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Local events and happenings round and about

Diary Dates

February

- 22 Hadfeld WI
- 21 Shrove Tuesday at St Andrews
- 23 Hatfield Peverel Walkers, see page 7
- 25 Craft for all ages 10am - noon, St Andrews

March

- 1 Folk Dance Club
- 3 St Andrew's Church coffee morning 10am
- 5 Parish Council meeting, village hall
- 7 Annual Parish meeting, Church hall, 8pm
- 7 Flower Club
- 10 Methodist Church coffee morning
- 11 Museum of Power, Science Sunday
- 14 Wine Club
- 15 Folk Dance Club
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- 20 WEA AGM, see page 9
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- 31 Folk Dance Club

April

- 2 Parish Council
- 4 Flower Club
- 7 Coffee morning, St Andrews
- 8 Museum of Power, Easter Steam Gala
- 11 Wine Club
- 12 Folk Dance Club
- 14 Methodist church coffee morning
- 12 Folk Dance Club

Front cover

St Andrew's Junior School B7 students have been looking at Picasso and Alice Holden's interpretation is our striking cover for this month's Review

The vagaries of our weather...

First the mini-tornado, a tearing wind that crept quietly into the village. We were having a cup of coffee in the lounge when a rushing sound accompanied by horizontal rain and a strange mist went past the window on its way, as it happened, to the churchyard where it whipped round tearing massive branches off the glorious cedars and uprooting several large firs, leaving a tangled mass of branches, broken gravestones, tiles off the church roof. A sad sight. It continued on its destructive way across the fields to Upson's Farm Shop where it caused further chaos. It takes a disaster to unite us and the following week many, many willing helpers gathered in the churchyard armed with rakes, chain saws, cutters, to help with the clear up. The enormous bonfire of smaller branches gave out a heat which Father Stephen said would keep St Andrew's warm for a month if we had the ability to store it. Pomeroy, the vicarage cat, kept an eye on things. Having got back some semblance of order, along came the snow in the night and we woke on Sunday morning to a blanket of white and that magical sound of nothing. What will be our third catastrophe - a plague of locusts perhaps?

Thank you

Many thanks from St Andrew's Church Choir and friends to all the commuters who contributed to our collection for The Children's Society when we sang carols at Hatfield Peverel station on the evening of Tuesday 20th December. We raised £200.

Special service for Salvation Army bandsmen

On the afternoon of Tuesday 6th December bandsmen past and present from the Salvation Army were privileged to attend a special service at All Saints church in Terling.

The Rector The Reverend John Hall had invited the bandsmen to visit to say thank you and to recognise over fifty years attendance at the annual Remembrance Day Service in Terling.

During the afternoon, Bandmaster Geoff Jordan received on behalf of all the bandsmen a watercolour painting of Terling from the Rector.

The bandsmen who attended were Russell Weller, Peter Wright, Fred Valentine, Ralph Spooner, Keith Wright, Ray Cheek and Geoff Jordan.

After the presentation the Bandmaster responded with his own thanks to the church's congregation and residents of Terling for their kindness and friendship over the years.

Following the service, tea was enjoyed by the many people who had attended.

The painting will be proudly displayed in the Salvation Army hall in Maldon Road.

Another record - £4763.07!

Peter Archer

Hatfield Peverel Appeal Co-ordinator

The village Poppy Appeal collection for 2011 raised an incredible £4763.07 - an increase of £335 on last year's total.

Our house to house collection raised almost £1320; four early mornings at the station came to just over £425, Church Remembrance was £279, donations, special events £24.60 and sale of wreaths £87. Shops, offices, public houses, library, surgery and Junior and Infant Schools collected nearly £2630. Many thanks to all who helped.

I would like to confirm that no expenses or commission is claimed by anyone involved.



Beating the Bounds

Ken Earney (01245 381235)

I am hoping to organise and lead a walk of the northern half of the parish boundary on Spring Bank Holiday Monday, 7th May, subject to the agreement of the landowners concerned. If I get permission full details will appear in the April issue of the Review.

A Bad Case of Wind

Allotment Association - David Goodey (01245 380389)

January 3rd 2012 will be remembered in Hatfield Peverel and Nounsley for a long time. Lambasted by storms we were hit by what I believe was a tornado. For 6-7 minutes the world went dark and the wind, hail and rain arrived - I expected Dorothy and Toto to fly by! I live in Nounsley and thought it was bad there, but it was nothing compared to a few hundred yards away. The 'tornado' appears to have come across Stony Path meadow - one of our members had to lie on her terrified dog for fear of being swept away - across the fields and Priory land before tearing through the churchyard bringing down huge chunks of the glorious cedars. Masonry and tiles were lost, gravestones broken, telephone lines brought down. It continued through the graveyard bringing down a number of trees and cutting off the footpath. Crossing the field next to the old site allotments, it upended eleven sheds, four or five were totally destroyed, one landing a hundred feet away from its original position. Composters and lids were flung dozens of yards away. Cloches, cages, frames and netting were rearranged and substantially damaged. Arriving at the houses opposite Upsons Farm Sales it lifted one large 12x8 shed off its base and dumped it on one end some twenty feet away. Other sheds were blown over, aerials brought down and tiles stripped from roofs.

A live power line was draped across the road and Upson's farm then received by far the worst of the storm. You will have noticed considerable damage to at least three barns, a lorry blown over into the pond, tiles and glass all over the place and power completely lost to the farm sales shop. We all have the greatest sympathy for the Upson family and hope they are able to fully recover from this disaster.

On the allotments we righted six sheds, variously damaged, and cleared much of the rest including repatriating as many composters and lids to their owners as possible. Sadly the very next day high winds continued and three sheds were again bowled over. Winter is a quiet time in the life of allotmenters, but this will long be remembered for its destruction.

Digging and planting start in earnest in the next few weeks as we plan another year of fresh fruit and vegetables. If you would like to join the short waiting list for an allotment please contact John Cockell (01245 381646), old site next to the church, or Paul Waite (01245 380429) site next to the cricket pitch.

Stop press - don't forget the quiz on Saturday 17th March, village hall 7 for 7.30pm, £5 per person. Bar open, bring own nibbles. Ring Michele Ridgewell asap on 381509 if you would like to come.

Spring dates for your diary

Hatfield Peverel and Ulting Horticultural Society - Sarah Barker

Our first event of the year, an illustrated talk entitled 'A Gardener's Year' by **Harry Brickwood has been confirmed for Thursday 22nd March** at the village hall. Harry is a leading light in the Hardy Plant Society and has an award winning garden, which is also the venue for this year's afternoon garden walk. Doors open at 7.30pm and the talk starts at 8pm. Refreshments will also be served.

Gardens and houses of the Isle of Wight

Bookings are being taken for this year's Summer break in the Isle of Wight on 20th - 24th July.

We shall be staying at the 3* Melbourn Ardenlea Hotel in Shanklin. The four night stay costs £335 per person (£12 per night single supplement). The price includes breakfast and evening meal and lunch on day two together with all coach travel and garden entrance charges. We shall be visiting seven gardens and/or houses including Osborne House and Ventnor Botanic Gardens. Full details can be found at www.hatpevgardens.org.uk All booking enquiries to Clive Emberson, 01245 381704 or 07771 536938.

2012 yearbooks will be going to press shortly and members will be receiving these in the next few weeks.



Christmas lunch brings 2011 to a close

Hatfield Peverel Art Group - Peter Walker, Secretary
(01245 381798)

The Art Group held its Christmas lunch at the Lion Inn, and it was a great success. All members, both old and new, enjoyed the seasonal atmosphere, excellent food and outstanding service - a fitting occasion to bring 2011 to a close.

2012 got off to an encouraging start with mild weather and decent natural light contributing to enthusiastic attendances at the first two Monday afternoon sessions of the new term. Trevor Harwood is once again bringing his broad technical expertise and inspiring coaching to members of the group, and this is reflected in the ever-improving quality of the work they are achieving.

A full programme of weekly sessions is programmed through to Easter, with just a half-term break on 13th February and an extended painting day provisionally scheduled for 12th March.

Recent additions to the membership has brought it close to its' optimum level, but should you wish to find out more about the activities of the group, which holds its' weekly meetings on Monday afternoons from 2pm to 4pm in St Andrews Church Hall, please contact Peter Walker on 01245-381798, or visit the website at www.hatfieldpeverelartgroup.co.uk.

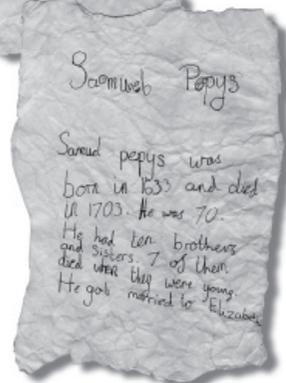
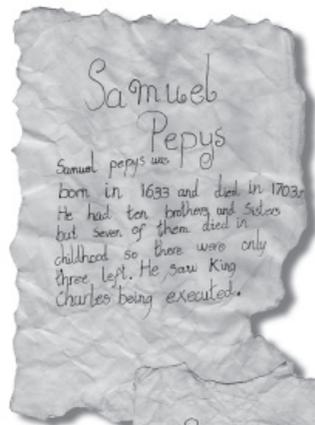
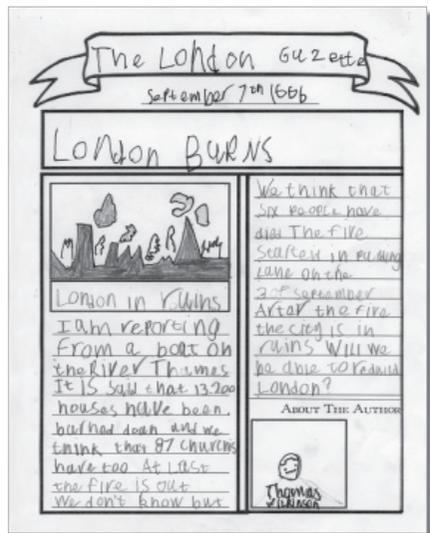
Toddlers Christmas celebrations

Steph Gunn (steph.gunn@yahoo.co.uk)

Toddlers had their Christmas party on 7th December with over forty children and their mums, dads, grans and childminders. A feast of fresh sandwiches, fruit and party treats was enjoyed by both the children and carers, before the entertainer had the children laughing and dancing! Father Christmas dropped by to share a few special words with everyone, as well as a gift for each child. A fantastic time was had by all thanks to the hard work and organisation by the committee members.

Toddler group committee are very pleased to say that, thanks to the Review, we have a new tea lady, to whom we are very grateful!

Toddlers meet every Wednesday (term time) from 10.30am to 12 noon at Hatfield Peverel village hall, and welcome new friends - please drop in.



Year 2 infants have been looking at news reporting in the 1600s on the subject of the Great Fire of London and Samuel Pepys. Thank you to Thomas for London Burns, and to Freya and Lucy for their pieces on Samuel Pepys

Parish Council News

Lisa Miller, Clerk to the Parish Council

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Please call the above number for an appointment with the Clerk at the Parish Office



Planning

All planning meetings are open to the public. Notification of these meetings will be erected on village notice boards three clear days prior to each meeting.

The following applications have recently been made

Proposed loft conversion with 3 dormers to front elevation (single rear dormer under permitted development) at The Shambles, Nounsley Road; erection of single storey extension to rear of property at Vinehurst, The Street; erection of detached garage/carport at Ivydene, Ulting Road; erection of side extension at first floor level at 19 Chestnut Avenue; .erection of two storey side extension together with single storey front projection and new window to rear elevation at Boxley Cottage, Maldon Road; raising of roof and erection of side extension at Witham Field Farm, Witham Road.

Amendments to previously approved application 11/01427/FUL – demolition of existing bay window and formation of new increased size bay window alteration to pitched roof over at 35 Sportsmans Lane.

The following applications have been approved by the District Council

Erection of a group of service outbuildings to comprise garaging, garden machinery store, two stables, greenhouse, biomass boiler and wood pellet storage in connection with The Priory, Church Road; replacement of external storage container at Salvation Army Mission Hall, Maldon Road; erection of single storey extension to provide enlarged foyer at Highwood House, Maldon Road; application for a proposed Lawful Development Certificate – formation of side dormer to existing roof slope at 16 Chestnut Avenue; conversion of loft to habitable room at The Bungalow, Crabb's Hill; erection of replacement detached garage at 2 Crix Corner Cottages, London Road.

Tree Preservation Orders

Approved The Old Vicarage, Station Road; 57 Willow Crescent; 11 De Vere Close; 7 De Vere Close

Pending Melford, The Pines; 55 Willow Crescent

Swan Close bus stop

The bus stop in The Street by Swan Close has recently been moved to outside Lime Cottages following a recent accident on the zebra crossing. The accident in which a pedestrian sustained injuries occurred whilst a bus was picking up at the stop and Essex Police have therefore requested the stop be relocated. It is hoped that the current move will be a temporary one until a safer permanent location can be sought. The shelter will remain in its current location until this time.

Parish Council meetings - Monday 5th March, Monday 2nd April, village hall 7.30pm

Annual parish meeting - Wednesday 7th March, St Andrew's church hall 8pm

And its goodbye from them...

Over forty years ago a group of young people in the village got together and formed the Young Wives, since called Peverel Wives. This January twenty six members

held their annual post Christmas meal at The Blue Strawberry. Sadly their last ever monthly meeting is in the village hall on Wednesday 15th February.

All past and present members are invited, do come and make it a special evening.

Wine Club recreates Monte Carlo, Baden-Württemberg and Wales!

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

We enjoyed a very different Christmas party evening in December when club members provided the usual excellent supper followed by a Casino Night. We looked very elegant in posh frocks and DJs as we tried our hand at roulette and black jack - Bob Hill won the bottle of champagne for accumulating the most chips by the end of the evening (shame we weren't playing for real money!). Real money was much in evidence for the charity raffle where £125 was collected for the Helen Rollason Cancer Charity - the most we have ever made at a charity raffle, well done everybody. Thanks again to local estate agent and club member Paul Mason for making this enjoyable evening possible with his generous sponsorship.

January saw a good turn out of members for a club quiz night, with questions devised by Lindsey Glasman and asked by John Glasman. The contest was keenly-fought, with 2 teams dead-heating for first place: the Titanics (newlyweds Dave and Marian Belshaw plus Marian's sister and brother-in-law) and the Clever Clogs (Kay and Chris Coombes, John and Judy Lea, Chris and Vee Green), with the Woodhamtops (residents of Woodham Drive!) only half a point behind. The Order of the Lemon went to the Nounsley Know It Alls, comprising Bob and Julia Gammie, Enid McBurney, Lotti Thomas and Anne Mountfort, whose lack of in-depth knowledge of the Arctic Monkeys may have let them down!



14th March. If you would like to come along, please give Vee a ring beforehand on 01245 355723. Club meetings usually take place on the second Wednesday of each month 8pm in the village hall.

Casino night photos taken by Judy Lea. Above: Wine Club members enjoy a flutter on the tables, and right Bob and Barbara Hill accumulating their winnings

Walking our footpaths

Hatfield Peverel Walkers - Sandra Bushby (380472), sandraebushby@btinternet.com

Our December walk had one intention - to cover the four miles and get to the Duke of Wellington pub by 12 o'clock! A brisk walk and we reached the Duke. After eating and drinking, a further hour or more was spent in enjoyable gossip, rumour and innuendo.

In the New Year, due to congestion in Hadfelda Square car park, **the new meeting point for future walks will be the village hall, Maldon**

Road, at 10am. The first outing on 26th January was a brisk, muddy walk to the river, a welcome cuppa at the cafe and back via Cardfields and the churchyard where a magnificent job has been done clearing wreckage left by our mini tornado.

For 23rd February the venue is farther afield and we will share cars to Twitty Fee, Little Baddow.

Fancy getting up a team (up to eight people) for the Allotment Association's quiz on Friday 17th March in the village hall, 7 for 7.30pm. £5 per person. Let Sandra know asap.

Memories of Anne (1936 - 2011)

We sat in the crowded church Anne loved so much, winter sun shining through the windows, sharing many memories of a wonderful friend who lived every minute of her life to the full. Always cheerful, with lovely smile, she never spoke ill of anyone. She was attentive to all her friends, constantly enquiring about them and their families, sending them cards, some of them specially designed and cherished by their recipients. She never ever forgot a birthday and would accept my apologies with a smile when I had transgressed - more than once. Ed.

Anne was born over her father's Radio Shop in Duke Street, Chelmsford in 1936. Her first school was Oldbury House; thence Moulsham Junior School where the teachers doubted her abilities (coming from a private school) and made her read in front of a large class before accepting her. Her love of books surprised everyone and the head teacher recommended she move to the 'Preps' at the County High after her first term. She became a Prefect, Editor of the school magazine and a demon bowler in the cricket team. She later attained her Certificate of Education as an Infant Teacher.

Through her friend Gillian she was introduced to Baddow Road Congregational Church where she became a member of the Junior Church and Church Youth Club. There she met Eric who at fourteen had recently lost his father. She became Secretary of the Club and Eric Treasurer. They married in 1959, and Anne took a post at Fryerning Lane Infants where she met two great friends, Mary Coffin who had married John on the same day, and Cynthia who taught at the Junior School.

She left Fryerning just before James arrived but bringing up her first child was not that simple - Eric's mother became ill with cancer and his two brothers joined the family at their end of terrace house in Chelmsford. Then Jonathan was due - time to look for a larger house. On a visit to Mary in Willow Crescent, they found a pair of derelict cottages on The Green and after much work the two cottages became one and their home. Mary Jane was born here in 1966.



Anne quickly became involved in village life; she was a founder member of the Play Group, and joined the baby-sitting circle where payment was made in tokens of an hour each so an evening out was earned without money changing hands. She resumed teaching once the children were at school and shared the infants' class at Terling School - where she cycled to and fro every day, rain or shine - and subsequently worked full-time. In 1988 she found herself with ME and was obliged to take early retirement.

An active member of the schools' PTAs and a founder member of Hadfelda WI, she joined the Parish Church and became a member of St Andrew's Young Wives and later the Mothers' Union, whose meetings she reported for the press, Church magazine and Review (always on time - Ed). She produced annual displays in the Church for National Marriage Week and distributed Church magazines in her area. A member of the Flower Guild, she was a 'modest' flower arranger daunted by the thought of doing the flowers for the altar or the Lady Chapel. But she gained confidence and 'graduated' to the large window on the left side of the Church - known as 'Anne's Window'. Her flair extended to the annual decoration of the library for Christmas, which she did for many years with Eric and friends. Her displays, planned weeks ahead, often interrupted sleep!

Anne became involved in running St Andrews Youth Club, a thriving group in the 70s and onwards. In 1979, the Vicar Reg Tozer asked if she would organise a craft and card stall as the club's contribution to the annual Church Bazaar, she

had been doing it ever since. Even last year, when she was so weak, she still wanted to ensure the stall was a success. She designed and made cards throughout the years and earned a steady income for the Church. It became a keen hobby to which every corner of the house bears witness!

She loved to support village events – she even ran in the pram race for two years! She was a member of the local drama group PADS, and appeared in pantomimes and on the float at Carnival time. She enjoyed walking her mother’s dogs over the fields, which gave her an opportunity to study and record the wild flowers around the village

A wonderful and loving wife to Eric, she gave him much support over the 40+ years he served as Parish Clerk, often fielding residents’ requests and complaints. Their Golden Wedding celebration was a memorable occasion when many friends joined them in their cottage garden on a sunny summer day in August 2009.

During her illness, she was grateful for the comfort and support she received from her family, her many friends and from the staff of Farleigh Hospice and the Macmillan Nurses. She touched so many people’s lives in so many different ways and this has been reflected in the cards and letters received from her dear friends and family.

Dear Anne, we miss you - you have been an inspiration to us all. Much love to Eric, James, Jonathan and Mary Jane.

Eric Windus and his family would like to thank all those friends who have supported them during Anne’s fight against cancer and at her Memorial Service, and for all their kind words of sympathy and offers of help. It has indeed been a comfort to know that so many caring people have been thinking of them at this time. The family knows their loss is shared by all those who have known Anne across the years.

A Magical Christmas meeting

Hadfelda WI - Marel Elliston

At our Christmas meeting in December we were entertained by Paul Clancy, a talented magician and member of the Magic Circle. He had us gasping in amazement at his tricks and slight of hand, all of which left us completely at a loss to guess how they were done. This was followed by an excellent buffet supper and a glass (or two) of wine. A good start to the festive season.

In January it was nice to welcome some new faces to the committee and to the meeting. Our speaker, Shelia Gunson, demonstrated ‘Iris Folding’ and we all had a go at making cards. It was great fun and most of the members seemed pleased with their efforts. We plan to have regular competitions through the year, and in January it was any item beginning with the letter ‘A’. There was a good selection of interesting objects; the winning entry was an old photograph of ‘Ancestors.’



On Wednesday 22nd February, Gary Egerton will

talk about VIP protection - followed by a cup of tea/coffee and light refreshments. Our competition is any item beginning with the letter ‘R’.

Meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday in the village hall starting at 7.45pm. You can be sure of a warm welcome, why not come and join us?

Russian revolution and the rise of communism

WEA Spring term

WEA

For the spring term students are following the fate of the Russian Tsar and his people in ‘Tsars to Commissars’, with tutor Val Morse.

Future dates are:

AGM Tuesday 20th March (10am start) Scout and Guide HQ. David Gibson of the Thames Barge Trust will look at the history, present and future, of Thames barges. Everyone is welcome.
Coach trip to Norwich castle museum, 15th May. £20 for coach and £5 museum admission.

Guided tour of Saffron Walden, 19th June.

Information: Terry 381289 or Catherine 382595.

Community policing team - looking out for you

Jason Corrigan is our local Community Officer, he can be contacted on 07974 457258

Non-emergency calls ring 0300 333 444 (Essex Police), or the national number 101.

Beware - burglars about!

Beating the burglars - points to remember

- Where possible prevent access to the rear of the property with good fencing and padlocked gates
- Ensure windows/doors are closed and locked
- Consider fitting 'dusk till dawn' lighting with energy efficient light bulbs outside
- Make the house appear occupied at all times
 - use lamps on timers and leave a radio on
- Security mark property and use signage/labels
- Consider having an intruder alarm fitted - use an NSI or SSAIB approved company.

Don't forget - if you see something suspicious, call the police on **999 in an emergency**; if not use the **nationwide police non emergency number of 101**. Report information about crime anonymously to **Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111**.

In a recent burglary in the Basildon area an estimated £1,740 worth of items were stolen, including two lap-tops, a 42 inch television and a handbag. A Renault car parked outside, worth around £4,500, was stolen within a 35 minute time span whilst the property owner was out.

Rogue traders – bogus callers

Be aware of those who see an opportunity to knock on doors offering their services to earn a bob or two. **Remember** - legitimate tradesmen will be working flat out at the moment. They will not have time to be knocking at doors for work.

Watch out for callers offering roof repairs, fence repairs, garden services. Often they offer professional-looking business cards, but the information on them is fake, with non-existent contact numbers. **If you have suffered any damage to your property**, please make a point of not taking up the offer of so-called tradespeople offering their services at your door. Ask a friend/family member to recommend someone, or you may like to look for services which have been **fully checked by Trading Standards** www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk. **If someone does call, say it is already being dealt with.**

Keep an eye on vulnerable neighbours - rogue traders call on the vulnerable and we can help to ensure they are OK. If you see a trades vehicle, or someone lopping trees etc, knock on their door and make sure they haven't become a victim.

Rogue traders may quote low a price to carry out a repair or cut down a tree, but end up charging more, sometimes hundreds of pounds more. The homeowner is left in a situation where, if they have already cut down a tree, feel they have to pay the price later quoted. **If this happens to you, report them to Consumer Direct 08454 040505.**

Remember - if you are at all concerned call Essex Police on 999. Try to make a note of the description of any suspicious trades persons' vehicles and also the index number.

Computer scams

The Met Police Central e-Crime Unit (PCeU) is investigating a computer scam which seeks to extort money by impersonating law enforcement agencies. Malicious software installed on PCs after users have accessed certain websites causes the PC to freeze and lock, with a message purporting to be from various police forces, including the Met, advising the user they are required to pay a fine to unlock the computer.

This is a fraud: users are advised NOT to pay out any monies or give bank details. Genuine law enforcement agencies would never contact members of the public and demand funds in this way.

Anyone who has handed out personal details should **report the matter to the card issuer immediately, and to local police by dialling 101 or the local non-emergency police number**. Malware infections where no money has been lost can be logged at www.actionfraud.org.uk/report_fraud.

To reduce the chances of being infected by malware use updated anti-virus software to keep pace with new threats as they are discovered. Operating systems, Windows and Mac OS, issue updates that patch potential vulnerabilities. **Advice from www.getsafeonline.org**



A new year and a new name

**E.M.C. (Every Member's Club) - Emma Morris
(01245 380520)**

**Tuesdays 1.30 - 3.30pm Hatfield Peverel village
hall, £1 donation to cover costs. Families and carers
welcome**

Firstly - a new name for our Senior Citizen's Club, started so successfully in November last year, it is to be called E.M.C. (Every Member's Club), something with a bit of zing. It's a coincidence that it coincides with the founder Emma Morris's initials. Secondly - happy New Year to our members and welcome to all the new faces. Its great to have you joining us.

A huge thank you to Barbara Mason and the ladies from Hadfelda Choir for such a lovely afternoon on 13th December - a singalong, home-made mince pies from Janet, and mulled wine was enjoyed by all. We look forward to repeating it again asap so watch this space.

Christmas dinner on the 20th December was an exceptional afternoon. We took over the Sportsmans Arms in Nounsley and enjoyed a four course scrumptious meal. Landlady Alex and her parents Kay and Colin made everybody so welcome, and the staff were attentive and considerate seeing to everyone's needs. Thank you for making our day so special.

Everybody made a real effort with gentlemen in suits with war medals on show, ladies in sparkly outfits - not forgetting the flashing Christmas earrings. A huge thank you to Mr Steve Russell for providing us with



music and his great personality and jokes during the raffle and throughout.

Plenty of prizes were taken home including a treat for the ladies from Reflections hairdressers, a gents cut from Mark's barbers in The Street, a meal for two at Crofters Wine Bar Witham, a meal for two at The Sportsmans Arms, jams and bottled drinks from Upsons Farm Shop, books from Olivers nursery/garden centre Witham, a bottle of tequila from Andy at Maharaj Food Stores, tins of chocolates, biscuits and mince pies from Mr and Mrs Hodge at Oakford Farm Fishery as well as many other donations from people in the village - including the very generous person who gave an anonymous donation - not forgetting club members themselves. Frank, our volunteer driver from Braintree Community Transport, was a true star with the collection of members with mobility and transport problems. Thank you Frank!

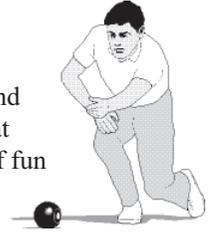
For 2012, members can look forward to live music with offers of entertainment steadily coming through, and guest speakers, craft activities, trips out, information about what's on elsewhere and when locally, as well as our weekly quizzes and Tracy's bingo.

We've come a very long way since our first meet on 1st November 2011. As Mr Arthur Stamp said at our Christmas lunch, 'strangers have become friends and close bonds have been formed. Community spirit is high and here's to a new year full of good health and happiness'

Christmas celebrations before getting down to the bowls

Bowling Club - Bob Gammie, President (01245 381497)

Prior to Christmas we held our annual quiz night, a great success both financially and socially. In a close finish the team headed by Andrew and Catherine Hood just beat Rita Thomson's family clan by one point. There followed our Christmas special of fun and games, ingeniously put together by John Franklin and won by newish member Roy Kirby with 'yule mates' Steve Barry, Fred Brown and Ron Ball.



Our friendly matches continue - only one has been lost so far. In the Essex League our two teams hold their own with the A team in the bottom half and B team fourth in the tables. In our internal cup competitions several would-be potential finalists have fallen by the wayside and there are likely to be new names on the silverware following our finals night on 31st March. We look forward to the Jim Cowell triples on 2nd March and our annual sexist match on 6th April when the ladies attempt to reverse last year's result, when they play the gentlemen.

Serious competitions started immediately after Christmas and for the Trevor Mattham's triples three teams initially tied but a sudden death play off resulted in the trio of Dennis Partidge, Joy Watson and Ron Ball narrowly beating Joan Richardson, Bob Gammie and Roger Hoare. The Chris Hatfield Plate is played for in her memory and is one she literally painted just before she died in 2004. She was the sister of our stalwart member Dennis Richardson but regrettably he didn't finish on the winners' podium. Again we had to have a playoff between Chrissie Harris and Kath Joule to decide the winner and after some accurate bowling from both, Chrissie just proved the better.

The bowling green is looking in good order and after the usual spring treatment will open on 30th April - maybe a few days earlier if the weather is warm and sunny. As you have already broken your New Year's resolution now is the time to become a 'coffin dodger' and take up bowls. Do come and join us, new members are always welcome and if a newcomer to the game, initial coaching will be given. Look us up on our website <http://hatfieldpeverelbowling.website.orange.co.uk>

Fantastic award from Sport England

Hatfield Peverel Football Club - Chairman, Gareth Howard

07778 408051/gareth.howard@tiscali.co.uk

Website: www.pitchero.com/clubs/hatfieldpeverelfc

Iwould like to start my New Year update by reporting the fantastic news that we received formal confirmation from Sport England just before Christmas, that we have been awarded an 'Inspired Facilities' grant of £50,000, towards the cost of our new clubhouse and changing facilities.



On the back of this award we will be submitting a further grant application to the Football Foundation for £100,000 in January, and based on recent conversations with the FF and Essex County FA, are confident this application will be successful. With a further application of £50,000 pending with another grant body, things are looking very bright on the New Venture front.

We have had some fantastic fund-raising efforts during 2011 and on-going - it looks like 2012 will be the year we finally move to our new facilities at Wickham Bishops Road. The new pitch areas seeded in August are green and lush thanks to the mild and wet weather we have been 'enjoying' over the last few months. **We still intend to hold an 'open' village meeting in the near future to update all interested parties on the New Venture. Regular New Venture updates are also posted to our website (see above).**

Season 2011/12.

On the playing front all eight junior and two senior teams are progressing well, helped by the mild weather. This time last year we lost many matches to arctic conditions experienced in November and December. **Find fixtures/results on: www.essexsuffolborderleague.freeserve.co.uk/ and <http://www.juniorfootball.org>**

In November our U14s enjoyed a coaching session run by some of our senior players and coaches – thanks to Jim, Craig, Luke and Troy for arranging this.

Our youngest age group for Reception and School Year 1, (the ‘diddlies’ as they are affectionately known), has continued to thrive under expert guidance of Stuart and Paul who recently completed their Level 1 Coaching Certificate. The U6s took part in their first ‘friendly’ tri tournament in December, acquitting themselves very well. This was followed up with a ‘friendly’ for the U5s at the end of January. We are looking to build up these age groups, so if you have a son or daughter interested in taking part please give me a call or visit their page on our website. **Club news and full details of our activities and events can be found on our club website: www.pitchero.com/clubs/hatfieldpeverelfc/**



End of season approaches

**Hatfield Peverel Table Tennis Club
Andy Simmonds (01245 381020)**

The 2011/12 season, ending in April, is approaching the last weeks. Our five teams in the Chelmsford League, ranking from Division 2 down to Division 4, are all doing well.

Our annual quiz night will be combined with the Billericay Club and is on Saturday 3rd March at the village hall, and we plan to arrange our annual club meal out for later in the year.

We are a friendly, well established club, always looking for new members either male or female of any standard. Now would be an excellent time to join the club and get to know us, we have several practice nights available between now and April followed by our annual club competitions.

Anyone wishing to re-start their playing career would be most welcome, and we would be delighted to hear from you. If you are interested please call either Neil Freeman on 01245 382249 or myself, Andy Simmonds, on 01245 381020.



Here comes the London 2012 Olympic Flame

Nathan Rowland, Community Development Officer 01376 552525, or email communitydevelopment@braintree.gov.uk

The Olympic Flame will be carried by torch bearers through Hatfield Peverel on its seventy day journey to the Olympic stadium on Friday the 6th July 2012. This will be a unique opportunity for the village and could involve everyone in celebrating the countdown to the Olympics.

Braintree District Council will be hosting an informal, workshop-style meeting in the village in March (date to be confirmed) and would love to hear from local community groups, businesses or other organisations interested in arranging an event or celebration linked to the Torch Relay.

Please come along and share your ideas. For more information contact Nathan Rowland, Community Development Officer as above.

The wonder of water

Children in Year 4, St Andrew's Junior School, are studying water this term and they have spent some time in class exploring poetry and writing poems of their own.



Thank you to Zoe, Joseph, Natalia and Owen for their contributions

Water

Water, water everywhere,
Water on my body, water in my hair

Water coming down,
Water in a town.

Water helping flowers to grow,
Water, high or low.

Water, really deep,
Water in a creek.

Water in a spring,
Water, so every duck can swim.

Water under a bridge,
Water in a fridge.

Water in an ice rink,
Water, fresh for us to drink.

Zoe Upson



Water

Water is a beautiful thing
April showers in the spring.
Sapphire blue in the sea
Flowing as clear as can be.
From a rushing, gushing tap
Into a glass, crystal clear.
Splashing and crashing
From the cascading rain
Banging on the roofs again.

Joseph Bateman

Water

Water, water everywhere, water in a pool
Water in an ocean, water at a waterfall.

Water frozen ice, water boiling hot,
Water everywhere, water quite a lot.

Water down a stream, water in a lagoon,
Water in a sea, roaring very soon.

Water very light, water very strong,
Water coming down, singing a nice song.

Water in the morning, water very still,
Water all over the place, water such a thrill.

Water under a bridge, water flowing quick,
Water in a river, water is fantastic.

Water all around, water that you can see,
Water, water everywhere, a lot for you and me!

Natalia Wells



Water

Water, water everywhere, water in a pool
Water in the playground, while I am at school.
Water in a swimming pool, making a splash
Slipping people up and making them crash.
Water in the ocean
Water in a lake
Water in a creek
Water in a river
Water for the animals, swimming in the sea,
Water, water everywhere, for you and me.

Owen Walker



Happenings in the village hall...

There's a warm welcome for you in the village hall where you can enjoy a drink and a chat in a friendly atmosphere, play snooker, pool or darts, or have a quite game of poker.

Opening times

Monday to Saturday 7pm - 11pm

Sunday 12 noon - 4.30pm; 7pm - 10.30pm

Bingo - third Thursday in month

7.30pm for 8pm. Cash prizes

Thursday 16th February, 15th March, 19th April

All bookings for hall and meeting rooms please ring 01245 381481 (village hall telephone), or call Allan on 07741 140732.

New cancer support centre to open in Hatfield Peverel

Helen Rollason Cancer Charity

www.helenrollason.org.uk

Registered charity number: 1052861

Helen Rollason Cancer Charity supports people living with cancer through award-winning support centres and pioneering research. Founded in 1999, the charity is named after the television presenter, Helen Rollason MBE, who fought her inspirational battle with cancer in the public eye. Helen believed that: ‘Good quality of life while coping with cancer is the most important gift a sick person can receive; it should be available to everyone.’

We have three cancer support centres in Essex, Hertfordshire and London providing a friendly, relaxing place where cancer patients, their carers, families and friends can go to for support and counselling. Patients can have, free of charge, therapies to complement their treatment and reduce stress, including massage and reflexology.

We aim to open more Helen Rollason Cancer Support Centres. Our supporters have been raising funds through our ‘Go for Gold’ campaign and we have been working alongside the YJS Charitable Trust to find the right building in the right location. We are delighted to be the proud owners of the old Bank Building in Hatfield Peverel. It fulfils our key criteria for a cancer support centre: a large building in a friendly community easy to reach by road and rail. The new centre will be called Yvonne Stewart House. The building requires some work so we do not yet have an opening date.

We rely heavily on fund-raising, donations and volunteers to continue our work and we would be very grateful if anyone in Hatfield Peverel would like to support us. **Lindsey Glasman has kindly offered to set up the Hatfield Peverel Fund-raising Group:** please contact her if you can help: 01245 380682 - lindsey.glasman@hotmail.com.



Allotmenters take a break after clearing the car park and surrounding area of weeds and shrubs to make it more presentable until a new car park surface is laid. Volunteers are needed for 101 jobs, inside and out. Get in touch with Lindsey - the more help, the faster the centre can be open.

Lindsey would also like to hear from anyone with useful skills – or lots of enthusiasm! - to join a working party and get actively involved.

Alternatively, if you would like to make a donation or find out more about Helen Rollason Cancer Charity, please contact our Head of Fund-raising, Angela Lodge: 01245 514398 - angela.lodge@helenrollason.org.uk

Thank you to everyone in the local community who has been so welcoming – we really appreciate your support.

Stop press

It was a busy day for Yvonne Stewart House on Friday 10th February. From 10am until 4pm the centre opened its doors for visitors to see the building before serious work starts, and fortified by refreshments parties were taken on a tour round - and learnt that the charity’s head office hopes to open its doors on the first floor on 1st April!

This Tea for Helen open day had a steady flow of visitors, and donations and refreshments raised £280. Special thanks to Kay, Ann, John Cockell and his wife Ann for their help during the day.

News from St Andrews

Normally I begin my article with a review of events over Christmas, but I have to begin with a hugely enormous thank-you to everyone who gave so freely of their time and resources to clear the churchyard after the destruction wrought by the mini-tornado. I guess many people have their own tornado stories to tell but, to me, the way the community came together to help our churchyard team was little short of miraculous; whether it be chain-sawing, ordinary sawing, heaving branches around, making tea and coffee and even a tasty cake. I would also like to thank our churchyard team who has directed Operation Clean-Up in such a professional way. The next phase is to call in a tree surgeon to clear the roots and one or two very thick trunks. I would also like to thank our Churchwardens and the Braintree District Tree Officer who was most helpful.



Now to December. At the beginning of the month St Andrews Church Choir led a Carol Songs of Praise, where the congregation chooses the carols and we sing them. The collection goes to the Children's Society along with money collected at Hatfield Peverel railway station in the week before Christmas. This year, the All-Age Nativity Celebration Service took place in the Church hall and Church with puppets, made the previous Saturday by a large body of children and adults, under the direction of Mary Daw and Anna Tomlins. The puppets were then displayed at the back of the church until just after Epiphany, with subtle changes to reflect the way the Christmas story unfolds.

This year St Andrews Junior School postponed their Christmas presentation until after Christmas due to a key member of staff being indisposed. The usual Junior School Carol Service did take place as did the Infant School Nativity presentation. The Christmas Story is an old, old story, to paraphrase the hymn, but it is still a wonderful story; God loving his people so much that he shed his God-like characteristics and came to live as we do, frail, vulnerable, subject to human limitations.

As for services over the Christmas period, every one seemed to be better attended than in previous years. As usual, the Christmas Eve service The Greatest Gift was packed out and Kathy Butler, from Witham Homestart gave the address before receiving the toys so generously given by the community of Hatfield Peverel. As in 2011 we revived our travelling nativity or Posada. This is where, at the beginning of December some Nativity figures left the church to go round the community. These 'travelling nativities' are supposed to return at, or before Christmas Day. The value of the Posada is that it reminds us that the Nativity story is not a static tableau but an active drama involving real people.

We are now in the Epiphany season, where readings concentrate for the most part on the revelation of Christ to the world, both Jews and Gentiles (non-Jews). There will be an All-Age Craft Event in February and we will be celebrating Shrove Tuesday. There will be the usual Lent groups, the content and venues for them will be decided soon. They begin at 7.15pm, to begin at 7.30pm. Watch for further information.

Please note the following events and put them in your diary:-

Tuesday 21st February – Shrove Tuesday - 7pm pancakes and, at 7.30pm, the Revd Geoff Bayliss, Rural Dean, will explain how it is proposed to staff parishes in the future with a reduction in stipendiary (full-time paid) clergy of up to a third by 2025. This may seem a long way off, but by then 40% of the present clergy (including myself) will have retired.

Saturday 25th February - Craft for all ages, very suitable for children. 10am to about midday.

Lent Groups from Monday 27th and for four more consecutive Mondays. These will be held in the Vicarage; 7.15pm for 7.30pm, unless otherwise stated.

Goodbye to the old year

Mothers Union 6th December 2011

At our December meeting we joined with WI ladies of the Mildmay Group for their Christmas Carol Service in our Church. The group consisted of members from Boreham, Little Baddow, Sandon, Springfield and Hatfield Peverel so we were in good company. We ended the afternoon - a lovely time of fellowship and making new friends - with tea and mince pies in the Church hall.

Tuesday 10th January 2012

At our first meeting of the New Year Father Stephen conducted our Communion Service and we sang the hymn 'Brightest and best of the Sons of the Morning', usually sung at Epiphany - the theme of the Vicar's talk. The word itself means 'manifestation' and at this time of the Church year we celebrate the manifestation by God himself to the world in Jesus. In this New Year, let us allow ourselves to be receptive to the Word of God in our time, just as the Wise Men showed themselves receptive to that same word 2000 years ago.

The service was followed by the AGM. Pat Curtis read the minutes and gave an account of our past year's meetings. Joan Richardson presented the accounts, and officers and committee were voted back 'en bloc'. Because of the death of our dear friend Anne Windus the committee is now down to four members. Pat would be glad to hear from anyone who would like to join them. She is aware there are several of us who, although not official committee members, are willing to help out when extra jobs need doing.

As well as Anne's death, we also remembered that of another member during 2011; Dorothy Shand passed away at the end of July. We miss both of them. As Anne's birthday fell on 22nd January, we made a collection to buy flowers to be placed in the Church in her memory on that day. On a happier note, we have news that our friend Sylvia Frost is enjoying her new home in Rochford where she is near and handy to her daughter.

At the end of the meeting we proposed a vote of thanks to Pat for carrying on as leader for another

year. There is no-one to take over so we must support her as much as we can. I am willing to carry on writing the monthly MU reports and will do my best in Anne's memory (Jean).



St Matthew's Gospel is the theme for our Lent meetings - a special DVD will be shown in two parts, at Crouchmans and the vicarage. The bring and buy stall raised £25.

Methodist Church

Our Church commenced Christmas celebrations at our house group on 5th December when we sang favourite festive hymns, listened to Christmas readings, and ate the first of many mince pies. Members were also treated to a Christmas dinner beautifully prepared by Dee on Saturday 10th December when we sat down to turkey and trimmings. A happy occasion for us all.

This Christmas we were joined by village Guide and Brownie groups for our Carol Service on the 18th December when our Church glowed in the light of 150 candles. Individual groups contributed to our service by singing 'It was a starry night', reciting a Christmas poem and a Christmas rap specially written for the event. During the service we gave gifts of food and clothing to be forwarded to the London Mission which supports homeless people. We ended by joining the girls in an energetic and loud version of 'The twelve days of Christmas', a fitting finale to our celebration. We hope the girls and their families enjoyed the afternoon, our congregation certainly did.

On Christmas morning we all joined together to celebrate the birthday of Jesus. We started the New Year with a service on 1st January, led by our own member; John titled 'Three Wise Men and a donkey'. We were pleased to welcome old and new friends who joined with us to start the year with a happy and rewarding service.

Regular events

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

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

1st Monday in month 7.30pm - House Group

Meet the Police dressing-up time



On
Thursday 16th Feb 2pm
at
Hatfield Peveler Library

Fingertip Facts & Basic Computer Courses



Wednesdays 10-12am
From 1st February
at
Hatfield Peveler Library

Library opening times

Monday closed
Tuesday 1pm - 5pm
Wednesday 9am - 1pm
Thursday 1pm - 5pm
Saturday 9am - 1pm
Sunday closed

Foreign coin appeal

Among the sources of fund raising for Farleigh Hospice is a foreign coin collection. Currency donated to the hospice is collated and sold on to those travelling abroad at a fully competitive and commission free rate. For some currencies a substantial stock of coin has built up and we are seeking help with 'repatriating' certain currencies - those for Switzerland, Sweden, Denmark, Japan and the Czech Republic. There is also some Euro coin.

If you are travelling to any of these countries - for business or pleasure - and would be prepared to take any quantity of the currency with you for personal use or to exchange for bank notes (which the Hospice can then convert to sterling through their UK bank) you would be helping to support this worthy cause in a very tangible way. Only large denomination coins are involved.

Please contact the Foreign Currency Appeal Organiser, Howard Parris, on 01245 471238 if you can assist; similarly if you have any notes or coin - current or out of date - which you would

be prepared to donate. Out of date currency can be sold to collectors to raise funds for the Hospice.



The Keep Safe Scheme

With funding from Essex County Council's Adult Health and Wellbeing Team, BDC has developed a **Keep Safe Scheme** for anyone living in Braintree with a learning disability: so far eighty people have signed up for this pilot. Building on this success further funding from Essex County Council has been secured to extend the Keep Safe Scheme across Braintree District.

If you know any individuals with a learning disability, or organizations that work with this client group, please contact Chris Robb on 01376 551414 ext 2333, or [chris.robb@braintree.gov.uk](mailto:robb@braintree.gov.uk), so that as many people as possible can benefit from this scheme.

Swan Care and Repair

**Swan Housing Association (registered charity)
01277 844235, email care@swan.org.uk or visit
www.swan.org.uk**

The Swan Care and Repair Home Improvement Agency provides assistance to residents who are disabled or aged over 60 to allow them to remain in their own home. If you need assistance adapting your home to live independently, this service could help you. Services are available to residents of Braintree, Colchester, Tendring, Chelmsford, Maldon. Contact informatio above.

Useful telephone numbers

Please contact the editors for additions/errors.

Age Concern Essex	01245 264499
Anglian Water , 24 hours	0800 919 155
Braintree District Council	01376 552525
Witham Area Office	01376 519625

Churches

St Andrew's (C of E), vicar	01245 380958
Methodist Church, minister	01621 853423
Salvation Army, officer i/c	01245 381897
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
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Essex County Council	01245 492211
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Essex & Suffolk Water 24 hours	0845 7820999
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First Essex Buses Ltd	01245 293400
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Gas - emergency	0800 111999
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Harlequin Children's Centre	01376 535270
Free support and services for children under 5	

Hospitals

Broomfield (A&E); St John's,	0124 5443673
St Peter's	

Libraries

Hatfield Peverel	01245 380988
Witham	01376 519625

Police , non-emergency calls	0300 3334444
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Local Officer PC Jason Corrigan	07974 457258
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Post Office	01245 380201
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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
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Samaritans (24 hours - toll free)	08457 909090
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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
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Village Agent Sally Austin	0800 9775858
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Let us know of useful services to add to this list

Hatfield Peverel Parish Council

Councillors and their working parties

Lisa Miller, Parish Clerk	01245 344439
clerk.hatfieldpeverelpc@blueyonder.co.uk	

David Adams, Vice Chairman , Environment, Planning	01245 381936
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David Broddle , Planning, Traffic	01245 382829
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Graham Bushby, Chairman , Traffic	01245 380472
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Peter Endersby , Env (chair)	01245 381919
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Colin Giffin , Planning (chair)	01621 892351
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Elise Gwyn-Williams	01245 382883
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John Hannah , Traffic (chair)	01245 381874
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Bernard Heard , Planning, Traffic	01245 380370
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Alan Ingram , Environment	01245 381880
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Ted Munt , Environment	01245 381135
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Diane Wallace	01245 381485
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Talking Tots!

Talking Tots is the UK's leading programme for developing children's speech and language skills

- * Social confidence
- * Listening and attention
- * Sharing and turn-taking
- * Vocabulary building
- * Pre-literacy skills



Classes are bursting with fun games and activities that boost children's natural speech and language development. Talking Tots provides fun, stimulation and learning for children from 12 months to four years.

Where Scout and Guide HQ, Monday mornings

Times **Sprites (1+)** 9.30am – brand new class starting in February

Sprinters (2+) 10.30am

Sparklers (3+) 11.30am

Special Spring offer - book now and first two classes are free!

Contact Amanda on 07887 955741,
amanda@talkingtots.info, www.talkingtots.info

From the days of steam

There's an interesting piece of industrial history down the road in Langford, only a few miles from our village. The Langford pumping station was built in 1928 to supply treated water to the Southend district. The pumping station was supplied by two man-made reservoirs, each with a capacity of 30 million gallons (over 136 million litres), fed by the rivers Chelmer and Blackwater. Water from the reservoirs was pumped to a nearby treatment works for purification, and then returned to Langford to be pumped through a 28 inch (711mm) diameter cast iron main to Oakwood service reservoir for distribution. Prior to 1945, Langford was supplying 96% of the water requirements for the Southend area.

The Museum of Power at Langford was created in the 1990s by a group of enthusiasts who collected and restored redundant machinery. Since moving to Langford, the volunteer work-force has recreated an Edwardian belt-driven workshop, built a 7 ¼ ' gauge steam railway and assembled a unique collection of power-related exhibits. The museum is a registered charity and works in partnership with Essex & Suffolk Water (who owns the site) to preserve industrial heritage and illustrate the significance of power and clean water in our lives.

One of the museum's most iconic exhibits is the steam pumping engine 'Marshall'. Built and installed at Langford by the Lilleshall Company Ltd of Oakengates in Shropshire, and believed to be the last such steam engine built by the, it was commissioned on 13th January 1931. 'Marshall', works No. 282, is one of three identical engine and pump sets installed into the building to supply Southend-on-Sea with treated drinking water. Steam for the engines was originally supplied by three coal fired boilers. Coal arrived in Maldon by train and was then carried by lorry to the site. The new boiler is oil-fired to improve efficiency and reduce carbon emissions.

Specification

Manufacturer: Lilleshall Company of Oakengates in Shropshire

Type: Inverted triple expansion steam pumping engine no 282 (1930)

Power: 350 horsepower at 32 rpm.

Flywheel: Diameter 14 ft. (4267mm) weight: 18 tons

Working steam pressure: 210 psi (14.3 bar)

Museum of Power dates for your diary Doors open 10am - 5pm

Sunday 11th March **Science Sunday** Displays on the theme of power including a record-breaking fuel economy car 4000mpg. Adults £5, senior citizens/students (ID card) £4, children under sixteen free. Steam train running (extra charge)

Sunday 18th March **Mothering Sunday** Afternoon teas with special menu

Sunday 8th April **Easter Steam Gala** 'Marshall' the steam driven pumping engine will be in steam, and there will be a display of traction engines. Adults £6. senior citizens/students (ID card) £5, children under sixteen free.

For information ring 01621 843183 or go to www.museumofpower.org.uk

