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Local events and happenings round and about

Diary Dates

December

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- 11 Hatfelda WI Christmas party
- 12 Library reopens 1pm
- 14 Methodist Church coffee morning and cake stall, 10am
- 14 Folk Dance Club Christmas party with Mary Bryan and Kelly's Eye (must book)
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- 19 Folk Dance Club
- 21 Helen Rollason coffee morning 10am

January

- 2 Folk Dance Club
- 4 St Andrew's coffee morning 10am
- 6 Parish Council meeting, village hall 7.30pm
- 7 WEA spring course begins, see page 21
- 8 Flower Club
- 11 Methodist Church coffee morning and cake stall, 10am
- 13 Folk Dance Club
- 15 Wine Club
- 16 Folk Dance Club
- 18 Helen Rollason coffee morning 10am
- 22 Hatfelda WI
- 25 Salvation Army coffee morning 10am
- 30 Peverel Walkers
- 30 Folk Dance Club

February

- 3 Parish Council meeting, village hall 7.30pm
- 5 Flower Club
- 8 Methodist Church coffee morning

Front cover photo of Emma Morris, founder of EMC club, and Paul at the club's second anniversary party. Thanks to Neil for the photo.

A very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year to you all

When I was young I longed for snow on Christmas Day - now I'm keeping my fingers crossed it doesn't happen, or not till later in the day when we've got through the lunch, had our glass of wine and Christmas pudding - no longer with six penny pieces buried in its rich brown interior, hidden by my father. Our 'children' learnt to love pudding - for the money!

Many of you to thank for your contributions over the year: suggestions, copy - handwritten, typed, emailed - photographs, the list is endless. Sometimes you spot a mistake or two, keeps us on our toes, sometimes we leave bits out (space doesn't always allow word for word but we hope we are discreet and you don't mind). Next on the list are the deliverers who go out in all weathers to keep you up to date with what is happening in the village, and last but not least the printers, without them there would be nothing to read.



Update on Sportsmans

The Sportsman's Revived and Nounsley Action Groups would like to wish everyone a merry Christmas and to thank you all for your support over the last few months. It has been a hard fought year and we would like to assure everybody that we are still here and as determined as ever to see The Sportsmans Arms re-opened whether through a commercial bid or community share scheme. If you would like more information on the Sportsmans Revived plans, please feel free to email us at sportsmansrevived@hotmail.co.uk

Don't get caught out...

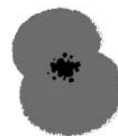
...when parking in Hadfelda Square. You need a 2-hour free parking ticket - even if you are only popping to the chemist to collect a prescription.

Copy dates

We often get calls from correspondents wanting to know when the next issue is and the date for copy. There are six editions - February, April, June, August, October and December. Copy date is generally the Friday nearest the 15th of the preceeding month, and **this information always appears** inside the front cover **underneath** the contents list. Our address, phone and email address is **above** the contents

Remembrance Day

Peter Archer
Poppy Appeal Co-ordinator



Father Stephen Northfield welcomed a large congregation to the Sunday afternoon Remembrance Day service in St Andrew's Church on Sunday 10th November. A little piece of history was created when Captain Pippa Fowler carried the Legion Standard (a long time since the Standard was carried by a woman), along with representations from other groups. The Salvation Army accompanied Howard Southgate who led with music for the service.

Readings were given by a Guide representative and the new Salvation Army lieutenant Karin Bruinwoud, and wreaths were laid by the Royal British Legion, the Parish Council, Police, Women's Institute and Scouts and Guides.

Keeping it in the family, Captain Jeffrey Fowler spoke of his two tours in Afganistan and his new role as a Reservist, along with his keenness to promote the Royal British Legion.

The church collection raised £265.14p for the Poppy Appeal.

Historical subsidy lost

Allotment Association - David Goodey (01245 380389)

hpaa.org.uk

We held our annual general meeting in November and reported another very successful year. I reported that we had spent over £1,100 on new water tanks for both sites to meet national expectations as to the distance to walk and carry water. This cost has been entirely met from our own fund raising activities. Sadly we have lost the remainder of our historical subsidy received from the Parish Council and, as a result, have had to vote through a significant increase in rents for the coming year. As the Association manages the allotments on behalf of the Parish Council we hope in the future that we receive some sympathetic support for our activities when we are challenged with capital expenditures.



There being no other nominations for the position of chairman at our AGM I have agreed to remain for a final year and will retire from the post at our 2014 AGM. Julia East was re-elected unopposed as secretary and Barry Faber was similarly elected as treasurer. I thanked our hard working committee members for their great help and involvement over the last 12 months, particularly John Cockell and Paul Waite, the letting officers, Sean Pettit for his superb website (HPAA.org.uk), Barbara Richardson for managing the annual competition and Mick Seaman and Alan Ingram for their handling of seed potato and seed sales which are now handled in part through another Sean Pettit developed website. Barry Faber presented the accounts which were duly accepted and which show a lower balance than last year due to our expenditures and increase in rent and water rates.

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

A late start but a good growing year

Horticultural Society - Sarah Barker

At the society's annual general meeting in November chairman Neville Bright reported a good growing year after a very cold start. The first speaker meeting in March, 'Hylands Park' given by Mark Hanson, was excellent and well attended; the Spring Show, with a fine display of daffodils, was a success but the Autumn Show was not so well attended. The annual holiday, this year to Kent, was a great success, good weather and wonderful gardens - many thanks to Clive Emberson for organising it. Election of officers: chairman Neville Bright; vice chairman and secretary Clive Emberson; treasurer Jenny Clemo; show secretary Derek Wallis; membership Trina Butcher; publicity Sarah Barker; members Elaine Harvey and John Heathcote. The society has at present 200 members and suggestions for increasing the membership were asked for. John Clemo won the pumpkin (32 lbs) competition - but it was the only one. Get growing for next year!

Annual break to Hereford and Worcester, 4th - 8th July

This summer's visit will take in the sights and gardens amongst the Malvern Hills and will include Brobery House and gardens, Herget Croft, High View, Prickley Bungalow, birthplace of Edward Elgar, Worcester Cathedral and Spetchley Park. Accommodation is at the 4* Abbey Hotel in Great Malvern, cost £399 person. Bookings accompanied please by a deposit of £50 per person. There are no single rooms therefore a supplement of £15 per night is applicable. Bookings/enquiries to Clive Emberson on 01245 381704/0777 1536938. The year book and schedule for 2014 is being prepared and will be circulated in the new year.



Happy Christmas and a good growing year to everyone in 2014!

Laughter and companionship at EMC's second anniversary

Every Member's Club

Thank you to Pat for her report and Neil for the photographs

It is our second anniversary and we members are reflecting on what the club so far has meant to us. For me personally quite a lot, having lost my husband in January the support I received during his illness and then his death was much appreciated.

Other members have voiced their thoughts of making friends and if it wasn't for the club, many of us would be sitting at home on our own. Well loved members expressed their pleasure when club members visited them whilst they were in hospital.

The laughter, conversation, the joy of getting a cup of tea or coffee with cake, the lunches of fish and chips, the quizzes, zumba, the bingo (what a laugh!), the trips out and so the list goes on. We have cemented a great friendship with the local infant/primary school and go to the school for entertainment, and the children in turn come to the club to entertain us further. I believe a club member has submitted one of his poems which the children hope to learn and recite.

We have to thank Emma and Tracy who started it all. What a joy it is to see them whenever their jobs permit a visit. Emma continues to inspire many others full-time - she has that gift - now Sue and Paul carry on in Emma's absence keeping continuity, and we are all very grateful for their input. We would like to mention hardworking Pearl (see below), who is always first in organizing the refreshments for us all.

If anyone of a certain age would like to join us every Tuesday afternoon at the village hall between 1.30 and 3.30pm you would be most welcome. Come along and have a cuppa and a chat.

Happy Christmas to everyone.

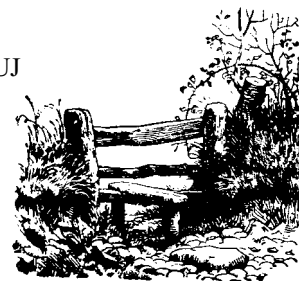


Parish Council news

Lisa Miller, Clerk to the Parish Council
Chestnut House, Church Road, West Hanningfield, Chelmsford, Essex CM2 8UJ
Tel 01245 403071 Email: parishclerk@hatfieldpeverelpc.co.uk

The Clerk has moved - new contact details above.

Parish Councillor vacancy - a vacancy has arisen within the Council. If you are interested, and would like to become involved and help within the village through the Parish Council then please contact the Clerk.



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

Application for a non-material amendment for planning permission 12/00763/FUL - changes to fenestration and balcony railings to side and rear elevation, additional dormer to east and larger dormer to front at Priory Court, The Street; retention of a bed-sit as an independent dwelling with associated residential curtilage at Providence Cottage, The Street; proposed loft extension at 16 Woodfield Way; erection of single storey front extension at 31 Priory Farm Road.

The following applications have been approved by the District Council

Variation of condition 2 planning permission 12/00768/FUL - to amend the layout of the proposed 50kw ground mounted PV solar array at Whitelands, Terling Road; to remove existing clay roof tiles, place breathable felt to rafters, re-batten with new, replace original roof tiles to finish at 1 Stores Cottages, The Street; erection of two storey rear extension including new side bedroom window at 7 De Vere Close; erection of part single, part two storey side extensions at 9 New Road; .application for prior notification of proposed demolition of old football pavilion at Strutt Memorial playing field, Maldon Road.

The following applications have been refused by the District Council

Application for removal or variation of a condition following grant of planning permission of mobile home at Paddock Farm, Spring Lane. This has now gone to appeal.

Tree Preservation applications - tree works at The Old Vicarage, The Pines, and Elizabeth Way car park.

Tree Preservation applications granted - work to trees at 107 Church Road.

Silver award - the Parish Council has received a silver award from the Essex Playing Fields Association for its Best Kept Playing Field Class 1 for the Strutt Memorial recreation ground and a merit award for Nounsley play area.

Winter salt - if any groups or organisations within the village would like some salt to spread over any public footpaths, please could they contact the Clerk on the above telephone number.

Local Development Framework

The next public consultation period has been delayed by Braintree District Council. This was anticipated to commence end of November but details are still awaited. If the period falls over the Christmas period an extension of two weeks will be given. Please keep a check on the notice boards around the village.

Date for next year's diary - members of the Party in the Park working party have confirmed the date of Saturday 12th July 2014 for next year's event

Parish Council meetings: village hall 7.30pm first Monday of the month. **6th January, 3rd February.**

Welcome to the new village website

A new website has been created by the Parish Council for Parish Council news and also for village clubs and organisations. The Review is now available to be viewed online together with the most recent back issues. **The website can be found on the following link:**

<http://www.essex.info.net/hatfieldpeverel/>

Do have a look at this informative and easy to use website. **If you would like to have an item inserted, contact the webmaster on tjmatpc@outlook.com** If you are not computer literate or don't own a computer but would like an item included, speak to Lisa, our Parish Clerk. Her telephone number is at the top of parish council news on page 6 - leave a message if she is not available.

Would you or someone you know benefit from the Keep Safe Scheme?

What is Keep Safe?

Shops, libraries and businesses in Braintree, Halstead and Witham will let you use a telephone or will make a call on your behalf if you get into distress.

This might be if:

- You lose your phone
- You lose your wallet
- You feel ill or unsafe

How does it work?

- You have your own key ring and card
- On the key ring and card you can put the name and number of someone who can be contacted should you need them
- Remember to carry it with you at all times
- We tell you where the Keep Safe places are in your town.

Who can join?

Anyone aged 60 or above can join the free scheme

Where can I use my Keep Safe card?

Keep Safe cards and key rings can be used in the following town centres:

- Braintree
- Halstead
- Witham

When you join we will give you a list of all the places.

The Keep Safe venues have stickers in their windows to help identify that they are part of the scheme.

Who do I contact to join?

Kryshia Fuller at Braintree District Council

E: Kryshia.Fuller@braintree.gov.uk

Tel: 01376 552525 ext 2313.



Community policing team

PCSO Niki Doubleday

Make a note of these numbers

101 is now the number to call when you want to contact your local police – when it's less urgent than 999.

How does it work?

You can call 101 to contact your local police force. The service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. For more information visit www.police.uk/101

What does it cost me to call?

Calls from landlines/mobile networks cost **15 pence per call**, no matter what time of day or how long you are on the phone.

Can I call 101 if I'm deaf, hard of hearing, speech impaired, or if English is not my first language?

Yes, If you are deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired you can textphone 18001 101. If you have difficulty speaking English, your local police can access interpreters who can translate your call.

In an emergency always call 999

when you need an immediate response because a crime is in progress; someone suspected of a crime is nearby; when there is danger to life or when violence is being used or threatened.



End of the year news

1st Hatfield Peverel Scout Group - for boys and girls 6 - 18 yrs
Group Secretary, Suzanne Evans (01245 382397)

The 1st Hatfield Peverel Scout Group was formed over 100 years ago; all units, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers, are well subscribed and hold weekly meetings in the Scout and Guide HQ in Church Road. There is also an adult support group, known as the SASU, which is open to all adults with an interest in scouting (see below).

Do you enjoy socialising with like-minded people?

The Scout Active Support Unit, SASU, is a social group with emphasis on scouting activities, open to all adults. Generally, members have some connection with the Scout Group (parents of current/past members, leaders past/present, committee members past/present etc) however, any adult is very welcome to join.

As well as their own activities - archery, visits, boat trips, clay pigeon shooting, campfire cooking, 10-pin bowling etc, the SASU often provide valuable assistance to the Group, helping at meetings, camps and events. This is ad-hoc and not a regular commitment. SASU members are encouraged to take advantage of training available to those involved in Scouting - first aid and camping skills - to increase their knowledge, enhance their enjoyment and equip them to assist the Group. Meetings are on the first Thursday of the month, 7.45pm in the Scout and Guide HQ, or occasionally at a pub, restaurant, or activity venue. If you would like to find out more please call Jo Oldfield 01245-381756 or email joannemiddleton@aol.com

Remembrance Day Parade - Remembrance Sunday was commemorated with a well attended parade from the Scout and Guide HQ to St Andrews Church, where a reflective service was held. All Scout and Guide units were represented, and the youngsters, along with leaders, parents and many others, ensured that the church was full to capacity.

HQ refurbishment update - the first phase of the **refurbishment of our HQ is due to commence on 2nd December and should be completed by the end of January.** The HQ will be closed during this period and all meetings will take place in the function room at the rear of The Wheatsheaf PH. Many thanks to Len and Sandie for accommodating us, and grateful thanks to everyone who has contributed to our cause by making a donation or supporting our fundraising.

Beavers were welcomed to the Salvation Army Corps in Maldon Road, where they learnt about the work of the Salvation Army, dressed up in clothing volunteers used to wear (see above), played musical instruments and ended the visit with a rousing hymn. Many thanks to all concerned, for giving the children a fantastic evening, and for patiently answering their many questions. A recent meeting had a 'Wild West' theme with Beavers dressed as cowboys (see right) and having fun making tepees and Native American headdresses. For an evening about the Armed Forces, youngsters created a display of memorabilia and photographs connected to the military service of their relatives, with items dating back to World War I. They also enjoyed trying on a selection of military uniforms and learning the correct way to salute.

Cubs enjoyed a Drama evening; were visited by an RE teacher from a local school who helped them gain their World Faith Badge; the annual Conker Competition won by Brandon Barber, with Patrick Smith as runner-up; and a Sponsored Activity evening raising funds for the local community. Badges were gained during a Hobbies/Collectors/Sports night, and with the festive season approaching, everyone made Christmas Shakers.



Scouts have enjoyed backwoods cooking and had fun with Halloween games (apple bobbing, sweets in flour and ghost stories). Five new Scouts have been invested, and the Chief Scouts Gold Award was presented to Oliver Middleton; a great achievement, well done Oliver.

On the last weekend of September, eleven Scouts took part in a Hiking and Cooking Camp, which commenced with a 12km walk from the HQ in Church Road to Prances Activity Centre in Wickham Bishops. The scenic, cross-country route (see right) took them through the countryside of Hatfield Peverel and Wickham Bishops and past the disused Maldon-Witham railway line and St Peters Church.



Despite their weary state on arrival, the Scouts pitched their tents and lit fires ready to cook themselves a tasty chicken casserole. Revitalised after dinner, the evening was spent playing Wide Games in the dark. The following morning, the Leaders cooked a hearty breakfast, and then the Scouts made their way home, for a well-earned rest and a much needed bath!

Fund-raising - everyone who shops on-line can **help us with our fund-raising by using the Easy Fund-raising Website. Just shop via <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/1sthpsg>** and a percentage of whatever you spend is donated to our Scout Group at no cost to you.

Monthly paper collection - first Saturday of each month

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

Group Chairman: Chris Phillips, phillips.chris@btinternet.com, 07850 024 578

Group Scout Leader: Nick Nicholas, 07841 597 977, darrennicholas@btinternet.com

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

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

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

Meeting times

Beavers, Monday 4pm-5.15pm

Cubs, Friday 6.45pm-8.15pm

Scouts, Wednesday 7.30pm-9pm

Explorers, Thursday 7.30pm onwards

SASU (adults only), first Thursday 7.45pm onwards

Perfect wines for Christmas and the perfect party to enjoy them!

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

The Wine Club held its 36th AGM in October, when the treasurer reported a healthy financial position, and the chairman looked back over an enjoyable year in the club's calendar, from wine tastings featuring Italy, Germany and Spain to the Punch Up in the Park, our successful contribution to the Peverel Party in Park in July. Officers and committee were happy to continue; Graham Bushby (chairman), Vee Green (secretary), Linda Fisher (treasurer), Bob Hill, Jean and Bernard Prayel and Alan Porter (committee).

November's meeting was extra-special, on the timely theme of Wines for Christmas. We tasted more expensive wines than usual, trying a pair of suggested wines with the appropriate mini-course of Christmas dinner. The tasting was interesting in that the pair of wines were tasted first individually and then with the food: often the favourite wine when drunk on its own was overtaken by the other wine which proved the better accompaniment to food. If everyone follows the selections half of Hatfield Peverel will be tucking into smoked salmon paté with Martin Codax Albariño, turkey with Macon Rouge, Christmas pudding with Mavrodaphne and Dow's Port with the cheeseboard. Many thanks to Judy Lea, Linda Fisher and Chris and Vee Green for presenting the wines.

We are looking forward to the Christmas Party in December, where members and committee tuck in to a 4-course meal accompanied by their own choice of wines; music will be provided by the well-recommended Ian Jordan. If any non-members would like to join us for the evening at the modest cost of £10 per person (BYO wine), we should be delighted to welcome you. Please phone Vee on 01245 355723 for date, time, and details of the evening, to ensure we provide plenty of food for everyone!

Work on the 2014 programme is nearing completion - we can promise another varied and interesting year's entertainment while extending our knowledge of the world's wines. On 8th January in the village hall we shall be taking part in a light-hearted quiz to get our brain cells working after the excesses of the Christmas season. Anyone thinking of coming along to a Wine Club meeting for the first time would find this the perfect introduction. Please give Vee a ring on 01245 355723 to confirm attendance and start times. We meet normally on the second Wednesday of the month at 8pm in the village hall, but with some exceptions - it is worth phoning first.

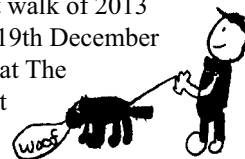
Out in all weathers

Hatfield Peverel Walkers
Graham Bushby (380472)

In October, nine walkers caught the bus to Witham on an overcast day, following a couple of days of high winds and severe localised storm damage which was evident during the walk through Whetmead nature reserve. Passing the remains of a unique single track wooden bridge on the long defunct Witham to Maldon railway line the group arrived at Peartree Pantry for refreshment before returning to Hatfield Peverel to discover they had walked almost six miles without realising!

Fourteen walkers, armed with bus passes, in November caught the 10.21am bus to Langford and taking the path across to Beeleigh followed the river/canal back to Hatfield Peverel, passed Ricketts lock almost to Hoe Mill before diverting off. The walk - very muddy along the towpath - was approximately 4.5 miles.

For our last walk of 2013 on Thursday 19th December we will meet at The Wheatsheaf at 10am for a short local walk before returning to the pub for 12 noon.



Dates for the New Year, meeting at the village hall unless otherwise stated, 30th January, 27th February, 27th March. For information give Graham a ring on the above number.

Walkers' weather forecast!

*Eventide red and morning grey,
Help the traveller on his way,
Evening grey and morning red,
Brings the rain down upon his head.*

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers

Greg Camburn

When we say we can't do without you, we do mean it!

Another eventful year is drawing to a close and the Trustees, management and staff at Helen Rollason Cancer Charity would like to offer a massive vote of thanks to our wonderful volunteers. In our shops, if we had to employ paid people, it would cost around £400,000 each year, an astonishing figure! If you add to this volunteers who give up their time, effort and money to attend events and fund raise for us, and add to that amounts raised through their events and challenges, the figure would be staggering.

The last coffee morning by our wonderful Hatfield Peverelites - or Hatty P's as I have heard them called - held at Yvonne Stewart House raised £211.81. The running total of funds raised by local volunteers stands at an incredible £6,500, a superb contribution - thank you so much. Next date for your diaries is our groups **Christmas coffee morning on Saturday 21st December 10am until midday**. Look out for tasty mince pies and who knows what else!

Our Carol Concert at St Andrews on 27th November raised nearly £300 and the feedback was great, 'It really was a fabulous evening'. Lots of people attended and many said they hope we continue this tradition.

Finally, huge thanks again to Len and Sandie at the Wheatsheaf for their continued support with the **Helen Rollason quiz nights. These fun evenings, held on the 2nd Monday of the month, have now raised £1000** which we are hoping to have matched, so again another super response from our local supporters. Thank you very much for all the time and effort you put in. You really do help us to make a difference.

Next year is our charity's 15th anniversary and we aim to make it a special year to remind us of Helen's vision, that good quality of life while living with cancer should be available to all. One of the big events is the **Ride For Helen, 11th May 2014**, a bicycle ride (fifteen, thirty or sixty miles) around the lovely Essex countryside, starting at Crix in Hatfield Peverel. We are hoping you will come along and enjoy the scenery whilst helping us to raise funds for the charity. **You can register on-line at www.rideforhelen.co.uk or on a form which will be available early in the New Year.**

Wishing you a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year.

Christmas is coming!

Hatfield Peverel Art Group
Peter Walker (01245 381798)

The Art Group continues to produce work of a high quality with the usual camaraderie within the group with Trevor Harwood's regular expert input. Meetings are held on Mondays during the school term in the church hall from 2pm - 4pm.

We were sorry to lose Christine Wicks and Jane White at the start of the term for family reasons, and we wish them the very best for the future. We have welcomed Pauline Doone, Judy Linnett and Tom Pleasance as new members. Gretta Bray has returned after her caring duties and it is good to see Wendy Garwood and Jane Ashby returning after their recent indispositions.

Hopefully everyone will be able to participate in the coming Christmas festivities. The next few weeks of term will bring us quickly to the Christmas lunch on Monday 16th December, which will again be held at The Lion Inn. As before the lunch is for members and their partners, and is looked on as the highlight of the year for those who attend - the two previous lunches held here have been enjoyed by everyone.

Anyone requiring further details of the Art Group, please contact Peter Walker or visit our website on www.hatfieldpeverelartgroup.co.uk

Christmas crackers

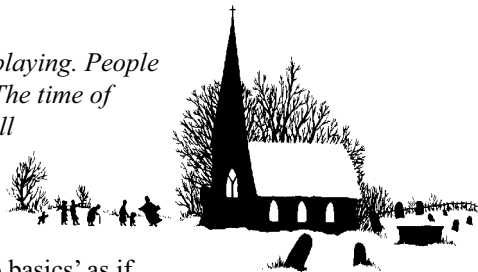
The turkey was first introduced into England in the 16th century, getting its name from a mix-up with another import, the Turkish guinea fowl.

Q. What do you have in December that you don't have in any other month?

A. The letter D!

News from St Andrews

It is almost Christmas. The shops are stocked. Adverts are playing. People are purchasing. Decorations are up down the high street. The time of excess is almost upon us. Many will eat too much. Most will spend too much. The majority won't give a mince tart for any spiritual reflection. But that's very different for us.



Not my words but a quote from what might be called the manual for grumpy vicars! They betray a desire to 'get back to basics' as if that meant there should be no celebration. But I believe that the world can actually teach us a thing or two about Christmas. For instance, the world has been preparing for months for this season. Back in June I heard someone say, 'It's only x days to Christmas.' But what we are celebrating is the coming of God into our world, so surely we should be prepare just as assiduously as anyone else.

This has been happening in Hatfield Peverel. For me, Christmas begins with Samaritan's Purse shoe boxes. Once again, people's generosity in both time (decorating the boxes) and generosity (filling the boxes) was amazing. 119 boxes were filled by St Andrews people and these, along with boxes from the infant and junior schools, meant that a lot of love as well as material objects went to Swaziland this year. We must not forget those who donated money for getting them there (the 'postage'), over £200 was collected and sent off. Both schools came together on Thursday after box-filling day (*see opposite page*) when their boxes were presented and blessed. Thanks to Dorothy Keenan, Mary Daw and others who co-ordinated the operation.

Remembrance Sunday was celebrated with due solemnity both at 10.15am and 3pm. I would like to thank Essex Police for stewarding the procession from the Scout Headquarters to the church, the British Legion, the Church choir and the uniformed organisations for their part in making this day a worthy tribute to those who have given (and are still giving) their lives for our country.

As a church we support **Open Doors**, an organisation that offers help, both practical and spiritual, to persecuted Christians all over the world. Part of this is sending Christmas cards to those imprisoned for their faith and sometimes those who are left behind when the main bread-winner is locked up. Each card assures the person receiving it there is someone out there, thinking and praying for them. It is akin to a sacrament of strengthening.

The **Christmas Bazaar** has come and gone - my thanks to all who organised it and came to it, our stall holders, Dorothy, Sue and Kay for co-ordinating it and everyone who backed us. On 8th December there is an all-age Christmas service entitled 'Come and Join the Celebration' at 10am in the Church Hall.

Christmas is about giving and receiving and the **Christmas Services in all of 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 that he is not a remote, disinterested God, but one who understands, who wants to draw close to us, in our joys and our sorrows. These are indeed 'tidings of great joy', something we need to hear again in these uncertain times.

New Year dates for your diary

Saturday 4th January: Coffee morning: 10am to midday.

Sunday 5th January: 4.30pm Lessons and Carols at All Saints; Ulting.

Sunday 12th January: All-Age Service at 10.15am in St Andrews.

Please note: we are intending to focus on toiletries during January. A box will be provided in the Baptistry in church, but you can always leave things at the Vicarage.

Finally a happy and prosperous New Year to the people of Hatfield Peverel.

Fund-raising team speaks to members Mothers Union



Two members of the local Helen Rollason fund raising team, Jo Rowell and Lauren Levy, spoke to us in October about the initial setting up of the charity following the death of Helen Rollason in 1999. Helen believed 'good quality of life while coping with cancer is the most important gift a sick person can receive' There are three support centres in Essex, the nearest in Springfield, where recently diagnosed people can receive counselling and complimentary therapies (reflexology, massage, aromatherapy. The charity relies wholly on donations and all treatments are given absolutely free so it imperative fund-raising is given top priority.

'Tea for Helen' and quiz nights

Here in Hatfield Peverel **regular coffee mornings 'Tea for Helen' are held in Yvonne Stewart House, The Street, on the third Saturday in the month, 10am until 12 noon** - everyone is welcome. And at The Wheatsheaf in Maldon Road, **Len and Sandie hold a quiz on the second Monday of the month at 8pm.** Call them to book your place - 01245 380330.

In November Ken Harrison gave us an interesting talk about the RNLI for which he has been a fund raiser and supporter for many years. We are all familiar with the wonderful work done by lifeboats and crews around our island waters in saving countless lives from peril. How did it start? Whose idea was it? In 1808 Sir William Hillary, a wealthy man who had fallen into debt, fled England and went to live on the Isle of Man. In the rough seas that surround the island, he witnessed several shipping disasters in Douglas Bay and was desperate to help. He joined in one effort to save the crew of a Royal Navy cutter and helped another five vessels with local fishermen. They saved many lives but it was dangerous work in simple rowing boats with local men.

These experiences led Hillary to call on the great and good of the time to help form a national institution that would preserve human life from shipwreck. He printed and distributed an appeal leaflet, which led to a meeting on 4th March 1824 at the London Tavern, where the Royal National Institution for the Preservation of Life from Shipwreck was founded. *(Continued on page 14)*



Later renamed the Royal National Lifeboat Institution it received public funds and provided lifeboats to areas needing them, including the Isle of Man. The first lifeboats were glorified rowing boats but in the 1890s steam boats were introduced and as technology advanced, the petrol engine was fitted to lifeboats. The last sailing lifeboat was withdrawn in the 1950s.

Today there are several classes of lifeboats, ocean-going ones carrying 200, to 'Rubber Ducks', small highly manoeuvrable inshore boats. The RNLI has flood units for rescue work where it can be more dangerous than at sea as flood waters can run deep and fast. Essex has six lifeboat stations and ten lifeboats, one ocean going. Today boats are fitted with the latest technological equipment and crew members get paid but only when they are called out on a 'Shout'. They train on station many become experts in rescue work.

Today, the RNLI still runs on charitable donations and has many hundreds of volunteers like Ken who work tirelessly to raise funds for this most worthy cause. A fascinating talk - thank you very much Ken.

Notices - Tuesday 14th January (New Year meeting) is the AGM.

Our treasurer Joan wishes to retire at the beginning of the New Year and we need someone to take her place urgently - can you help? Pat would be glad to hear from you, telephone 380748.

Methodist Church

Food bank gets off to a good start

The food bank collection point at our church has got off to a good start and in September and October eight bags of food were delivered to the warehouse in Braintree. Thank you very much for dropping off items at our church. In addition, the village publicity has led to both local schools sending their harvest gifts to the same charity.

The charity team has reported the centre has had an excellent response from churches and schools in Braintree district over the Autumn months so the warehouse is well stacked to meet the start of the winter when people in crisis struggle with heating bills in addition to feeding their families. Items they are short of include long life milk and orange juice, tea bags, cereals and toiletries. In addition they would also like to offer Christmas extras to their users such as tins of turkey, ham or chicken, Christmas cakes, sweets, biscuits or chocolates. **Christmas items should have a 'best before' date of at least 31st January 2014. If you are able to help it is appreciated.**

Operation Christmas Child

We have been filling shoe boxes with gifts of clothes and toys which are sent to children affected by wars, famine, disasters, disease and poverty in Africa, Eastern Europe and Central Asia. Last year nearly 1 million boxes were

donated in the UK. This year 39 boxes have been collected in our church and sent on to start their journey to be given to a child as a symbol of the true meaning of Christmas, and of God's unconditional love.

Special Christmas Services and events

Sunday 15th December 4pm

Carols by Candlelight service, led by our Minister with Guides and Brownies. Festive refreshments to follow.

Wednesday 25th December 9.30am

Christmas Day service

Sunday 29th December 11am

Sunday Service – The Christmas Getaway

Sunday 19th January 11am

Sunday Service with a representative from Helen Rollason Cancer Charity

Regular events

Every Sunday 11am - Morning service

Every Thursday 10am - 12

Open Door - come and join us for tea/coffee and chat

2nd Saturday in month 10am - 12

Coffee morning and cake stall

1st Monday in month 7.45pm

House Group – Bible study

Wanted: good as new bedding for Chess providing night shelter for homeless people in Chelmsford. Please leave in box at St Andrews in Baptistry or call at the vicarage.

Eric has arrived!

A project to help promote good learning skills has been started at the Infant School and the children all voted to choose the character they thought would help them best: an elephant! So Eric the Elephant watches out for any children using the key skills of Effort,

Respect, Independence and Communication and these initials spell out his name. If the children are spotted using these skills well they are awarded a certificate and their name goes on a star in a display in the hall. If anyone gets all four awards they will receive a special elephant prize.

At the end of November a local supermarket came along to a special Eric Assembly and presented some Eric The Elephant advent calendars to twelve lucky winners who had their names pulled out in a prize draw. It was very exciting and the winners were thrilled to get their prize and certificate.

If you want to find out more about Eric and the project we are doing, please look at the school website as Eric has his own page! Hatfieldpeverelinfantschool.com



New experiences for Nursery children

We have had lots of new experiences again this term: we celebrated St Andrew's Day and made Loch Ness monsters and did some Scottish dancing to Scottish music, and Diwali where we made cards and ate Indian food for a snack. Our grandparents came in to play at the end of October and had great fun with us.

We are now preparing for Christmas, we have made Christmas puddings and are now making cards and decorations. The children are practising their Christmas songs to sing to their parents.

We would like to wish everyone a happy Christmas.



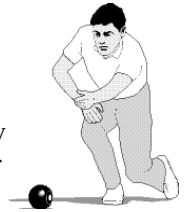
The Nursery is managed by Belinda Wakelin, who has a BA degree in Early Years and holds Early Years professional status, with a well qualified staff team.

As well as the nursery, we run sessions before and after school up to the age of eight years old. For availability of spaces please telephone 01245 382450.

Bowling green put to bed

Bowling Club - Bob Gammie, President (381497)

www.hatfieldpeverelbowling.org



Our short mat season started in October and we are already into winning our friendly and league games - at least most of them. Our summer finals night was a particular success for Jackie Spooner who won in both the singles and pairs competitions.

In the former she beat John Franklin and in the pairs partnered by John Franklin they beat Kath Joule and Tony Robinson. Since she only took up playing bowls less than two years ago, this is a considerable achievement and there is a moral there for all those considering giving the game a try.

Earlier the Hatfield Peverel Open was won by Rita Thomson's team (handicap unknown) and Rita, with Margaret Hindley, Cherry Richardson and Chrissie Hinds, did exceptionally well to come joint second in a strong entry for the PKL Club's annual gala. We look forward to our quiz night and Christmas special.

It is with deep regret that we learn of the death of four former members: Joan Cowell, Betty Hadlow, Trevor Jiggins and Doug Whipps. Joan and her late husband were founder members back in 1991 and she was very helpful in the early days when she was on the Parish Council. Trevor and Doug both preferred to play outside and their names appear on our silverware. Our sincere condolences to their families.

The bowling green was put to bed for the winter having been given the full Autumn treatment of scarifying, aerating, seeding, fertilising and finally dressing, and the club is grateful to the working parties (and the weather) for their help in this labour-intensive work. This also marked the end of an era in that the Club President has had to become semi-retired as head gamekeeper and gangmaster. The 'pump and pipes' to quote our eminent practitioner, no longer allow active service. The responsibility for the bowling green is now under the control of a syndicate of four - Terry Fullbrook, Derek Aspinell, Jim Dickson and Rod Dyer, with Bob Gammie available for guidance if necessary. The President has made it his responsibility since the inception of the lottery to make the various applications to enable the complete work to proceed and to oversee the successful completion of the whole project. Having nursed it ever since it will be a wrench to take a back seat, however it will be in safe hands with the syndicate.

It will soon be New Year resolutions time; put playing bowls on your list and come and join us. Details are on our website above: you might be surprised who you see there. Our compliments of the season to you all.

Come and get to know us - we are a friendly club

Andy Simmonds

We are looking for players to form another team and we have a spare table every Tuesday - our home playing night - for new members to come and practice.

Our club was established over 30 years ago and we play league matches in the village hall in first class playing conditions with top equipment. The matches are good fun with three players in each team; the playing season runs from September to April. Our four teams in the Chelmsford League are doing well and the B team is currently



unbeaten. Our quiz night is next February 2014 and our annual club meal is in April.

Every Tuesday from now until April there will be a practice table for anyone to come along and play. If you are interested **please** call one of the numbers below a day or so in advance to arrange for a club member to meet you. We are particularly looking for relatively experienced players. The practice nights are an excellent opportunity to get to know us during the season. (*See John Webber in action - right*)

Please call and leave contact details with either Neil Freeman, 01245 382249 or myself Andy Simmonds, 01245 381020 or 07932 057 205



Hadfelda's very own Antiques Road Show!

What an interesting and enjoyable evening we had in October. It was particularly nice to welcome a number of visitors, some from other WIs in the area. Our speaker was David Wood who talked to us about antiques. He passed around a lot of different objects for us to look at and handle and also a selection of very old photos. Some members had brought different items along for him to talk about and value, so we had our very own Antiques Road Show. David gave us all one very good piece advice: never throw anything out that you are not sure about, it could turn out to be quite valuable!

In November we were very lucky that Ray Spiller stepped in at short notice. Ray entertained us with music from the charts 1952-2013. He played a selection of number one hits from 'the swinging sixties' and we all tried to remember who the singers or bands were. Funny how we could all remember the words of the songs but not who sang them! Every one was tapping their feet and clapping their hands and it was a very jolly evening.

Our Christmas party is on Wednesday 11th December and our first meeting next year, 2014, is on 22nd January. Do join us, everyone is welcome.

Your village needs you!

Virginia Strange - President, Hadfelda WI

Many of the village organisations that exist today were started by villagers in their 20s, some fifty plus years ago. For them to continue we need new blood. You as new members are vital to the life of our village community. One such organisation is Hadfelda WI.

For less than £40 per year members can enjoy monthly meetings that include a speaker and refreshments, on subjects ranging from Life of Bumble Bees to the Music Charts 1950 to present day with a monthly competition and time for socializing. In addition the Federation run several events during the year, with speakers such as Michael Portillo, Carol Bundock, and literary lunches with speakers, craft classes, cookery demonstrations.

Don't wait until you retire, your WI needs you now.

We meet in the village hall on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7.45pm: just come and give us a try, we look forward to seeing you in 2014.

Letter spot

A letter of thanks this month from Brenda Valentine. She writes



On Tuesday 22nd October with three other elderly

ladies I went to The Wheatsheaf for lunch, we usually go once a month. It was a very wet day and although we had macs plus walking sticks, Len - the owner of the pub - kindly took us one by one to our car, shielding us as much as possible with a very large umbrella. Such a kind act when he was so very busy with other customers.

So Len thank you very much for your thoughtfulness.

Infant School children learn about remembrance

On Monday following Remembrance Day Infant School children and staff assembled in the school hall where they were joined by members of the Hatfield Peverel branch of the Royal British Legion for a morning service. Music was provided by Mrs Mason and Matt Archer who later played the Last Post.

A candle was lit to focus attention while a minutes silence was observed when the children were extremely well behaved and quiet. Dennis Ashby gave a short talk on the origins of the Royal British Legion and its purpose and pupils enjoyed a talk from a soldier who had recently served in Afghanistan.

Captain Jeffrey Fowler, in full uniform, answered a large number of questions from the pupils who were especially interested when he passed round his military medals for them to inspect. He also spoke about the purpose of the Legion Standard and various aspects of his uniform. After the service, Year 2 stayed in the hall to ask questions and hear more about what life was like during WW2.

Many thanks to all the staff who helped to make this morning so special.

Poppy appeal - the Infant School and St Andrew's Junior School between them raised £155.07 towards the Poppy appeal.

Thank you

The Infant School would like to say thank you to everyone who donated food to our harvest collection this year

...to everyone who sent in Operation Christmas Child parcels. These were taken to St Andrew's Church where we sent them on their way to Swaziland following a service with the Junior School.

...and to those who sent items for the Witham food bank, several boxes of food were sent which were very gratefully received.

We also raised just over £190 for Children in Need - thank you for your donations.

What you can make in the palm of your hand

Spot two tigers, an elephant and a giraffe in these hand prints from Year 1 infants following a visit to Colchester Zoo. (Thank you to the children for drawings throughout this edition.)



Make a dish of snow....

(A recipe from A Book of Cookerie, 1594)

Keep your fingers crossed we'll have some snow or you won't be able to try this!

Take a pottle of sweet thick cream, and the white of eyght eggs, and beate them altogether, with a spoone, then put them into your cream with a dishful of rosewater, ad a dishful of Sugar withal, then take a sticke and make it clene, and then cut it in the end foursquare, and therewith beat all the aforesaid things together, and ever ariseth take it off, and put it in to a cullender, this done, take a platter and sette an Apple in the midst of it, stick a thicke bush of Rosemary in the Apple. Then cast your Snow upon the Rosemary and fill your platter therewith.

Betty Gander 1922 - 2013

Much loved, determined and optimistic - this was Betty to a T.

Always pleased to see you, no matter what time of day, with a smile and a big hug. To reach ninety one is an achievement, she survived many illnesses but always came back smiling!



Betty was born in Newcastle upon Tyne, one of seven children, and proud to be a Geordie. Keen to do her bit in World War 2 she joined the Royal Navy as a Wren and was stationed in Scotland, away from her family where she learnt her fierce independence. After the war she settled back in Newcastle, joined the Newcastle Gliding Club and met her future husband Tom. They married in 1953 and moved away from Newcastle due to Tom's work. Graham, their son, was born in 1955.

They came to live in the Chelmsford area in 1964 and to Hatfield Peverel in the 70s and Betty, a sociable, friendly person, was glad to put down proper roots. Tom retired in 1980 but sadly died eight years later. Betty had been dependent on Tom for many years but her independence came to the fore and she built a new life on her own. She loved being with people and never missed a chance to go out. She belonged to many organisations in the village: Flower Club, Hatfield WI, the Organ Club. She enjoyed weekly lunches at New Hall and monthly outings with Contact the Elderly. She surprised everyone in 2000 when she announced she was going to Australia - on her own - for a couple of months to visit lifelong friends who had emigrated some years before.

Her health deteriorated as she neared the end of her 80s but she still felt she could get out and about. This was only possible with the help of loyal and hardworking friends who supported her with company, shopping, gardening, housework and taking her out on a regular basis.

By the time she reached ninety she could no longer live at home and she moved to a care home in Suffolk to be nearer Graham and the grandchildren she was

so proud of. She spent her remaining months in a happy, caring, safe environment. One of the last things she said to Graham was 'I don't look bad for ninety-one do I? She looked very good for ninety one!

Village quiz raises £432.50

Ten local teams pitted their wits in a village quiz at the beginning of November in aid of Help for Heroes with Fraser, a previous recipient of quiz sponsorship, as a very active answer sheet runner!

The 'Pathfinders' - from Hatfield Peverel Walkers - came out as eventual winners after a three way tie break with the 'Parish Council +2' and 'The Simple Six'. The raffle was well supported and many prizes were donated by local businesses to whom a big thank you is due.

Further concerns - footpath by River Ter

Subsequent to our article on page 15 of the October Review Mr Nelmes has reported instances of individuals riding motor bikes and quad bikes along this path and he is concerned for the safety of legitimate users caused by the practice - it's illegal and someone could get hurt.

If you know who these people are please tell them what they are doing is illegal, antisocial and dangerous. The matter has been raised at the parish council, the police are aware, and any path user seeing one of these machines on the path please report it to the police with as much detail as you can recall, particularly if it's displaying a registration plate. Remember to get an incident report number from the police.

Crossword solution

Across - 1 Pipes. 5 Amity. 9 Age. 10 Ice. 11 Wing. 12 Issue. 13 Celebrate. 16 Re. 18 New. 21 Aide. 22 Drawings. 24 Urges. 25 Esso™. 26 PR. 27 Earn. 28 Stage.

Down 1 Pewter. 2 Panic. 3 Egg. 4 SE. 6 Miser. 7 ICU(Intensive Care Unit). 8 Tee. 12 Idealism. 14 Amiss. 15 Eyesore. 17 Endure. 19 Err. 20 Wager. 21 Agent. 23 We.

Out and about in the countryside

www.essexwt.org.uk is the Trusts comprehensive website with details of what is happening in local reserves from Abberton to Thurrock Thameside. There is a wealth of exploring to do - before and after Christmas - so put on your walking shoes and wrap up warm.

Abberton is the nearest to Hatfield Peverel with Hanningfield Reservoir coming a close second but we have been members of Fingringhoe for thirty five years plus and that's where we like to go. On the website are local centres, see what they have to offer. Some events need to be booked in advance and for more information use the relevant telephone number, the staff are always helpful and can answer your queries.

Here is a taster of some of the events at Abberton and Fingringhoe.

Abberton Reservoir Visitor Centre

Winter birdwatching day

Saturday 7th December 10am - 4pm

A joint event with local bird tour company Swallow Birding to help you get the best out of birdwatching

Optics Day - try before you buy

Sunday 8th December 10am - 3pm

Come and see our range of binoculars and telescopes, our friendly Optics Team will help and advise

Over 80 species on a winter's day

Wednesday 11th December 10am - 4pm

Try to see 80 bird species in a day at Abberton Reservoir

Winter raptor watch

Saturday 14th December 10am - 12pm

Scan the skies with us in search of birds of prey

Star Gazing January 2014

Saturday 11th January 6pm - 9:30pm

An evening of looking at stars and planets



Fingringhoe Wick Visitor Centre

Christmas Traditions Walk

Saturday 14th December 10am - 12 noon

Take time out for a relaxing guided walk on the reserve finding out how many of our Christmas traditions are linked to the natural world.

Donation £5 per person, booking essential.

Natural Decorations Workshop

Saturday 14th December - 2pm - 4:30pm

Come to the reserve and learn how to craft your own simple and stylish wreath from natural materials. Bring secateurs and gloves. Donation £20 per person, includes all materials plus tea and a mince pie. Booking essential.

The Elves' Workshop

Sunday 15th December - 10:30am - 3pm

Visit the Elves as they get ready for Christmas - find out about their arctic home and make some amazing presents with the Elves' help. A 'book on then drop in' event. Donation £5 per child, children must be accompanied. Booking essential.

Optics Day - try before you buy

Sunday 15th December - 10am - 4pm

Starry Starry Night - January 2014

Saturday 11th and Saturday 18th January 2014
4.30pm - 6.30pm

Space-themed activities, crafts and experiments - if the sky is clear we'll also be learning how you can stargaze without expensive equipment.

Answers to quiz on page 22

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| 1 Grays | 11 Hawkwell |
| 2 Stambridge | 12 Howe Green |
| 3 Great Dunmow | 13 Newcastle |
| 4 Pilgrims Hatch | 14 Wrexham |
| 5 Seven Kings | 15 Margate |
| 6 Stock | 16 Shell Haven |
| 7 Ugley | 17 Newquay |
| 8 Beeleigh | 18 Hatfield Heath |
| 9 Weeley | 19 Dovercourt |
| 10 Fingringhoe | 20 Andover |

East Anglian timber framed buildings uncovered

Tutor John Walker has kept students fascinated by his lectures on timber framed buildings, the Autumn course. Mid-course the class visited Hill Farm in Gestingthorpe to look at an ancient barn (perhaps a guild hall) which had been transported to its present site from another in the county.

As part of the WEA autumn programme of evening meetings, in November members and friends enjoyed a talk on 'The Magic of the theatre - tricks and deceptions' by Roger Mannion. Gone are the days of a few strategically placed lights, switched on and off to portray ambience, now a multitude of lights are computer controlled, changing the atmosphere in the flash of an eye. You can't always believe what you see! The second evening meeting in December was a light-hearted look at how we are persuaded to buy in 'The twelve (advertising) weeks of Christmas'.



The summer programme included a visit to the Historic Dockyard at Chatham. Here a guide is explaining the history of the Victorian ropery

WEA

Spring - and looking ahead to a new term

Ingatestone Hall - an Essex 'crown jewel' with tutor Margaret Mills is our ten-week spring course starting on **Tuesday 7th January** at 10am in the Methodist Church hall. Cost is £45.30. The course will include a visit to Ingatestone Hall. **For information ring Lesley Naish on 01245 380837.**

New Year's day walk

Ken Earney, 01245 381235
kenearney@hotmail.com

Trying to find somewhere in the parish that hasn't been done to death in recent years by the combination of our annual New Year's Day walks and the monthly Hatfield Peverel Walkers forays is getting really tricky. This year, Catherine Voysey having handed the baton over to me, we shall do the walk called 'Towards Terling' in her booklet 'Nine Walks around Hatfield Peverel', which starts in the parish and then immediately goes foreign (well, Terling actually).

For most folk it will mean going by car and parking at Terling Hall Farm (the second entrance coming from HP - CM3 2BY for the satnavigators). We walk back towards HP for a couple of hundred yards then onto FP48 and Terling FP38 running in north-westerly towards Terling. On reaching the road from the church it's left and around Roll's Farm, Gamble's Green, Flacks Green, Terling Cricket Club, Village Hall and Church Green, interspersed with short sections of road, and back to the start, either by retracing steps along footpaths 38 and 48, or we could return via around a mile of road, although this might be a bit dicey even on New Year's Day. Total length about 4 miles.

We'll walk off from the parking area at 10am. Mince pies provided at the finish, but you'll have to bring your own tea, coffee or anything stronger. Come clad and shod for a muddy walk. If anyone needs any further information contact me on the above number.

A not very taxing quiz for after the Christmas dinner

Where in Britain, towns and villages?



- 1 Neither black nor white?
- 2 Could this be the saintly home of the Archers?
- 3 Big lawn cut finished?
- 4 Maybe they set sail because they were battened down?
- 5 Four more than a carol?
- 6 Plenty of broth in store?
- 7 An unplesant fruit?
- 8 A busy insect around Southend?
- 9 Essex girl 'bin there'?
- 10 Painful to trap a finger in the garden machinery?
- 11 A bird of prey in deep water?
- 12 A colourful wild west welcome, or a question?
- 13 A modern fortress?
- 14 A careless driver does this to cars?
- 15 Spoil an entrance?
- 16 Protection for sea creatures?
- 17 A novel way to open a locked door?
- 18 Keep your head covered in a meadow and think of a former prime minister?
- 19 Legal proceedings in Kent?
- 20 A bank robber says this?

Answers page 20.

Local family pantomimes

Chelmsford Civic Theatre

www.chelmsford.gov.uk/theatres

Cinderella 4th December - 5th January

Tickets from £20, special offer - check at theatre

Mercury Theatre, Colchester

Website www.mercurytheatre.co.uk

Sleeping Beauty 6th - 11th January. Tickets £25 - £10, children £10 at off peak performances

Witham Public Hall

www.tickets2c.co.uk

Snow White 20th - 24th December. Tickets £10.50 - £13.50, concessions £9 - £10.50



Village hall Christmas celebrations

Festive time again. Come to the village hall and enjoy a warm welcome, a drink and a chance to buy a ticket for the annual lucky draw. Children are welcome.

Normal opening times 7pm - 11pm

Closed Christmas Day and Boxing Day

December dates for your diary

Thursday 19th Bingo 7.30 for 8pm

Saturday 21st Christmas draw (tickets from the bar until 19th December)

Tuesday 24th Children's party

4.30 - 7pm

All ages, everyone welcome

Tuesday 24th Poker

Christmas eve open 7pm - 12am

New Year's eve Disco 7pm - 1am

Tickets from the bar (free to members, non-members must pay before the night)). Bar open, light refreshments.

All bookings for hall and meeting rooms

HPCAb bookings@gmail.com

01245 381481 after 7pm (village hall number - if unanswered please leave a message)

Phone Alan on 7741 140732

See Facebook under Hatfield Peverel village hall.

Open Days' success

In October and November both our local schools, St Andrew's Junior School and Hatfield Peverel Infant School, held combined open days for prospective parents to see the schools in action. Guided tours were led by the head teachers and parents who saw the children and staff at work in the classrooms and around the schools were most complimentary. The November date was a sell-out! Kitchen staff provided their much-loved home made biscuits and governor representatives served tea and coffee!

Useful telephone numbers

Please contact the editors for additions/errors.

Age Concern Essex 01245 264499

Anglian Water, 24 hours 0800 919 155

Braintree District Council 01376 552525

Clean Team ring number above and ask for

Customer Services

Witham Area Office in Witham Library

- for walk-in enquiries only 01376 519625

Churches

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

Methodist Church, minister 01621 853423

Salvation Army, officer i/c 01245 380842

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, 01245 362000

St Peter's, Maldon

Libraries

Hatfield Peverel 01245 380988

Witham 01376 519625

Police, non-emergency calls 0300 3334444

Local Officer **07974 457258**

Post Office 01245 380201

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

Both lists updated December 2013

Schools

St Andrew's Junior School 01245 380131

Hatfield Peverel Infant School 01245 380220

Hatfield Peverel Day Nursery 01245 382450

Acorn Childcare 07979 851257

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

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Planning (P)

Traffic (T)

Village Environment (E)

Keith Bigden Memorial Ground User Group (KB)

Country Park Focus Group (CP)

External Audit Review (A)

Football Pavilion (F)

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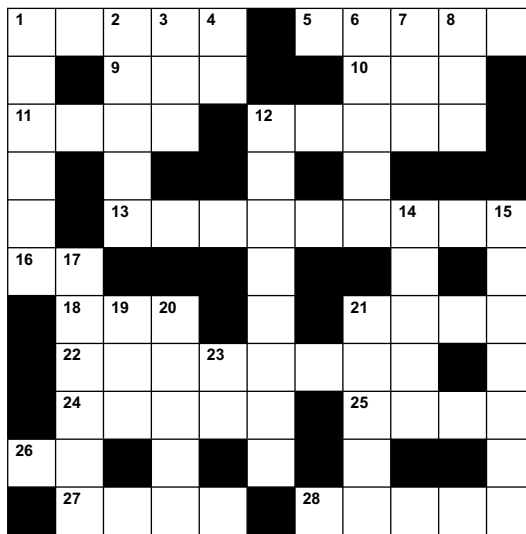
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Derrick Louis 07918 721526

Hatfield Peveler Crossword Number 24 – Christmas 2013

Across

- 1 Make sure these do not freeze-up in the Winter!
- 5 Plenty of friendship and cordiality at Christmas.
- 9 A period of time.
- 10 This usually comes with snow and sliding.
- 11 Perhaps you prefer a turkey leg to this?
- 12 This is another ... of the 'Review'.
- 13 We all love to do this at Christmas and the New Year.
- 16 With reference to.
- 18 It is lovely to get presents/something ...'
- 21 An assistant.
- 22 The young children's contributions to the 'Review' are always very welcome.
- 24 These are O.K. as long as they are controllable!
- 25 A popular brand of petroleum oil.
- 26 Public Relations (1.1)
- 27 You may have to do this to get respect.
- 28 We hope you go to see the Pantomime this Christmas, on this?



Down

- 1 Not valuable silver but a good substitute.
 - 2 Do not do this if things do not go to plan!
 - 3 If your cooking is not up to scratch, you may have this on your face!
 - 4 Short for roughly the part of England where we live (1,1)
 - 6 The Scrooge who won't fork-out for Christmas?
 - 7 Something you'll hope to avoid at the Hospital (1,1,1)
 - 8 Essential for the golfer in the family.
 - 12 A creation of the mind, perhaps?
 - 14 Something is wrong here—
 - 15 — and here. Is it the developer's fault?
 - 17 We will have to put-up with it!
 - 19 To make a mistake.
 - 20 Have a bet, but don't get addicted.
 - 21 You may be a free, Avon™ or James Bond™...
 - 23 Not enough to be small, just us and someone else.
- Solution on page 19 ©FW 2013

Library reopening

Following closure for alterations which were reported in the October Review, the **Library is due to reopen on Thursday 12th December at 1pm**, equipped with newly installed RFID (radio frequency identification) self service terminals. These units will permit users to check out, return and renew their loaned library items themselves leaving the library assistants free to help customers make use of the library facilities and to deal with enquiries.



The units are easy to use; it involves scanning your library card, placing items on the pad and following the touch screen instructions. Items don't even need to be scanned individually; with RFID tag technology the unit detects each item, whether

it's a book, DVD or any other library item. The unit then prints out a receipt confirming the loans or renewals and the dates they are due back.

Opening times

Tuesday, Thursday 1pm - 5pm
 Wednesday, Saturday 9am - 1pm

Stop press

St Andrew's joyful Christmas bazaar this year made the wonderful total of £2,200, with more to come - the money will be used for church funds.

Supporting Water Aid

During July, August and September St Andrews Church has been collecting loose change in plastic bottles - this has raised an incredible £441.93 for Water Aid.