January). Hope to see you there.

## Poems and pickles

**A** sharing of poems to warm a cold, damp evening was hosted by Harts to raise funds for the Helen Rollason Cancer Charity and St Andrew's Church. Held in the church hall on at the end of November, an appreciative audience - some who had brought and read their own poems - filled the hall, delighting in long remembered verses, some sad, some happy, some from old favourite poets and others not so well known but with a to-be-remembered air. Poems were beautifully read by members of Harts and fell into five categories - In Remembrance, Nature and Seasons, Love and Romance, Britishness, and Christmas. A ploughman's supper was served between Love and Romance and Britishness. £240 will be shared between the two charities.

## News from the library

Sally Patterson, Library Supervisor  
(01245 380988)



**T**he library is being decorated for Christmas by local staff with the help of St Andrews's Junior School and the Guides. For your chance to marvel at our efforts, call in for **coffee/tea and mince pies on Saturday 8th December** between 9am and 1pm, (and to wish Sally best of luck in her new job). If your child has been involved in producing work at the school or with the Guides, don't forget to call in and admire their contributions.

Once the festivities are over remember to use the library to find the right information about keeping healthy and losing those extra pounds we all add on over the Christmas period. There are practical guides to eating well, exercise and fitness and even to giving up smoking if that is a part of your New Year resolutions. Reserve any of these specially selected titles for free online and have them delivered to a library of your choice, you just need your library card.

Reading can be a great therapy; research has shown it is good for our mental health, so drop into your library to discover your ideal book from our huge range of non-fiction and novels. If you like chatting about the books you have read then why not consider joining one of reading groups. We have two groups that meet each month and other groups that meet around the village. Call in or ring the number below to find out more.

### Opening times over Christmas

**Saturday 22nd December** 9am - 1pm

**Tuesday 25th December** closed

**Wednesday 26th December** closed

**Thursday 27th December** 1pm - 5pm

**Saturday 29th December** 9am - 1pm

Finally on behalf of the staff, may I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

## Not 'Letter from America' - but letter from Canada!

A letter dropped on the doormat of 7 Willow Crescent - home of Beryl and Dave Russell - earlier this year. It was from the first residents of number 7, now living in Georgetown, Ontario. It reads

*Hi - our names are Margaret and Clive Searle and we were the very first owners of 7 Willow Crescent in 1960. We now live in Canada and sorting through some old boxes I found this brochure describing the bungalow as we first bought it. Neither of my children are interested in having it, despite one of them being born in the big bedroom 48 years ago! We thought that maybe you or your neighbours would be interested in seeing it.*

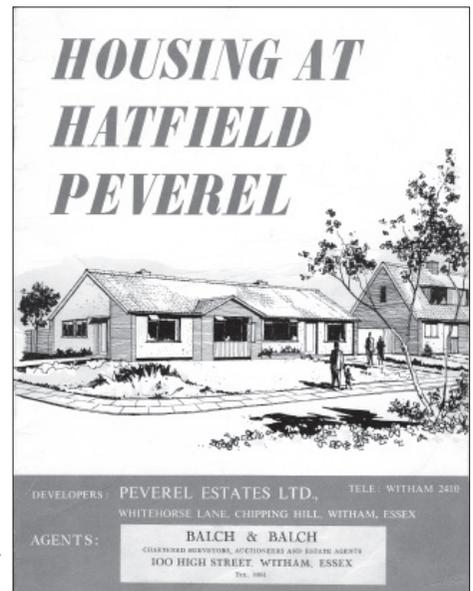
*We sold the bungalow in 1964 when we moved to Devon but during our visits back from Canada to Essex have many times driven by to recall old memories. We have not been there recently.*

*We hope you enjoy seeing this. The tiny village of Hatfield Peverel has grown many times since the 1960s but we hope that you are enjoying the countryside around as we did.*

*Yours very sincerely*

Beryl and Dave bought the house from the Searles and have been interested to find how many other residents bought theirs from new in 1960, that's nearly sixty years ago and how the village has grown. So far they have tracked down Tony Balls, Eve Clarke, Margaret and Colin Say and Sheila and Roy Peear. Is there anyone else we can add to this list? Dave has the complete brochure and would be happy to show it to you if you are interested.

*Above in Georgetown, Ontario, is a recent photograph of Margaret and Clive, and below the new owners at work on their front garden. Right is actual brochure with, inside, the site plan, layouts, dimensions etc.*



## From museums and the Mississippi to Maldon and Mateus Rosé!

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



The Wine Club has come through potentially difficult waters in the past two months but we are now back on our accustomed even keel, with a new Captain and helmsman at the tiller. Enough nautical terminology, or you'll be wondering whether it's the Wine Club or the Sailing Club we are writing about!

Our AGM in October summarised a successful year with highlights ranging from an early St David's supper in February to our own Independence Day celebrations in July. However, with John and Lindsey Glasman's move to Devon, the club was without chairman or treasurer. Graham Bushby was nominated as chair and warmly welcomed to the committee, and Alan Porter nobly volunteered for the new post of membership secretary. No one stepped forward to take on the role of treasurer but now one of our newer members, Linda Fisher, has come on board - relief and thanks from everyone, Linda, well done! And, yes, she is a sailor, and will no doubt be able to steer us into safe financial waters!

A few days after the AGM, we were all stunned to hear the news of Sandra Bushby's sudden and untimely death while on holiday in Singapore with husband Graham. Sandra was a hard-working and well-liked member of the Wine Club committee as well as many other clubs and societies in the village, and will be missed by us all. We have also heard of the death of long-time member, Stan Smith of Priory Farm Close, Nounsley, and our thoughts are with his wife Eileen at this time.

Thoughts turned in a more cheerful direction for November's meeting, a tasting of wines from the Co-op, introduced by Chris and Vee Green. We tasted three whites, of which the most popular was Azure Estate, a New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc, and three reds of which the outright winner was The Boulders – a powerful Californian Petite Sirah. We learnt about the Fairtrade concept of wine-buying, championed by the Co-op and felt this was only the start of our journey towards buying more ethically-funded Fairtrade wines. So, Peverel residents – have a good look at the wines on offer in your local – you'll be very pleasantly surprised!

We are looking forward to our Christmas party on Wednesday 19th December, when our usual excellent supper provided by members will be followed by seasonal entertainment by Trevor Ford. Next year's programme is nearly complete and will be as interesting and varied as ever! If you'd like to come along to any meetings, you'd be very welcome. Give Vee a ring, 01245 355723.

## The Gruffalo's coming!

Thank you to Infant School children from bases 5 and 6 for these wonderful pictures of characters from The Gruffalo. (One of my favourite books! - Ed) The young artists are, top to bottom Lila, Harrison and Roxy



"My mouse has lots of patterns on him!"  
Harrison

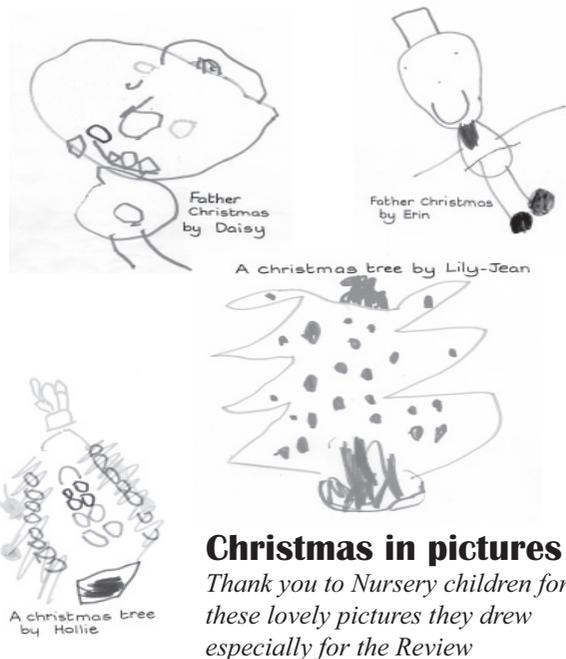


## A merry Christmas from Hatfield Peveler Nursery children

This term the children have been thinking about children less fortunate than themselves. We participated in the Samaritan's Purse shoe box appeal and twenty-two boxes filled with toys, scarves, hats and toiletries will be sent to needy children around the world. The children also spent a week cooking biscuits to sell for Children in Need and raised £59.50. We celebrated the festival of Diwali by making cards and coconut sweets.

Great excitement when we invited the children's grandparents into play - we all had a fun time.

There are limited places next term: for availability please phone 01245 382450. We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



### Christmas in pictures

*Thank you to Nursery children for these lovely pictures they drew especially for the Review*

## What you always wanted to know about the 1500s

(Interesting ideas, not researched, so possibly an internet myth or two amongst them)

### Marriage

Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May and they still smelt pretty good by June. However, since they were starting to smell, brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide body odour. **Hence the custom today of carrying a bouquet of flowers when getting married.**

### Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water

The man of the house had the privilege of nice clean water, then all the sons and men, then the women and finally the children. Last of all the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. **Hence the saying 'Don't throw the baby out with the bath water!'**

### Houses had thatched roofs, thick straw piled high with no wood underneath

It was the only place for animals to get warm so all the cats and other small animals - mice, bugs - lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof. **Hence the saying 'It's raining cats and dogs'.**

### There was nothing to stop things from falling into the house

This proved a real problem in the bedroom where bugs and other droppings could mess up your clean bed. **Hence, a bed with big posts and a sheet hung over the top afforded some protection. That's how canopy beds came into existence.**

The floor was dirt, only the wealthy had something other than dirt. **Hence the saying 'dirt poor'.**

The wealthy had slate floors that got slippery in winter when wet so they spread thresh (straw) on the floor to help keep their footing. As winter wore on they added more thresh until, when you opened the door, it started slipping outside, and a piece of wood was placed in the entrance way. **Hence a thresh hold.**

## **1st Hatfield Peverel Scout Group**

**For boys and girls 6-18 years**

**Group Secretary Suzanne Evans**

The group has been busy having fun and learning lots of new skills.

### **Beavers (6-8 years) Monday 4pm - 5.15pm**

At the start of the autumn term, six new Beavers were welcomed to the colony, and have settled in well and are enjoying new experiences the world of scouting has to offer. A visit to Pets at Home in Chelmsford (see opposite page) was popular, the staff were knowledgeable and allowed the children to stroke the rabbits, guinea pigs and even a gecko! Beavers were surprised to discover that, despite looking spiky, the gecko was soft to touch. A pirate-themed evening was a good excuse to dress up, fire catapults and make treasure maps and cutlasses - anyone who misbehaved had to walk the plank! Bonfire night was celebrated with a firework display; the children watched from a safe distance while enjoying a warming mug of hot chocolate. In mid-November, cup cakes were decorated for Children in Need; these were later sold to parents, raising the grand sum of £21.

### **Cubs (8-10½ years) Friday 6.45pm - 8.15pm**

Cubs have had an enjoyable and productive start to the term and many badges have been gained, including the useful Emergency Aid (Stage 2) badge. The children have been extremely creative; making masks, sock puppets, foam woggles, 'mad machines and dotty devices' and Halloween cakes (decorated with sails, blood-shot eyes, bats and spiders...nice!) Other events were: 10-pin bowling at Madison Heights, the annual conker competition (won by Rowan Abbott) and a sleepover at the HQ. An entertaining DVD, recorded at this summer's Essex International Jamboree, gave the youngsters an insight into what they can look forward to when they move up to Scouts and subsequently Explorers. Christmas activities commenced with a sponsored event to raise funds for festive food parcels, which will be distributed within the community.

### **Scouts (10½-14 years) Wednesday 7.30pm - 9pm**

For the second year running, two teams of Scouts attended the District Cooking and Camping Skills



weekend at Prances campsite, and successfully defended both titles. The 'Mighty Midgets' (Christopher Cook, Lennon Hale, Drew Hill, James Godfrey and Carrwyn Davies) won the overall cooking competition and both teams (including Chris Cutner, Chris Dormon, Jamie Hoskings, and our star camp gadget maker, Aston Monks) won the overall Camping Skills competition. Well done and many congratulations to all who took part.

### **Explorers Thursday 7.30pm onwards SASU (adults only) first Thursday 7.45pm onwards**

#### **Fund-raising news**

We are thrilled to announce that following a successful bid submitted by our fund-raising committee, a substantial figure from the Essex County Council's Big Society Fund has been allocated to our Scout and Guide headquarters refurbishment fund. This has given our cause a much needed boost, for which we are very grateful.

## Remembrance Day parade

Remembrance Sunday was commemorated with a well attended parade from the HQ to St Andrews Church, where a reflective and entertaining service (thanks Denis!) was held. Scout and Guide units were represented and the youngsters, along with leaders, parents and many others, ensured the church was full to capacity on this special day.

## Paper collection first Saturday each month

In order to raise funds, the Scout Group carries out a monthly paper collection. Please leave your newspapers, cardboard and cereal boxes etc out by 9am on the first Saturday of the month. To those who kindly drop off their own newspapers and cardboard, please be aware that, due to repeated vandalism, the skip will now be locked between the hours of 5pm and 8am.

## Useful Contacts

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**Group Administrator** (membership enquiries) Lynne Coulson, hpscoutgroup@gmail.com

**Hire of headquarters:** Irene Price, 01245 382390, tony@pricechurchroad.freeseve.co.uk

## Newspaper collection

**Co-ordinator** Jonathan Dorman, 01245 382981, jonathan.dorman@btinternet.com

**Group Secretary** Suzanne Evans, 01245.382397, boons\_calibre\_travel@lineone.net



## Winter walking

[www.essexwt.org.uk](http://www.essexwt.org.uk)

Get out and about this winter. Put on your walking shoes and go to one of the Essex Wildlife Trust centres - see website above. These are our local centres - if you want a quick response, use the telephone. Some events must be booked in advance.

**Abberton** 01206 738172

**15th December - Christmas extravaganza for children** 10.30am - 3pm. Donation £6 per child, £2.50 to see Father Christmas. **Book your slot at visitor centre.**

**19th/20th January - Winter birding on the reserve - free** 9am - 5pm.

Joint event with Essex Birdwatching Society.



**Fingringhoe** 01206 729678

**9th December - Winter wonders** 10.30 - 12pm;  
**Christmas crafts** 2 - 4pm.

**12th December - A present for wildlife**  
10am - 12 noon.

**16th December - Waders, wildfowl and raptors**  
10am - 4pm, guided bird identification walks, no booking but entry donation of £2 per adult.

**New Year's day walk** - 10am - 11.30am

No need to be a member, turn up for a great walk around this beautiful reserve. Hot drinks in centre.

**Hanningfield** 01268 711001

**9th December - Christmas walk** 10am - 1pm.

**22nd December - Craft Christmas creations**  
(for children) 10am - 12 noon.

**20th January - Hobbit Hike** 1pm - 3pm. 4 years and above. **All these events must be pre-booked.**

## Letter spot

In response to Ian Wild's letter in the October issue, Tanya Pearey, secretary, Hatfield Peverel Badminton Club writes



*Give badminton a chance...*

*We were disappointed to read about the experiences of Ian Wild's friend who wasn't made welcome when joining a morning club at Hatfield Peverel village hall (Review 231 - October 2012)*

*While we know that this experience didn't happen at Hatfield Peverel Badminton Club (we meet Monday evenings, not mornings), we were disappointed that the wording of this article pretty much tarred all clubs with the same brush.*

*Ian's accusation of people who run clubs being 'socially inept' stings rather. Hatfield Peverel Badminton Club works hard at welcoming everyone who comes along to our club, and we pride ourselves on a diverse range of ages and abilities.*

*We try to make everyone welcome, while offering competitive and fun games for all our members. That's not always easy with just one court to play on, a varied and changing membership and rising hall costs in a strained economic climate. Keeping everyone happy is no mean feat.*

*We do our bit for the community too - last week our charity tournament evening raised £100 for Farleigh Hospice. We hold fund-raising events like this a couple of times a year.*

*In short, what we are trying to say is: we don't always get it right, but boy do we try, and that's probably true of most clubs. It would be such a shame if people were putting off trying out any club because of such a negative piece of writing.*

*So, if Ian or his friend or anyone else out there fancies brushing up their backhand or just wants to pick up a racquet we'd be delighted to see them.*

*We meet from 7pm every Monday. Come along and give us a go, or give us a call if you'd like more details. Keith Jones: 01245 381123; Tanya Pearey: 01376 750754*

*Why doesn't glue stick to the inside of the bottle?*

## Can you help?

**M**aldon District Community Transport is currently looking for new volunteer drivers throughout the district.

Many independent people living in the Maldon District Council area are prevented from living a full and active life because they have difficulty finding transport. They want to go shopping, visit their doctor or meet friends, but have no transport of their own, and for a variety of reasons - health problems, living far away from a bus stop, are unable to access public transport.

Maldon District Community Transport (also known as Viking) coordinates volunteer drivers willing to give their time, with eligible people that need help with transport. Volunteer drivers can use their own vehicle or drive one of our four wheelchair accessible minibuses. All volunteer drivers are vetted and have a CRB (Criminal Record) check carried out before they are allowed to volunteer, and all must be prepared to have their driving documents checked on a regular basis.

If you can drive and have spare time on your hands why not join Viking? You can work when you want and you receive mileage expenses for any miles travelled in your car working on our behalf.

For more information about volunteering with Viking or using our services contact Viking on 01621 843 164. Paul Harris is the Co-ordinator.

### Crossword solution

**Across** – 1 Cuppa. 5 Acorn. 8 Aid. 9 Urge. 10 Ideal. 11 If. 13 Nursery. 15 IT. 17 Lisp. 20 Dust. 21 Trainer. 23 Hindi. 24 Idea. 25 ie. 26 Sea. 27 Says. 28. Frill.

**Down** - 1 Council. 2 Pagan. 3 Pie. 4 Ad. 6 Clear. 7 RNLI. 10 Insignia. 12 Football. 14 You. 16 Tithes. 18 Sri. 19 Pansy. 20 Drier. 22 Ides.



*A celebratory drink in the bar lounge in September to mark the thirtieth birthday of the opening of the village hall (4th September 1982), and a chance to catch up with old friends involved with the building and running of the community association over the years (photo Thelma Bard)*

## **Christmas at the village hall...**

A warm welcome awaits you - forget the cold and wet, come in for a chat, a drink and buy your lucky draw ticket to win one of the many prizes! Children are welcome.

### **December dates for your diary**

Saturday 15th     Poker night 7.30 for 8pm  
 Thursday 20th     Bingo 7.30 for 8pm  
 Saturday 22nd     Draw night - will you be lucky?  
 Thursday 27th     Poker night

### **January**

Saturday 19th     Poker night  
 Thursday 17th     Bingo

**Christmas eve** 4 - 7pm for **Santa and children's party**, followed by a **games evening**. Open to everyone, just come along.

**New Year's Eve** - 7pm onwards Karioke evening

### **All bookings for hall and meeting rooms**

HPCAb bookings@gmail.com  
 01245 381481 after 7pm (village hall number) or call Alan on 07741 140732  
 See on Facebook under Hatfield Peverel village hall

*The sooner you fall behind, the more time you'll have to catch up.*



*Welcome to Amy Savill who has taken over the running of Acorn Childcare from Eunice Bridge*

## **Acorn Childcare**

Re-opens after Christmas on Tuesday 8th January.

**Breakfast club** 7.30am until school opens

**Pre-school** 9.15am - 12.15pm  
 9.15am - 2.45pm

**After school club** until 6pm

For more information ring Amy 07580 834417

## **Annual New Year's day walk**

**P**ut on your boots, waders and overtrousers, blow the cobwebs away and come on a bracing walk on Tuesday 1st January. Because of the wet and windy weather this autumn and not being able to predict how underfoot conditions will be the chosen route will keep to the high ground, starting from Hadfelda Square at 10am. Give Catherine Voysey (382595) or Ken Earney (381235) a ring for further details. See you there.

## Community policing team

PCSO Nikki Doubleday

Emergency calls 999, non-emergency calls 101

Below is a selection of items from the regular police reports we receive to keep you safe this Christmas time

### A bit of Christmas advice

As Christmas approaches we are all busy rushing around to get everything done, presents to be purchased, office functions to attend and the house decorated. Thieves love the festive season too because it gives them the opportunity to have Christmas on you. Spoil their Christmas, don't give them the opportunity to spoil yours.

Here are a few tips to pass on

**1 Parking** - choose a safe place to park, physically check your car is locked before you leave it and don't leave anything attractive to the thief on display within the car. Don't return to your car to leave purchases in the boot before continuing with your shopping trip as thieves watch car parks for just such a chance. Arrange to collect heavy items from stores when you have finalised your shop. Keep your cheque book, and any debit or credit cards, safely out of reach and out of view.

**2 Out shopping** - when shops are crowded, pickpockets have more chance to steal from you. Stay alert, be careful with your money.

**3 Purse/wallet/handbag** - a handbag on the back of a chair, in a trolley, a purse sitting in an open bag, a wallet in a back pocket, a mobile phone on the table in a restaurant - these are calling out to the thief 'steal me'. If you are in a crowded place and are distracted you are more at risk.

**4 Out for a drink?** - enjoy a drink but don't make yourself vulnerable by drinking too much. Tell someone where you are going and when you expect to return. Don't be distracted by the environment whilst using a mobile phone or personal music device. Use a reputable taxi company - it is illegal for minicabs to take passengers who have not pre-booked - and don't jump into any car. If you think your nominated driver has drunk too much discourage them from driving.



**5 Home** - if you are out for the evening, turn on the lights and radio, don't leave curtains open so people can see your decorations and presents under the tree, thieves can see in. Lock doors and windows and don't leave Christmas lights on while you are out. If you go away use an automatic timer for lights, ask a neighbour to watch your home and gather up post from the mat, cancel newspapers/milk. After Christmas don't advertise your new goods by displaying the boxes for collection in front of your house, tear them up or bag them.

**6 Strangers at the door** - genuine delivery personnel usually have uniforms and liveried vehicles, no need to come into your home. Charity collectors have identification - ask to see it. If you want to make a donation, this can be made through a bank. Beware 'Nottingham knockers', persons selling wares on your doorstep, tea towels, cleaning products and such. Genuine sales persons will have a licence, ask to see it. If you are concerned let us know.

**Do have a wonderful crime-free Christmas and happy New Year.**

## Metal theft costs us millions!

The current cost of metal theft to the UK economy has been estimated at £770m per year. The financial impact is dwarfed by the impact on Society, the inconvenience and potential impact on public health and safety and the effect on local businesses. Objects targeted range from cable, drain covers, lift panels from housing estates, memorial plaques, children's playground slides, fire escape stairs, local electricity substations, even English Heritage buildings including churches.

If you see any suspicious activity near any of these locations please call Essex Police or Crimestoppers.

### Contact details

**Essex Police** tel 101 or 999 if an emergency or **Crimestoppers** tel 0800 555 111. **Call anonymously with information about a crime.**

## 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

Witham Area Office 01376 519625

### Churches

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

Methodist Church, minister 01621 853423

Salvation Army, officer i/c 01702 290250

Catholic Church, Witham, priest 01376 512219

**Citizens Advice Bureau** Witham 0844 4994719

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

Appointments only Thurs afternoon 1-4pm

### Doctors, health services

Hatfield Peverel doctors' surgery 01245 380324

Boreham doctors' surgery 01245 467364

NHS Direct 0845 4647

Pharmacy, Hadfelda Square 01245 380130

**Electricity - emergency** 0800 7838838

**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, 0124 5443673

St Peter's

### Libraries

Hatfield Peverel 01245 380988

Witham 01376 519625

**Police**, non-emergency calls 0300 3334444

Local Officer PC Jason Corrigan 07791 402133

**Post Office** 01245 380201

### 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

Acorn Childcare 07580 834417

**Social Services** 0845 6037630

**Village Agent** Sally Austin 0800 9775858

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

Let us know of useful services to add to this list

## Hatfield Peverel Parish Council

Councillors and their working parties

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clerk.hatfieldpeverelpc@blueyonder.co.uk

**David Broddle**, Chairman 01245 382829

**Graham Bushby**, Traffic 01245 380472

**Peter Endersby**, Env (chair) 01245 381919

**Colin Giffin**, Planning (chair) 01621 892351

**Elise Gwyn-Williams** 01245 382883

**John Hannah**, Traffic (chair) 01245 381874

**Bernard Heard**, Vice Chairman 01245 380370

**Alan Ingram**, Environment 01245 381880

**Ted Munt**, Environment 01245 381135

**Eugene Murphy** 01245 380113

**Martin Pyke**, Traffic 01245 380792

**Alan Steele** 07739 398453

**Diane Wallace** 01245 381485

## After-eight Social Club – festive greetings to one and all!

**Karen Cornell, Publicity Co-ordinator**

We are a non profit organisation and plough any profits back into the club to keep prices at a very reasonable level.

We have a dedicated social committee who give a great deal of their time arranging such a variety of activities.

### Dates for your diary:

12th January Dance at Maldon

19th January Quiz Night, Langford

26th January Pub Night

9th February Meal out together (venue tba)

16th February Dance at Maldon Town Hall

23rd February Quiz Night, Langford

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# Hatfield Peveler Crossword Number 23 – Christmas 2012

## Across

- 1 Always acceptable, especially after a walk on a cold Christmas Day. (slang)
- 5 The seed of the oak in its cup.
- 8 We hope this is not first ... in the kitchen, just help!
- 9 A strong impulse.
- 10 Just the right thing to have as a present.
- 11 On condition that, or whether, and a famous poem.
- 13 Your poinsettia may have grown here or, maybe, where children started their schooling.
- 15 All the rage, today, with electronics around.(1,1)
- 17 A speech defect, sometimes rather attractive?
- 20 Let's hope this Christmas it is Glitter ... around the home!
- 21 A personal one is very much in vogue with some people.
- 23 Foreign language likely to be encountered in the City or one in H D?
- 24 This might be great if you have just thought of something!
- 25 In other words, or that is, briefly.(1,1)
- 26 Thinking of a cruise to a warmer clime?
- 27 Expresses in words.
- 28 An adornment usually on clothes or draperies.

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## Down

- 1 A meeting for discussion and consultation or Braintree District...?
- 2 Someone who would not think much of Christmas.
- 3 You might have your finger in this or it may have pigeon, or steak and kidney, inside!
- 4 Short publicity display, or announcement, or the time passing?
- 6 The sort of weather we want for Christmas Holidays, crisp and ...
- 7 These risk their lives 'to save those in peril' at sea.(1,1,1,1)
- 10 A sign or badge of office or dignity.
- 12 Perhaps the most popular sport today.
- 14 Not me, but part of adolescence?
- 16 Once taxes or voluntary contributions for the support of religions.
- 18 ... Lanka, an old provider of a lot of 26A for our 1A!
- 19 The flower given with loving thoughts?
- 20 Tumble ... to help with the laundry after the Christmas festivities.
- 22 In the Roman Calendar, the 15th day of four months and the 13th of others.

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## A Load of Old Bristle!

Thanks to authors Derek Robinson and Vic Wiltshire  
*I live on the edge of Bristol in England. True Bristolians have a language all of their own - have you heard it or can you understand it? Nobody knows why but Bristle folk add an 'L' on the end of any and every word which offers a conveniently overhanging 'a' or 'o' sound, and it's been going on for a long time. 'Bristle' itself is made out of brig (bridge) and stowe (place) plus a final 'L' to keep the dust out! Probably the most famous result of the Bristle L was the City Father who had three lovely daughters, Idle, Evil and Normal! When the opera came to Bristol it had Eval Turner; Primal Donnal of the Carl Rosal Operal. It goes without saying the company performed such works as Aidal, La Traviatal, Rigolettol and Cavalerial Rusticanal.*

*We also tend to run words together and split them in not usually intended places. So do you know why Office Ed is daft? Or why when we answer the phone we ask, 'Ooze Pekin?'*