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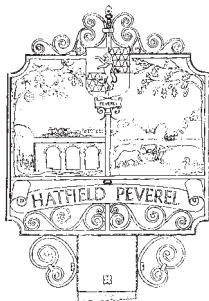
# *Review*

251 - December 2015



Father Christmas

By Clark  
Age 3 years



# Local events and happenings round and about

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## Hatfield Peverel Review

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### February

- 1 Parish Council meeting
- 3 Flower Club
- 4 Folk Dance Club
- 6 St Andrew's coffee morning 10am

*Father Christmas is coming! Thank you to Clark from Hatfield Peverel Nursery for his lovely drawing - there are more on page 16*

## **I'll pose you a question - why does Father Christmas wear red?**

The question has arisen because it looked, a couple of days ago, that our front cover Father Christmas would not be in red; Ken sent him off to the printers and because of technicalities that I shall never get my head around, he came back unadorned and unfestive. We tried encircling him with other Nursery illustrations but it wasn't the same. We slept on it. This morning the phone rang and Steve, our printer, said he thought he had cracked the problem - and he had. Thank you Steve, and for all the other work you and your team do to make sure we go out on time (nearly). According to a BBC York radio (2009) programme the red robes may date back to St Nicholas, the Bishop of Myra in Turkey in the 3rd century AD who travelled in his red robes giving gifts to needy children. Amazing the information you can research in a couple of minutes on these machines that are taking over our lives!

### **Happy Christmas and thank you**

We are very grateful for all the information you give us for the Review - articles, photographs, suggestions. Keep them coming. We do try to use everything - even if it has to be shortened because of lack of space. Is there something you would like to read about, should we have occasional articles on the history of our village? There are always tales to be told. Meanwhile more thanks - to Ron and Marel Elliston, our distributors, and to those of you who turn out in all weathers to get the Review through people's doors.

**Christmas party** - a reminder to all villagers that a Christmas party with choirs and carols will be held outside the village hall on Sunday 13th December at 4.30pm. Come and bring the family, enjoy the piper, join in with the carols and celebrate the turning on of the lights on the Christmas tree by Vic Olley, a respected villager. There's mince pies and mulled wine in the hall - hope to see you there.

## **Fine weather for**

### **Remembrance Sunday**

**Stop press - Peter Archer, Poppy appeal organiser, has just rung to say this year's appeal realised £6,428, an increase of over £1,000 from 2014's total. Peter would like to say a big thank to everyone, collectors and donors, and we thank him for his hard work**



The annual Remembrance Service took place at St Andrews Church on 8th November. The weather was fine and well over a hundred people were in the procession which joined with those already in the church. Pippa Fowler, our Standard Bearer, was accompanied by a number of other Standards including the Union Flag. Father Stephen Northgate welcomed representatives from the Royal British Legion, the County Council, Town and Parish Councils. The Women's Institute, Army Reserves and a large number of the Hatfield Peverel Scouts and Guides Groups were also in attendance. Howard Southgate, with a Brass Trio from the Salvation Army, provided music to the Remembrance Service hymns.

The Last Post and Reveille was played by Jeff Jordan whilst Derrick Louis gave the Exhortation. Readings were given by Captain Jeff Fowler from Isaiah and the revelation of St John by Mrs Nikki Gurnett. The song Sailing was sung by a newly-formed Scout and Guide Choir, joined by Cubs and Brownies. This performance was well received by the congregation, many of whom joined in the singing. A talk by Captain Harry Macleod, along with visual items, provided much interest describing facts from WW1 to the latest conflicts. A collection for the Poppy Appeal raised £341.74.

### **For your information**

**380370 taxi company** is trading and operating under the same ownership with five available vehicles. It operates out of an office in Terling Road seven days a week 24 hours a day for pre-booked requirements covering Hatfield Peverel, Terling, Nounsley and all the other surrounding areas. The owners have moved house **but** are still actively involved in the business as are other family members. The telephone number and email address remain the same.

## Allotment and growing news

Sean Pettit HPAА Chairman [www.hpaa.org.uk](http://www.hpaa.org.uk)

Firstly a big thank you to members and the committee for their support in the last year, and for giving up their evening recently to come and show their support at our AGM, it was the highest turn out I can remember, so thank you, it was nice to see those that came!

We said goodbye to John Cockell as letting officer for the old site after many years of duty above and beyond, so I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for all he has done for us - he is staying on the committee thankfully. We welcome a new letting officer in Simon Reed, hope you find the role as fulfilling as John did, and we wish you every success in the job in the coming months.

So what's been going on on my plot I hear you say? Due to the extreme warm weather in the Autumn months I have just finished picking the last of my tomatoes which is astonishing considering in previous years they have finished in early October or before that even. But alas all things come to an end, I am currently in the middle of digging the plots over and spreading manure to feed the soil for next year's crops. I leave the manure on the top as a good mulch once dug over and let the worms have a ball over the coming months to be dug in fully in spring time. The only things I have planted recently are garlic, broad beans and onion sets to hopefully get an early crop next year. But I have been busy choosing from the seed catalogues ready for next year, I love browsing through them, looking for tasty new vegetables and my old favourites too, this helps to fill in the time when the weather is not favourable to garden with the short days and wet and windy weather - also gives me something to look forward to in the next spring season.

**Just a quick note** - we do have a couple of vacant plots over on the old site so if you would like one give Simon Reed a call and he will be only too pleased to show you around, call him on 01245 382696 or me, Sean, on 01621 851929 or 07966 662556, Email: [chairman@hpaa.org.uk](mailto:chairman@hpaa.org.uk)

Happy growing, a happy Christmas and a healthy life.

## And you thought last year's was big!

Highlight of the Horticultural Society's AGM in November was the annual pumpkin competition. The winning pumpkin, a new society record, weighed in at 328 lbs (over 23 stone, nearly twice the weight of the average man) beating last years pumpkin by 64lbs. First time champion grower Trina Butcher, membership secretary of the society, had to get a farmer friend to load her prize onto his low loader to weigh it using a harness usually reserved for picking up calves. It was later driven in style to the AGM in the village hall.

This was Trina's first entry into the competition - what will she come up with next year! *(See her and her prize winner on back page)*



Trina has plenty of pumpkin seeds which she will pot up for the plant sale in May. Buy one - or two - and you may be a next year's winner.

The AGM went off successfully with chairman and committee re-elected, and a new committee member, Susie Blythe, welcomed.

### Forthcoming dates for your diary in 2016

**Friday 11th March** - our first evening event in the village hall is a speaker meeting '**Better photography**' with **Ray Lawrence**. Come along and learn how to take prizewinning photographs  
**Saturday 2nd April** is the Spring Show  
**May is the annual plant sale** at Oaklands, Nounsley Road, where you will be tempted to buy a plant or two - and possibly a potato to try your hand at growing the heaviest bucketful! Even if you don't win, you'll have fresh potatoes to eat.

## Make a cake, decorate a cake, eat a cake - and raise over £761!

St Andrew's Junior School supported the Macmillan coffee morning event by holding a 'St Andrew's bake off'.

Eighty six children entered a decorated cake competition and during the afternoon parents, children and friends of the school enjoyed afternoon tea where competition entries were sold and eaten - and judging by these photographs very much enjoyed!



## Open day

The Infant School and St Andrew's Junior School are holding a further Open Day for prospective parents on Wednesday 13th January (you may have missed the earlier Open Day in November).

Appointments for tours of the schools should be made through the Infant School office - 01245 380220. If you know of any parents who are considering school places for their children, why not point them in our direction! This is also a chance for Year 2 parents to look around the Junior School.



## Children in Need

A fun time for a worthy cause - it's Children in Need and as usual our schools have been taking part, enjoying themselves and raising funds for this wonderful cause. Nursery children dressed in their favourite clothes, Infants held a non-uniform day and Juniors held a cake sale and non uniform day. Together they raised £686. Well done.



The record total so far stands at over £37m.





## 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



### Vacancies on the Council

The Parish Council still has two vacancies, so anyone interested in local issues and has a few spare moments each month, please contact the Clerk on the above.

**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:

Erection of 145 dwellings, public open spaces, landscaping, new vehicular and pedestrian access, highway works, foul and surface water drainage infrastructure and all ancillary works on land north east of Gleneagles Way; erection of side extension and new bedroom built into the roof at 22 Willow Crescent; replacement of access door at rear of property with an equivalent door at Brewery House, The Green. Proposed front dormer and rear dormer at 105 Church Road; replacement of existing mobile home with single dwelling at Paddock Farm, Spring Lane. The Parish Council does not support this application

Erection of ground floor rear/side extension at Fairfields House, Mowden Hall Lane; erection of single-storey rear extension at The Bourne, Nounsley Road; erection of two-storey side extension and single-storey front extension at 6 Church Road; erection of two-storey side extension at 50 New Road; erection of single-storey rear extension (part) and two-storey rear extension at 13 The Pines. Demolition of existing garage and single-storey rear extensions, erection of side extension incorporating internal garage and adapt existing roof to incorporate new pitched roof to side extension and new dormers to front and rear of main roof to serve new bedroom accommodation in roof space at St Andrews, Ulting Road.

### The following application has recently been withdrawn

Erection of 46 dwellings with associated garages, parking areas, gardens, amenity areas, public open space, access road, driveways, footpaths and associated external works and landscaping on land at Bury Lane.

**Tree Preservation applications** - work to trees at 1 De Vere Close, 28 Woodham Drive, Highwood House, Maldon Road, and 14 Laburnum Way.

**Tree Preservation Orders granted** - work to trees at The Old Vicarage, The Pines, and 17 Woodham Drive.

### Neighbourhood Plan

**Please see the NDP report on page 7**

During October both the residential and business surveys were delivered to all households and business premises in the parish. A total of 517 residential and 13 business surveys were completed. **The Rural Community Council of Essex is holding a coffee morning on Monday the 14th December at 10am at their offices in Feering** which will be a good opportunity to speak to other villages who are also preparing their Plan. You do need to register if you would like to attend.

### Christmas Carols

The Party in the Park Working Group with the support of the Parish Council is erecting a Christmas tree (kindly donated by Upson Farm Shop) by the village hall. On Sunday 13th December at 4.30pm the tree lights will be turned on followed by Christmas carols and mulled wine and mince pies. All will be welcome. Please note there will be very limited parking so please do walk to the village hall if you can. The Christmas tree lights will remain on during the festive period.



## Certificate of Merit

The Strutt Memorial Recreation Ground has again been awarded a Certificate of Merit by the Essex Playing Fields Association certifying that during the year 2015 it was maintained to the highest standards to the satisfaction of the association.

## New homes to be found for trees

The Parish Council will be receiving approximately 80 trees over the next month or so (the first thirty have already arrived) to be planted in and around the village. These are whips and need to be grown on before they are ready for planting out.

## Garden Vegetation

There have been several complaints recently about vegetation overgrowing onto pavements and roads in the village making it difficult for pedestrians and vehicles to pass safely. **Please can residents check and if necessary ensure their garden vegetation is trimmed. Also note this includes the accumulated leaf litter from your vegetation on adjacent pavements:** the associated build-up significantly reduces their width.

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

**Parish Council meetings - village hall 7.30pm first Monday of the month unless otherwise stated  
4th January, 1st February, 7th March**

## Results of Resident's Survey

The NDP's residents survey delivered with October's Review is now being analysed. The response rate was 26% - 517 completed forms - and we would thank everyone who took the time to complete and return the surveys. Your comments are important. The results will be published on the Parish Council's website - [www.essexinfo.net/hatfieldpeverel](http://www.essexinfo.net/hatfieldpeverel) - and a copy will be placed in the Library.



Thank you to Upsons Farm Shop, the Library, Hadfelda Hair, Co-op, Maharaj, Dentist, Community Association lounge bar, and St Andrews Church for having post boxes.

The four topic groups are now reviewing their draft policies, and will be meeting with consultant, Ann Skippers on the drafts before going out for public consultation in Spring 2016. The RCCE held an interesting workshop on 31st October where the design and character of the village was discussed. Work on this topic will need to be continued and completed.

**Diary Date:** 15th December Steering Group meeting -7.30pm meeting room 2, village hall.

## Our Library celebrates Christmas



Get into the swing of Christmas and relax with a mince pie, a cup of tea or coffee and carol singing on Saturday 5th December when the library will open its doors to welcome you at 9.30am.

The library is looking festive: two of the walls have been decorated by the Guides, Infant School children have decked out the Christmas tree on a French theme while St Andrew's year 4 juniors have put on a William Morris display. On a serious theme, for you to see are plans relating to the developments which will take place in our village sometime in the future - this will affect us all.

### Regular happenings in the library

#### Mother and Toddler Rhyme Time

Tuesdays 2.15pm

#### Chapter 4, Book Group

4th Tuesday of the month, 1.30 - 2.30pm

#### Knitting Group (new, watch this space)

2nd Wednesday of the month

For the future it is hoped to have an exhibition by the **Monochrome Photographic Group**

## Autumn activities at the Wine Club from AGM to African wines!

Peverel Wine Club – Vee Green, Secretary (01245 355723) [www.peverelwineclub.co.uk](http://www.peverelwineclub.co.uk) or email [peverelwineclub@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:peverelwineclub@hotmail.co.uk)

The Club's 38th AGM took place in October, with no scenes of riot and disorder! Chairman Graham Bushby reviewed a year's interesting programme, including virtual trips to Chile, France and Bavaria to taste the wines, plus actual visits to New Hall vineyard and Maldon for the treasure hunt. We also managed to fit in a Eurovision Wine Contest and panel-game What's My Wine? Treasurer Linda Fisher assured us the club's finances were in good heart, increasing slightly over the year. Henry Podlesny was voted on to the committee, filling one of the vacancies created by Jean and Bernard Prayel's departure to Norfolk. We also marked the retirement of Brian Richards from the post of Auditor, a role he had carried out since 2006 following the previous six years as Treasurer! Brian was warmly thanked for his endeavours over the years, and was presented with a bottle of wine in recognition. We are now seeking a new Auditor for the club's accounts each September.



A very different evening on 11th November when we had a tasting of South African wines introduced by member Chris Green and visitor Steve Spearman, accompanied by slides showing several of the vineyards and much of the spectacular scenery of the country. The speakers were amazed how many members had visited South Africa - all of them had very happy memories of their stay. All the wines (which came from Majestic) were good value for money, and one of the whites (Rachel's Chenin Blanc) and two of the reds (a Parcel Series Merlot and Bellingham's Pinopasso) were excellent.

We are now looking forward to our Christmas Party on 16th December, a 4-course supper provided by members and committee, and accompanied by live music from local musician Ian Jordan. We're already planning our outfits – as glittery or yo ho ho as we can manage! Subs are due in January, when next year's programmes will be issued at the first meeting of 2016 on 13th January in the village hall – the traditional Quiz Night which gets our brains back into working order after the excesses of Christmas and New Year.

If you think you'd like to join us for a light-hearted evening you would be very welcome, but please give Vee a ring beforehand to confirm attendance (and to ensure we have enough of everything to eat and drink!) on 01245 355723. The club meets normally on the second Wednesday of the month at 8pm in the village hall, but with some exceptions, so it is worth phoning first, especially during summer months.

The Wine Club has its own website, courtesy of Fred Brown, which can be accessed either direct via [www.peverelwineclub.co.uk](http://www.peverelwineclub.co.uk) or via the Hatfield Peverel site at [www.essexinfo.net/hatfieldpeverel/clubs-and-societies/](http://www.essexinfo.net/hatfieldpeverel/clubs-and-societies/) Take a look to find out more about us, our activities and history before you come along!

## Well, what do you know!

The annual village quiz this year attracted over fifty people filling nine tables - despite competition from firework displays - and £332 was raised for the Royal British Legion. Several local businesses provided good prizes for the raffle. Winners of the quiz, who each received a prize, was a team from Wickham Bishops - us locals will have to sharpen our wits for next year!

Thank you to Graham Bushby for again organising an entertaining event. Did you notice one of the sets of questions all featured Grahams?

## Peacocks please

I have a nice flower garden and these birds only add to the colour; they are a pleasure to see, both for myself and visitors, and many would be devastated if they went 'missing'. As for putting them in a field and expecting them to stay there, no chance, I have seen them many miles from here.

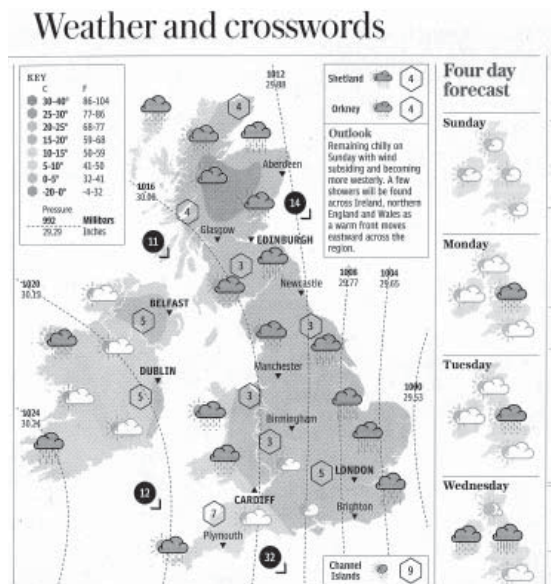
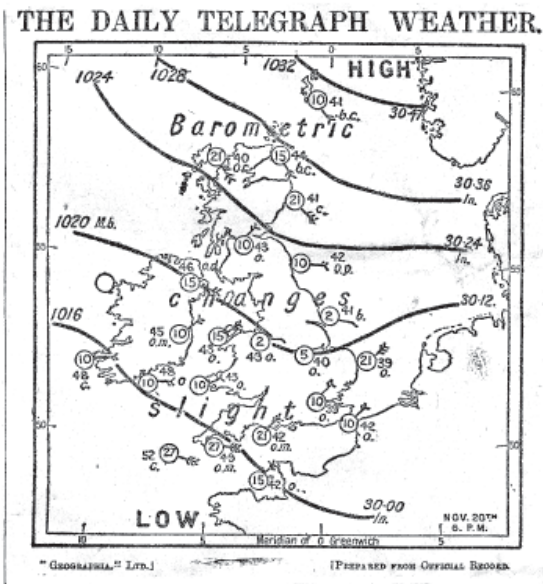
The only down side is 'poo' but we get far worse from dogs with 'blind' owners. Let them roam, they serve only to brighten our lives. Or perhaps a referendum? I'm sure the majority have no objection. PE



# How was the weather almost a hundred years ago?

In an old chest-of-drawers we recently came across some pages of a Daily Telegraph from November 21st, 1921. One of them carried the day's weather forecast and synoptic chart, shown here together with the summary forecast for just the southern regions of England - insufficient space to show the rest of the country. It's interesting to contrast it with how the Telegraph now presents similar information, on the same day, 94 years later.

A particular feature of the 1921 paper was that immediately beneath the chart was a very good primer in how to read and understand it. The various symbols, and what one could interpret from them, were explained, but it was very much a simplified meteorologist's synoptic chart, and the present day chart is no doubt much more appropriate for the lay person.



## TO-DAY'S FORECASTS.

(24 hours from Midnight, Sunday)

GENERAL INFERENCE FROM OBSERVATIONS AT 18.00

The large high pressure system extending from Iceland to Scandinavia, and the low to South-Westward of the British Isles, will maintain the Easterly wind current over the kingdom. Much cloud will prevail generally, with local drizzle or sleet and a rather low temperature.

1. England, S.E ) Wind N.E., moderate, fresh at times;
2. England, E ) dull, perhaps local drizzle or sleet,
3. Midlands, E ) visibility indifferent, to fair, rather
4. Midlands, W ) colder than of late.
5. England, S.W. (Wind E. fresh or strong; dull,  
(perhaps local drizzle, some mist.

And so on...

## Forecast

### General situation

Northerly gales will prevail across the United Kingdom today with the air feeling bitterly cold. Scattered showers, some wintry, will be common on the east coasts, with snow on the hilltops. London. Cent S England, Channel Is, SW England. E England. SE England. E Anglia. Midlands: Feeling quite cold today. Wintry showers east. A strong to gale-force northerly wind Max 35-45F (1-7C). The odd wintry shower near the coast tonight Min 27-37F (-3 to 3C).

*(Chart and summary courtesy of AccuWeather.com and Daily Telegraph.)*

# The life and times of Edward Bear

Hadfelda WI - Chris Marks

In October our speaker, Mrs C Ives, gave an interesting talk about 'The Life and Times of Edward Bear' which was very appropriate as this was the first meeting held in the Church hall, and she was standing with her collection of bears in front of the Edward Bear Club notice board. She told us the story of how the bears became known as 'Teddy' bears and how Margaret Stieff was ill when she was young and couldn't go out to play with other children and so she started to make toys out of the off-cuts of clothes that her mother made.

In 1903 she began to make bears (she had got interested in making them after finding a 1903 pattern and going to a craft fair with a friend). The bears were first filled with wood shavings and then kapok and were, up to then, on 'all fours' so they could stand or sit up. Later, at a fair where she was selling bears, someone from Maceys Store in America saw them and asked for 200! By 1909 she had 2,000 people working for her.

After doing a business course and making lots of bears she took them on holiday, sold some to a shop and later was asked to make twenty teddies to go to Singapore. She now sells to Hamleys and does repairs to very loved teddies that have had accidents. Members had been asked to bring their teddy bears and there a number on display.

In November we were delighted to welcome Ken Harrison who entertained us with stories about the RNLI. Ken lives in the village and we were very grateful he was able to come and speak at short notice. He has been involved with the RNLI for many years and had numerous stories and anecdotes to share with us.

He told us the history of various life boats and the areas they served. Over the years many hundreds of lives have been saved by brave men and women who volunteer to put out to sea and rescue those in distress. In our competition, an object beginning with the letter 'A', the winning entry was, rather appropriately, a tin of anchovies.

The next meeting on 9th December is our Christmas party and also the 50th anniversary of Hadfelda WI. The Group Carol Service is on 15th December 2pm at St Mary's Church Little Baddow and next year's Group Carol Concert will be in Hatfield Peverel on 7th December.



We now meet in the Church hall on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7.45pm. Subs for next year will be £37.50 starting in January. New members are always welcome.

## Knights and dragons

Year 2 Infant School children have been listening to tales of brave knights slaying fierce dragons, their shields carrying their coats of arms (today our addresses showing where we come from). The children made their own shields - in the top left had corner is the Essex coat of arms. Thank you to, from the top, Emmie, Ellis, Ronnie and Lydia



## **Walks end with two good lunches!**

**Graham Bushby (380472) Hatfield Peverel Walkers**

The October walk was led by Ken Earney and began at the Rodney pub in Little Baddow where we left our cars having met earlier at the village hall as usual. Thirteen walkers then began a mostly woodland circular trek of about five miles in pleasant conditions before ending up back at the Rodney. Some of us then had a pub lunch and watched the rain arrive whilst others declined the opportunity!

Eleven members took part in our November walk on a pleasant 6.5 mile ramble starting from the village hall with a bus ride to Letches Corner and a walk across field footpaths past Hoe Mill Bridge, Rushes Lock, Paper Mill Lock with a pause for refreshments. After the break it was away from the river and across the fields via Cardfields, the new allotment site and the Scout HQ to the village - a bit muddy along the Chelmer tow path but pleasant weather for this time of year.

A shorter walk on 17th December as we will have our Christmas meal afterwards. Any member who has not yet reserved their place please contact Graham quickly as places are limited due to popularity. To join our walks in the New Year please contact Graham on 380472.

## **Inspiring Autumn course explores the place of Islam in our society** **WEA**

In September, our course on 'Islam and Muslims in the UK and the modern world' presented by Muhammad Manwar Ali introduced us to the fundamentals of the Islamic faith, its basic principles and practices, and how it is followed in the 21st century. Of particular relevance at the present time it focused on the position of women in Islam, Islam and violence, and Islam and the Muslim presence in Britain today.

Extremely rewarding, much two-way interaction - our tutor had his work cut out to keep the syllabus on track.

### **A series of three excellent Autumn evening talks**

**October** Jim Page spoke on '2000 years of change in Mid-Essex'

**November** Mark Lewis introduced us to 'The history of Lighthouses' and in **December** Robert Long's talk was 'Maldon's place in English history'

### **January 2016 Spring term**

**'Conflict in the 19th century Essex countryside'** with Ted Woodgate. 10am 5th January 2016, Scout & Guide HQ, Church Road. **For information please contact Lesley Naish on 01245 380037**



*Christine, helped by Roy, opening up a present or two*

## **Time to put the feet up!**

A few years ago, when not actually looking for a job, Christine Hurrell was asked if she would be interested in two hours a day cleaning in the village hall. Twenty five years on - as she says, where have the years gone - Christine, now cleaning supervisor, has retired. Husband Roy put up his feet on 29th September but his freedom was short-lived, Chris followed three days later, on 2nd October!

Reliable - for all that time she hardly had a day off - hard-working, helpful and a good friend to many, her two hours a day increased to 30 hours - and that seven days a week. She has been a familiar face in the village hall, opening up in the morning and for afternoon functions, doing the beer lines. Got a problem, ask Christine.

To give her a big send-off daughter Louise organised a surprise party - family and friends, old and young, and Christine was amazed at the number of people who came to wish her well.

And what will she miss. 'The good friends, the company. But I'll be back on poker and brag nights! Thankyou to everyone who celebrated with me and for my lovely presents'.



## Last supper for the Bingo Club

Pat House - Bingo Club and EMC

A happy three years playing bingo, enjoying fun, laughter, social contact, making new friends in Nora Guilder Homes on a Wednesday evening has come to an end: members from Every Members Club (EMC), residents from Norah Guilder and several ladies and gentlemen living nearby sadly said goodbye with a fish and chip supper and a thank you to Dawn for her friendship organising the evenings, and the home for allowing the facilities to be used over the years. The lounge is now residents only.



It is hoped participants living close to Nora Guilder, who are going to miss out on that essential social contact, will join EMC which meets weekly on Tuesday afternoons between 1.30 and 3.30pm in the village hall. Emma, who runs the club, will welcome you all with open arms and you will see many friendly and familiar faces. We of EMC have this vital contact. We are truly grateful that Emma, like Dawn, has the insight to know what people require in their twilight years. Emma and all of us urge any lady or gentleman from the Bingo Club to join us on a Tuesday afternoon. You will be most welcome.

**It was EMC's fourth birthday this November** and it is no exaggeration to say we are going from strength to strength. We have had a very full and varied programme - yes bingo but also music, talks, outings and above all social contact, talking and laughing, resulting in lasting friendship and moral support. Do come and give us a try.

Coming up we have our Christmas dinner on 8th December; and Secret Santa and a big raffle on 15th December. We restart on Tuesday 5th January. A happy Christmas to you all. If you want to get in touch Emma's phone number is 01376 516674, mobile 07455 143424.



## Party in the Park

Mark Weale, chairman PinP  
[herbertweale@aol.com](mailto:herbertweale@aol.com)

We are still looking for helpers for the pram race and Party in the Park - please email me if you are interested in helping. Or if you would like to enter the pram race could you register your interest with me on my email.

*Left, Emma receives a cheque from the Party in the Park committee presented by Adrian Coombs in recognition of her contribution towards providing laughter, friendship and entertainment to our villagers through EMC*

## 1st Hatfield Peverel Scout Group

(for boys and girls 6 - 18 years)

Group Secretary Suzanne Evans (01245 382397)

The 1st Hatfield Peverel Scout Group consists of four units: Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers. All are well subscribed and hold weekly meetings in the HQ in Church Road. An adult support group known as the SASU is open to all adults with an interest in scouting.

**Visit our Website - [www.hpscouts.org.uk](http://www.hpscouts.org.uk)** - it is jam-packed with useful information for existing members and those seeking to enrol their young person in Scouting activities within the village. There are sections on fund-raising, how adults can become involved and who to call to hire our HQ. For any queries please contact Michelle at [hpscoutgroup@gmail.com](mailto:hpscoutgroup@gmail.com)

**Up, up and away for Cancer UK!** The Beavers have been busy fund-raising; they dressed as super heroes (*see top photo*) and then decorated cakes to sell at their meeting. A fantastic £47 was raised for the charity 'Children with Cancer UK'. Flower Power - as part of their gardening badge, Beavers took part in a sunflower growing competition. The sunflowers were nurtured through the summer and winners were Frederick Baker and Kierron Ward, whose blooms grew to an amazing 10 feet tall! (*right is Frederick with his winner*)

**Cubs reach for the Stars** Cubs have had a productive and enjoyable term, earning both their Astronomers and Entertainers Activity Badges. Seasonal activities included making wooden Christmas decorations to hang on their tree, an end of term party and their annual fund-raising evening to bring Christmas cheer to the community. Looking ahead to 2016, Cub packs in the UK will be celebrating 100 years of Cub Scouting with new activities and some old ones from years gone by. We would love to hear from villagers who were involved with 1st Hatfield Peverel Cubs in the past and have information of interest to our current pack.

**Remembrance Day Parade** The whole Group, along with the Guides, took part in the Remembrance Day Parade along Church Road from our HQ to St Andrews Church. Everyone looked very smart in their neatly pressed uniforms with their white 'poppy' scarves. On arrival, the flag bearers formed a guard of honour, as the congregation entered the church for the hour long service to remember the fallen.

### Fund-raising

**Monthly paper and cardboard collection:** We collect waste paper and cardboard on the first Saturday of the month which includes newspapers, cardboard boxes (please flatten), office paper, magazines (minus plastic wrapping), shredded paper and cereal boxes etc. Please do not put your paper/cardboard items out for the refuse collectors, let us collect it or put it in our skip in the HQ car park in Church Road. Thank you

**Useful Contacts: Website:** [www.hpscouts.org.uk](http://www.hpscouts.org.uk); **Bookings:** Louise Ware, 01245 381753

**Membership enquiries:** Michelle Spicer, [hpscoutgroup@gmail.com](mailto:hpscoutgroup@gmail.com), 01245 380630

**Monthly newspaper collection:** Jonathan Dormon, 01245 382981, [jonathan.dormon@btinternet.com](mailto:jonathan.dormon@btinternet.com)

**Secretary:** Suzanne Evans, 01245-382397, [boons-holidays@talktalk.net](mailto:boons-holidays@talktalk.net)





## Winter Tuesday League gets under way

Rita Thomson, Club Captain (380038)  
[www.hatfieldpeverelbowling.org](http://www.hatfieldpeverelbowling.org)



The Autumn and Winter sessions are under way. The Summer finals were held on Friday 16th October; the singles winner Chrissie Harris won over Martin Rodgers 9 shots to 4. In the pairs final Ron Jarvis and partner Mark Teenan won over Steve Spooner and Colin Summers 9:8. It was a great game, Mark and Colin are fairly new bowlers so it was good to see them reach their first final.

The Winter Tuesday League started on 27th October for fourteen weeks. This is also a great competition. The short mat league has got under way, both the A and B teams have had wins; early days yet as the clubs we play are very good bowling clubs. The club singles and pairs competitions are under way: there will be a few surprising results - good luck to everyone on behalf of the Bowling Club.

A happy Christmas and New Year to you all.

## Mother's ruin or Vi's cure for arthritic joints

Our lovely friend Vi was a great believer in this recipe for arthritic joints. Does it work? I know she said the nodes on her fingers swelled if she didn't keep up with the fruit. The sultanas she gave me to try were delicious - why not have a go, there's still time to make it by Christmas. Purely for medicinal purposes!

**Ingredients** sultanas, gin, 2 small plastic boxes with lids

**Method** fill box 1 three quarters full with sultanas.

**Pour gin** over sultanas to cover them and put on lid

**Leave** for two weeks or until sultanas have absorbed gin

**Dose 10 sultanas per day** not necessarily at one sitting

You should start to feel the benefit after one month but it is painful to start with. You can start to manipulate the nodes round the finger joints as the sultanas begin to work. Once the first box is ready to enjoy, start up the next load in the second box.

Let us know how you get on.

## Village hall festivities

Facebook: Hatfield Peverel village hall  
Yearly membership to the Community Association is £5.

Come to the village hall over Christmas and enjoy a warm welcome and a celebratory drink in a friendly atmosphere. Children welcome.

**Normal opening times** 7pm - 11pm  
Closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's day.

**The Christmas draw board** is open, come and buy your lucky tickets for the annual draw, last tickets from bar 17th December

### December dates for your diary

**Sunday 13th** Lights on the Christmas tree outside the village hall will be turned on at 4.30pm. There will be carols, mince pies and mulled wine - everyone is welcome. Limited parking

**Thursday 17th** Bingo 7.30 for 8pm

Saturday 19th Poker

**Saturday 19th** Christmas draw 8pm

**Wednesday 24th** Children's party. All ages, everyone welcome

**Wednesday 31st** News Year's eve with singer Becky. 8pm start. Ticket only - members free, non members £10. Light refreshments

### Bookings for hall, meeting rooms

HPCA bookings@gmail.com

Phone Alan on 07741 140732

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

### Christmas crackers

**Painting** - the art of protecting flat surfaces from the weather exposing them to the critic

**Famous** - conspicuously miserable

**Twice** - once too often

**Misfortune** - the kind of fortune that never misses



*Congratulations to Nicky Shelley and the children of her child minding group here celebrating the Outstanding award following Ofsted's September visit. Nicky was praised for effectiveness of leadership and management - working in partnership with parents, schools and nurseries, quality of teaching, learning and assessment, personal development, behaviour and welfare - outstanding in keeping children safe, and outcomes for children*

## **New experiences for Nursery children**

**W**e had lots of new experiences again this term, celebrating St Andrews Day and Diwali. For St Andrews Day we made Loch Ness monsters and ate porridge for a snack and we celebrated Diwali by making cards and eating Indian food.

Our Grandparents came into play at the beginning of November. They had great fun with us. We dressed up in our favourite fancy dress outfits for Children in Need and through the generosity of our parents we raised £70.05.

We are preparing for Christmas. We are making Christmas puddings, Christmas cards and decorations. The children are practising their Christmas songs to sing to their parents. The nursery has had an **outstanding** year and 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 for children up to the age of 8 years old. For availability of spaces please telephone 01245 382450.

Thank you to Nursery children for their Christmas drawings. We have used Father Christmas on our front cover. Thank you to Hilary too who always comes up trumps - or should it be Father Christmases and Christmas trees!

*On the left - a Christmas celebration by boys and girls from the Nursery. Starting from the top, thank you to Tilly, Brooke, Brooke, Mia and Peter*

## News from St Andrews

Christmas is coming and ever since the summer holiday I have heard people saying 'its only ..... days to Christmas!' In some ways our Christmas at St Andrews began in September, when gifts were being gathered together for the Samaritan's Purse project. This year, as a church, we filled 121 boxes which, along with boxes from our two schools, meant that a good van-full has gone to needy refugees, living in camps displaced by war and inhumanity.



On a more reflective note we had a full church for Remembrance Sunday (which we call a Service of Remembrance and Dedication). This was followed by a Vigil, from 12 noon to 12 midnight, dedicated to the efforts of 'Open Doors' to relieve the sufferings of Christians persecuted throughout the world, but particularly concentrating on Iraq and Syria.

So what is happening over December and January? With this Review you should have a Christmas Card itemising the services to be held over the Christmas period. Below is a quick resumé of various events.

### Christmas at St Andrew's Church

- 5th December 10am Christmas coffee morning, get into the festive spirit with a mince pie
- 6th December 5pm Christmas Carol Songs of Praise in aid of The Children's Society
- 13th December 10.15am 'Messy Nativity' (a craft activity followed by a short service for all ages, and a light lunch at 12.30pm)  
Please let either Mary 01245 380566 or Anna 01245 380359 know if you require lunch.
- 20th December 6.30pm Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols
- 24th December 4.30pm Children's Toy Service 'The Greatest Gift' in aid of Home Start
- 24th December 11.30pm Midnight Mass
- 25th December 9am Holy Communion at All Saints Ulting  
10.15am Family Carol Service followed by Holy Communion at St Andrews

### New Year 2016

- 2nd January 10am Coffee morning
- 3rd January 4pm All Saints Ulting Carol Service
- 19th January 9.30am - 12.30pm at All Saints Ulting Morning of Prayer

## Musical theme for Mother's Union

### Jean Ashby

Father Stephen played us some lovely music from his own collection of CDs, his favourites over the years, at our October meeting. He started with a familiar tune from his childhood - Handel's Water Music. Handel is famous for 'Messiah' but he wrote many other not so well known works, Judas Maccabeus and Joshua among others.

During the 18th and 19th centuries life was a constant struggle for young composers. Some preferred to write operas, others Church music - oratorios, chorales, and Passion cantatas - such as

Bach, Mendelssohn, and Mozart. All were faced with finding patrons who would support and pay them for their music, a problem with a family to support. Life was a constant struggle and many died at a young age.

As well as playing us excerpts from Handel's Joshua and Bach's Christmas Oratorio, we heard pieces by Giacomo Carissimi who composed 'Jephthah' and 'Jonah' and an excerpt from Carl Heinrich Graun's 'Grand Passion' which was delightful to listen to. We thanked Fr Stephen for this glimpse into his private music collection and hope we may be able dip into it again.



### 3rd November

An interesting talk at our November meeting with Mr Bill Lambert from the Kennel Club, set up in 1873 as governing body for the world of dogs. The club, with 1500 members and 215 breeds in this country, promotes happy healthy dogs, responsible owners, education for breeding schemes, breed standards, and genetic screening. The Kennel Club data base recommends micro chipping and this will become compulsory in 2016.

The club's HQ in London has Europe's biggest library devoted to dogs, established in 1985, and it's collection of dog books is second to none. There is a scheme for children, 'Bark and Read' which helps those with reading problems. Volunteers go into schools with their dogs and a child who is reluctant to read to an adult will happily read to a dog.

Charles Cruft started his dog shows in 1891: they now attract dogs from all over the world. There are 35,000 breeders in the UK and all Kennel Club members have their premises and welfare standards inspected regularly. Information from puppies to rescue dogs can be found on the website, and there is a constant lobbying of Parliament on dog issues. The wealth of information, both oral and visual, given to us by Mr Lambert made us realise how diverse and interesting is the world of dogs: they

deserve to be treated with love and respect for the love and respect they give us. We gave Mr Lambert a round of applause.

**Subscriptions** - 2016 subscriptions will be £20, money due at our December meeting if possible.

### Lovely to see you

It was lovely to see extra ladies at our November meeting. We hope you enjoyed the talk and will consider joining us on a permanent basis as new members are always welcome. We are at a serious position as a branch. Pat Curtis became our enrolling member in 1990 and has given 25 years of faithful service in this office. She deserves a rest, her retirement is long overdue and she would like to hand over to someone else. Joan Richardson has been our faithful treasurer for the same amount of time and also needs to retire.

We have had an offer from a member who is willing to take over from Joan and we are very grateful. However, no branch can continue for long without a leader and if there is no-one to take over from Pat then possibly within another year we may be forced to close our branch, which would be a disaster I fear. We ask everyone to pray about this; that someone will come forward to help us with this problem very soon.

*Belinda Hull, organiser of St Andrew's Church luncheon club and the vicar, Rev Stephen Northfield, with a cheque from the Party in the Park committee*





## Hatfield Peverel Methodist Church

We have continued with our fund raising efforts for Tearfund, the charity which works to provide sanitary conditions in poor countries. In our present 'toilet twinning' project we are raising funds to cover the cost of toilet huts to twin with your own toilets. Our lunch event on 28th October proved very enjoyable when over twenty people sat down to a meal provided by the Church. Rev Sue gave an entertaining and interesting talk on 'toilet matters' which led to lots of humour and thought provoking discussion as we remembered how it was only in the 20th century that we had internal bathrooms and toilet paper came in rolls and not from strips of newspaper hanging on a nail. Donations on the day, together with gifts received before the event totalled £336.50, more than enough to twin our three Church toilets and will enable the charity to provide another two on our behalf. Thank you for supporting us.

We have also been filling boxes with gifts of toys, school materials and clothes for children under the Operation Christmas Child project. This is an international appeal which sends these boxes to children affected by wars, famine, disasters, disease and poverty in Africa, Eastern Europe and Central Asia. We thank everybody who has added to our pile of boxes as they are sent on their journey and given to a child as a symbol of the true meaning of Christmas, and of God's unconditional love.

We continue to support the Braintree food bank which supports needy families in this area. The food bank is now well stocked with basic items following lots of harvest collections but is asking for items to give out as Christmas treats to their clients - Christmas cakes and puddings (small sizes only), festive biscuits, snacks and nibbles and children's Christmas sweets. If you are able to help it is appreciated.

### Special Christmas Services and events planned

6th December	4pm Carols by Candlelight Service, led by our minister with the Guides and Brownies - festive refreshments to follow
12th December	Festive Christmas coffee morning, 10am
13th December	10.30am joining Witham Methodist Church for a Carol Service 3pm Carols at the village hall
25th December	9.30am Christmas Day Service led by John Clemo
27th December	No Sunday Service
3rd January	11am – start the New Year with a service led by our minister Rev Sue King

### Regular events

Every Sunday	11am Morning service, everyone welcome
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

## Come and enjoy a Christmas Fayre

We are holding a Christmas Fayre at Hatfield Peverel Lodge on Monday 14th December from 2pm. We have got various stalls, Ray Durrant will be singing Christmas carols. We will have a Santa's Grotto for our residents and of course there will be presents from Santa for children too!

**We would be so pleased to have the support from our local community. So please come!**  
**Ring Nicki - senior Activity Co-ordinator on 01245 380750** for further details.

### Solution to the crossword on page 22

**Across** – 2 Eve. 4 Pea. 7 Add. 8 Ace. 10 Scowl. 12 Sandpit. 15 May. 16 X. 17 Serpent. 19 Lop. 21 Opens. 22 Oaf. 24 Rum. 25 Ode. 27 Angel. 28 Rid. 29 NY. 30 Lower.

**Down** - 1 Eats. 2 Ed. 3 Ea. 4 Pest. 5 Atom. 6 Only. 9 Adept. 11 Wagon. 13 Age. 14 Ion. 17 Spoken. 18 Tomato. 19 League. 20 Psalms. 23 For. 24 Red. 26 Did.

***Bore** - a person who talks when you wish him to listen*



## Our churchyard tombstones

Walking through the churchyard one early morning I was struck by the beauty of the rays of light, layered with mist, streaming through the trees and shining on the tombstones. So many memories, of good and true villagers, some living to a great age, others dying young.

In our churchyard the oldest tombstone is that of Robert Halls, who died November 1691. The grave is near the path halfway along to the church and can be read quite clearly. In his book 'History of the Priory and Parish Church of Saint Andrews, Hatfield Peverel, Essex', author Alfred Steele says there no others of the seventeenth century, but there are about twenty memorials of the eighteenth century.

Robert's memorial reads *'here lyeth buried the body of Robert Halls who departed this life November (ye 7) 1691 aged 50 years'*

Alfred Steele tells us a stone NE of the church is worthy of record. The inscription reads:

*Sacred to the memory of  
James Wakeling  
of the 5th Regiment of Foot  
who died Sept 27th 1865,  
He was in the following engagements  
In 1799 under HRH The Duke of York  
in Holland,  
In 1806 under General Whitlock,  
in South America storming Buenos Ayres,  
In 1809 under the Earl of Chatham,  
at the siege of Flushing,  
The following eleven were under  
General Moore and Lord Wellington  
in France, Spain and Portugal,  
I Battle of Nive VII Vimiera  
II Nivelles VIII Rolica  
III Pyrenees IX Ciudad Rodrigo  
IV Vittoria X Orthes  
V Salamanca XI Toulouse  
VI Corunna  
Total number of Battles 14*

The placing of tombstones to commemorate those laid in the churchyard was a practice almost unknown before the seventeenth century, and birth dates were also uncommon.



## Sarah Joan Dodson 1945 - 2015

*Thank you to Gerald and his family for this loving celebration of Sarah's life, happy memories of a dear friend we shall all miss. Andrew writes below.*

Let me start with some words Sarah wrote at the age of eight in a letter to her father. *Dear Daddy. I am very pleased you are building the garage. Judith and William are playing in the garden. Tell Mummy to water the seed. William has cried about ten times. Love from Sarah xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.* Is it too fanciful to see in this childish letter a glimpse of the woman to come.? Throughout Sarah's life she had a passion for flowers, growing them, or drawing them. She also loved mathematics, and by counting her brother crying ten times, could that have hinted at the interest in maths?



Sarah went on to study maths at university, Bedford College, London, where she formed long standing friendships. She spent a year in Ghana teaching: back in the UK, after a few desk jobs, she took a teaching diploma and went on to teach maths for the rest of her working life - first at Havant Grammar school, then Great Baddow Comprehensive in 1971. Dad and Mum met soon after her move to Chelmsford: they married in 1975. Mum gave birth to her three sons - she loved children and took great care of us, only returning to teach when I started school. We had many happy times during our childhood. First for me was in 1981 when Mum entered me in the local baby pageant, and I was named the most beautiful baby in Hatfield Peverel!

As well as her passion for flowers, she loved walking and the countryside and regularly led the local walkers group on their Thursday outings. The thing which struck Dad the most was Mum's care at maintaining friendships. Her friendships meant a great deal to her. I've been looking through her sketch books, and found some dating back to when Mum and Dad first moved to our family home, the Orchards. Often when they were out and Dad was busy tending to the bees, Mum would be sketching. There is a visual record of those days for us to look through.

Mum had bought a cottage in North Wales just before she met Dad, a cottage she loved. It was used for our family holidays and is still owned after forty years (*The lovely photograph of Olly, Gerald and Sarah was taken not far from the cottage*). I think she would have hated to part with it. She enjoyed sailing her boat on the Blackwater, and apparently was the only woman who sailed single handedly in the club at one point.

When they retired outings grew more frequent. As Dad concentrated on his bees - also a large part of mum's life as their honey appeared on many a breakfast table in the village as well as local shops - Mum was able to focus on her gardening, painting and community work. She also enjoyed being a member of the local WEA where she had been Treasurer.

They had many happy years together and life in retirement seemed idyllic. They had begun organizing their 40th wedding anniversary shortly before Mum was diagnosed with cancer. She was adamant it should go ahead even though we could not be sure she would be well enough. She was, and Mum and Dad had a wonderful time celebrating with friends and family - the venue, a Thames sailing barge, was limited for space and we were not able to fit everyone in but there were a good number of friends and family.

For most of the time after Mum's diagnosis and until the end, she was calm and serene, indeed much as she has been throughout her life. She loved us all so very much and strived to do her best for us.

In going through our photos of Mum we came across a little girl with typical NHS round glasses children had to wear. Never mind the glasses; it is the smile on that little girl's face which immediately struck us. That was the smile we have always seen. It was the smile that the carers from Farleigh Hospice and St George's Care agency were always greeted with and commented on. Mum's smile was the last thing to go.

## Joan Nettleton (1913 - 2015)

*Joan celebrated her 100th birthday in 2013 at the Blackwater Sailing Club with friends and neighbours who had known her through her long life: girls from her Guiding and Trefoil groups, Sea Rangers (see lower photo), Chelmsford Singers, Essex Weekly News. Now we say goodbye to a lovely talented lady who lived life to the full. Thank you to Ann Todd, her cousin and godmother, for her memories I have used - Ed*

**B**orn in Forest Gate in 1913, Joan came with her parents and sister to Hatfield Peverel in 1919 when her father bought Bovingtons, a 200-acre fruit farm stretching from the A12 to Wickham Bishops Road. During the season the first load of fruit picked on a Monday at 4am, was taken by lorry to get to market in Covent Garden. Children from the local school were given leave to fruit pick and the headmaster would come round to find when he could have his pupils back! Two years later Joan's father died and her uncle took over the farm: he liked Joan to man the telephone, keep an eye on the orders and get the money to pay the pickers (two shillings a bag). Joan wanted to go to school so she and her sister got on the train and went to Chelmsford County High for an interview with the headmistress who asked Joan to write a letter to her aunt. She was surprised and impressed with the result and Joan was given a place.

Leaving Bovingtons in 1949 when her uncle died, she built Marneys, opposite The Green. During this time she worked at Lord Rayleighs at Whitelands but not enjoying the secretarial work a friend found her a job at the Essex Weekly News where she worked on the payroll until her retirement - at 62 she was given her pension.

Joan was very talented. She had a beautiful soprano voice (she once sang a solo in Chelmsford Cathedral) was a very fine artist and needleworker. I have read that artists are often long lived, their passion for art keeps them interested in life, and I'm sure this was true of Joan; she still produced beautiful work into her tenth decade. An artistic lady who painted in pastels and watercolour - embroidered, knitted for herself and others (hats for the Seamen's Mission), sewed and made her own clothes, time did not hang heavy, there was never enough of it!

May I say how grateful I am, and I'm sure all of her relations are, to the devoted friends and neighbours who have helped Joan over the past few years, enabling her to stay in the home she loved. And I must say how fortunate to have her looked after by Nicky and Kerry. Elderly people can suffer through the neglect of highly paid but 'uncaring' carers, but Joan was wonderfully looked after, and whenever I went to see her I could see the great affection she had for them both.

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## New Year's Day walk

**T**he annual 'Blow the Christmas and New Year cobwebs away' walk will take place on New Year's Day, meeting opposite the Nounsley play area, to set off at 10.00. The route has not yet been decided, but will be around 4 to 4½ miles, a little walking on roads, aiming to finish around 12pm to 12.30. It's shaping up to be another wet winter, so make sure you are appropriately clad and shod for wet and muddy conditions.

For further information or any last minute updates contact Ken Earney on 381235, [keneaney@hotmail.com](mailto:keneaney@hotmail.com)



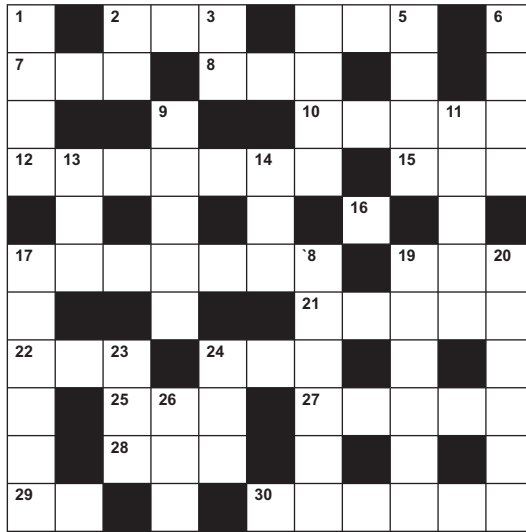
*The Sea Rangers, from left, Audrey (Doe) Webb, Vada (Hales) Jones, Gwen (Springett) Butler, Esme (Ashley) Joslin, "Cap" Joan Nettleton*



## Crossword Number 26 - Christmas 2015

### Across

- 2 Christmas —, the time the children look forward to the most.  
 4 The smallest vegetable?  
 7 — plus —.  
 8 The best of cards.  
 10 Pull a face.  
 12 Lovely to play in anytime.  
 15 Might be a month.  
 16 — marks the spot!  
 17 Has a snake crept in here?  
 19 Do this when you prune trees.  
 21 One door — when another one closes?  
 22 Three quarters of baked bread.  
 24 Ideal for putting on the Christmas pudding.  
 25 An odd one will be rhyming?  
 27 On top of the Xmas Tree?  
 28 See the back of.  
 29 US city once New Amsterdam (initials).  
 30 It — the tone of the area (snooty remark?)



### Down

- 1 Devours.  
 2 Short for Editor.  
 3 Abbreviation for 'every'.  
 4 This is a nuisance.  
 5 Could be mighty but is very small.  
 6 On its own?  
 9 Quite able.  
 11 On the — this Christmas?  
 13 A matter of time.  
 14 One letter short of steel?  
 17 Something you said?  
 18 Useful salad item.  
 19 Hopefully you are in

the top one!

- 20 Religious poems.  
 23 One letter short of four?  
 24 Bright colour for Christmas.  
 26 Not something you said but —.

Solution on page 18

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 tel: 01621 843183

### Winter Wonderland 13th December

Join in our seasonal activities with gift stalls, live music and entertainment. **Skate on the ice rink, skate hire included.** £6 per 30min session.

**Visit Santa** and receive a gift for each child.

**Ticket prices include one ride on our miniature railway. Train ride** for non Santa ticket holders £1 each or 6 rides for £5 (Available on the day).

**Tickets (pre-booked)** on sale from Maldon Tourist Information Centre: tel 01621 856 503 (a small booking charge may be added).

'Astaria' model village open. 'Marshall' the Lilleshall pumping engine will run on compressed air.

### Day at the Museum 19th December

Mid Essex Runners 5 mile off road trail race. **Fee £5 inc museum entry and food/drink vouchers** Route footpaths/tracks with route description. Minimum age 15 for runners. **Entries on day.**

### Cars and Coffee Meet 20th December

Third Sunday in each month 9am to 1pm.

Bring along your classic or modern vehicles together with anything of interest.

### 1st January 2016 New Years Day Crank Up

Adult £4.50; Senior citizens/students on production of current student ID card £4, children under fifteen £2. Miniature steam train running (extra charge applies).

**The museum and tea room** is open from 10am - 4pm but will close except for special events from 20th December, reopening in February 2016.

## 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 - non-emergency helpline 111  
Pharmacy, Hadfelda Square 01245 380130

**Electricity - emergency** 0800 7838838

**Essex County Council** 01245 492211

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

**First Essex Buses Ltd** 01245 293400

**Gas - emergency** 0800 111999

**Harlequin Children's Centre** 01376 535270  
Free support and services for children under 5

### Hospitals

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

### Libraries

Hatfield Peverel 01245 380988  
Tuesday, Thursday 1 - 5pm  
Wednesday, Saturday 9am - 1pm  
Witham 01376 519625

**Police Non-emergency calls** 101

Use 101 also for the local officer

Emergency calls 999

Witham Police Station opening hours

Monday - Saturday 12 noon to 6pm

**Post Office** 01245 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 Richard Ould** 0800 9775858

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

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

## Hatfield Peverel Parish Council

### Committees and working parties

Burial Ground Working Party (B)

Country Park Focus Group (CP)

External Audit Review (A)

Football Pavilion (F)

Keith Bigden Memorial Ground User Group (KB)

Neighbourhood Development Plan (N)

Planning (P), Traffic (T)

Village Environment (E)

### Councillors (and their working parties)

**Lisa Miller, Parish Clerk** 01245 403071  
parishclerk@hatfieldpeverelpc.co.uk

**David Broddle - Chairman** 01245 382829  
(P/KB/CP/A)

**Susie Blythe** 01245 382685

**George Boyd Ratcliff (T)** 01245 380496

**Peter Endersby (E/KB/A/F)** 01245 381919

**Catherine Etheridge (E)** 01245 381553

**Bernard Heard** 01245 380370

**Suzanne Morris** 01245 382940

**Ted Munt (Football chair/E/A)** 01245 381135

**Les Priestley (A/N)** 01245 380404

**Linda Shaw (T)** 01245 382669

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

### District Councillors

**David Bebb** 01245 381065

**District and County Councillor**

**Derrick Louis** 07918 721526

*Both lists updated November 2015*





### **Witham Choral Society concert trips**

Details - [www.withamchoralsociety.org.uk](http://www.withamchoralsociety.org.uk)

Clare Lager, 01376 513747, [clare.lager@gmx.com](mailto:clare.lager@gmx.com);

Carol Marner, 01787 473992, [david@marnerattryon.plus.com](mailto:david@marnerattryon.plus.com)

**Sunday 24th January, RFH - Philharmonia,**  
Finzi- Clarinet Concerto,  
Vaughan Williams - The Wasps, Sea Symphony

**Sunday 14th February, RFH - Philharmonia**  
Music for St Valentine's Day - Bruch, Mahler,  
Saint-Saens, Mendelssohn J Strauss 2, Bizet, Mascagni

**All welcome - pick up Hatfield Peverel Library**

### **What a whopper!**

328 lbs or nearly 23 stone - or twice the weight of the average man - whichever way you look at it, that's a lot of pumpkin.

Trina Butcher, first time pumpkin grower and now a champion, won the Horticultural Society's annual largest pumpkin challenge. You may imagine she spent the next week cutting it up for the freezer, making soup, cakes, and begging friends to come and help themselves. But the trouble with any soft vegetable, once started it quickly goes rotten and turns to mush. But if you are interested, Trina has a lovely cake recipe she can recommend.

If you like a challenge and growing things, do as Trina did, find a spare patch in the vegetable garden - it may mean you won't be able to grow anything else - set one of Trina's magic seeds (available at the May plant sale) and get growing. Good luck!

### **Witham Insight**

**an audio book group for the  
visually impaired**

Held on the first Monday of the month,  
2-3pm

at Witham Library

For more information, please call  
Witham Library on 01376 518625

### **And for afters...**

**Madeleine** - light sponge cake associated with French pastry chef Madeleine Palmier.

**Sally Lunn** - teacake said to be created by Sally Lunn, a British pastry chef.

**Apple Charlotte** - layered apple cake named after Queen Charlotte, wife of George III.