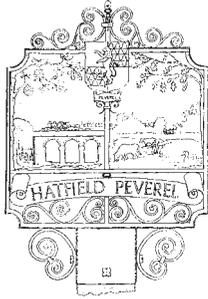


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# Local events and happenings round and about

## Diary Dates

### February

- 5 WEA course starts, runs until 26th March
- 9 Methodist Church coffee morning and cake stall 10am
- 13 Wine Club
- 14 Folk Dance club
- 16 'Tea for Helen' coffee morning
- 20 Harts
- 23 Salvation Army coffee morning
- 27 Hadfelda WI
- 28 Hatfield Peverel Walkers
- 28 Folk Dance club

### March

- 2 St Andrew's coffee morning
- 4 Parish Council meeting, village hall
- 6 Annual Parish Meeting
- Flower Club
- 9 Methodist Church coffee morning
- 13 Wine Club
- 14 Folk Dance Club
- 16 'Tea for Helen' coffee morning
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- 20 Harts AGM
- 23 Salvation Army coffee morning
- 24 St Andrew's Crucifixion
- 27 Hadfelda WI
- 28 Folk Dance Club

### April

- 2 WEA AGM
- 8 Parish Council meeting, village hall (TBC!)
- 11 Folk Dance Club

*Front cover*

*'Run, run as fast as you can, you can't catch me I'm the gingerbread man!' Thank you to Oliver in Reception who has illustrated the story of the gingerbread man so beautifully*

## Congratulations

The editor of The Review for the last 39 years, Jackie Earney, was recognised in the New Year's Honours List with the award of the British Empire Medal. This award is not made lightly and was given in recognition of all the hard work and effort that Jackie has put into our village life, as well as helping out in Witham and Chelmsford, for more than 50 years.

Jackie's contribution to our village over the years covers many aspects - we will only mention only one or two of the current crop: elsewhere in this issue you will find other tributes. The list is endless, but currently, as well as the Review, she keeps busy with litter picking in the village, organising, driving and hosting the monthly 'Contact' group afternoon teas for the elderly housebound folk around Essex (and also their annual Christmas lunch) and ferrying some of the group to a weekly term-time lunch at New Hall School, home visiting - and she even has time to work on her allotment!

Well done Jackie – you deserve it. Best wishes from the Parish Council and the villagers.

### **Congratulations Jackie on your well-deserved award!**

*I have known Jackie as a loyal and caring friend for about 40 years since our children were small and attended the local schools.*

*Over the years she has been involved with so many activities and fund-raising causes in Hatfield Peverel it's not possible to list them all. Editor of this magazine (with Ken's help) for over thirty years and correspondent for the local newspapers, she organises the Chelmsford group of 'Contact the Elderly' - a monthly afternoon tea for housebound folk, whom she drives to and from the different locations. She visits local people and Willowmead, and drives other folk to a luncheon club at New Hall School. She has done voluntary library duties locally with Ken for a number of years, was a Parish Councillor, CVS Meals on Wheels driver, organised weekly coffee mornings in the old village hall to raise monies for the current hall to be built, and the Village Fairs of old - remember the wonderful pram races!*

*The list goes on - involvement with 'SAGO', baking for the WI market in the new village hall. Serving on numerous committees, voluntary duties with the Essex Wildlife Trust and RSPB, British Legion poppy collection, and helping at the Junior School listening to reading. She still finds time to be one of the village litter pickers and sometimes she has a few moments to herself when she enjoys her garden and allotment, and going out with Ken when she can prise him away from the computer!*

*Well done Jackie and enjoy the ceremonies.*

*Judith Witney*

### **Thank you councillors and Judy - here's 'my' bit'**

I have been overwhelmed by cards, telephone calls, emails and congratulations on my award. Thank you to everyone and those who have beavered away finding out my trade secrets! (This includes Ian Goldsmith who set it in motion and latterly Graham, my best mate Judy and other friends who probably know more about me than I do!) A brown envelope arrived on our doorstep before Christmas, addressed to me which was strange as Ken usually gets all the straight mail whereas mine is junk, charity - and sometimes - clothing catalogues. I opened it up and thought 'this can't be for me' But it was, a letter informing me that I had been awarded the British Empire Medal. I am immensely proud. Thank you everybody, especially Ken - he who must be obeyed - who has put up with my coming and goings and has lent a hand whenever needed - collecting people when I couldn't get there, and washing up! I will be presented with the medal at Ingestone Hall in March and attend a garden party at Buckingham Palace in May or June.

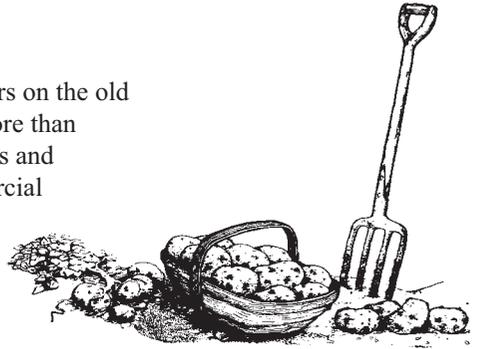
### **It's your village, make sure you have your say**

Please see back page for important notice about the current District Council planning consultation.

## The scourge of fly tipping

David Goodey (01245 380389)

On 11th December last year we were visited by fly tippers on the old site. The great pile of chippings and other material (more than one delivery) was not requested by any of our members and had clearly been dumped by someone unwilling to pay commercial dumping rates to get rid of it. The dumping was actually witnessed, but follow up traces by the police and the Braintree District Council Community Warden produced 'no trace'. We will be putting up notices to deter further events and, by the time you read this, we will have cleared the pile.



Also by the time you read this, our delivery of seed potatoes will have arrived for distribution. These should be allowed to 'chit' before planting when the ground gets warmer. Chitting is the process by which potatoes are left in a well-lit warmer environment (I put them in old egg boxes in the conservatory or on a window sill), until the shoots are about an inch long. They are then ready to plant (with the shoot upwards!). Now is also the time to get cold frames and greenhouses working flat out to give plants a fast start before planting in earnest from March onwards, always being cognisant of the possibility of frost.

The potatoes of 2012 suffered the double whammy of rotting in the ground due to excessive rain as well as blight, enhanced by the wet conditions. Shop prices will soon reflect the poor harvest for most fruit and vegetables. The plots are becoming workable now and we are adding extras water tanks to reduce walking distances for allotment holders. The 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 exercise, fresh air, an aching back and cheap fruit and vegetables please contact John Cockell (01245 381646) for the old site next to the church, or Paul Waite (01245 380429) new site next to the cricket pitch, regarding renting a plot.

## Spring dates for your diary

Horticultural Society - Sarah Barker

As the first Spring shoots begin to appear, our events programme for 2013 has been finalised and members will be receiving their year books in a couple of weeks.

**Our first event on Friday 15th March** is an illustrated talk on Hylands Park with an emphasis on its trees and wildlife by Mark Hanson. Mark is a former professional biologist who has done much work on veteran and ancient trees of Essex and has specialist knowledge of Essex parks. Doors open 7.30pm, the talk will start at 8pm. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome, admission is free.

**Other dates for your diary**

**Saturday 6th April**  
**Spring Show**, village hall, Maldon Road

**Saturday 12th May**

**Plant sale and coffee morning** 10am to 12 noon,  
Oaklands, Nounsley Road

**Sunday 9th June**

**Afternoon garden walk**, 60 Colchester Road,  
Great Totham

**5th - 9th July**

**Holiday - Gardens and Houses of Kent** (more  
details from Clive Emberson 01245 381704)

**Sunday 28th July**

**Day trip to Myddleton House and  
Capel Manor**

**New members are always welcome.**  
**Please contact Trina Butcher**  
**for more information on**  
**01245 380532**



## An enjoyable end to the year

### Hatfield Peverel Art Group

The Art Group held their Christmas lunch in December at the Lion Inn and, once again, it was a great success. Everyone who attended expressed their satisfaction with the atmosphere, the food and the service, which made for a very enjoyable end to the year.

We continue to meet on Mondays in St Andrew's Church hall, from 2pm to 4pm, and Trevor Harwood continues to provide very useful input to the members every other week. One or two vacancies exist at the moment, and anyone interested in joining the group should contact me on the number below for details.

We have two members who are out of artistic action at the moment, and who we hope will be able to return to their normal activities before too long. Greta Bray is recovering from a fractured femur - the result of slipping on ice during the recent treacherous conditions - and she will unfortunately be off her feet for several weeks. Wendie Rawlings is also undergoing hospital treatment and the Art Group wishes both of them all the very best for smooth recoveries and an early return to their painting.

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

## Walkers unite

**- it can only get better!**

**Graham Bushby (380472)**

Firstly a Happy New Year to everybody. After some thought and discussion with Chris Johnson who was scheduled to lead the walk in January, we decided to cancel it due to the weather conditions which seemed likely to be below freezing resulting in ice hazards as well as frozen ground which has no give.

Chris has kindly offered to lead our next walk scheduled for **Thursday 28th February**. Meeting place and time tba.

## Children enjoy the snow

### Hatfield Peverel Nursery

The build-up to Christmas at the nursery was an exciting time culminating in parties and a mini concert. At the concert parents donated £275 for the children's charity Brainwave based in Witham. Thank you to all the children who took part and our generous parents and staff.



Now we are back and have enjoyed the snow and the variety of learning aspects gained from this experience.



Our preschool children are being encouraged to become independent in preparation for their next step to 'big' school. They will be introduced to a wide range of activities this term including exploring Chinese culture to celebrating Chinese New Year, as well as celebrating our festivals of Shrove Tuesday and St David's Day and Easter.

Amber sledging in the snow.



Evan built a snowman



Dylan played in the snow with David

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.

For availability of spaces please telephone 01245 382450

*Thank you to Erin, Amber, Evan and Dylan for these lovely snow pictures*

## **Parish Council news**

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

36 Rossendale, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 2UA Tel 01245 344439

clerk.hatfieldpeverlpc@blueyonder.co.uk

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

### **Planning**

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

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

Erection of farm shop on land adjacent to Bovingtons Farm – the Parish Council do not support this application; replacement of two interior doors with high quality oak faced doors at Vinehurst, The Street; change of use of land from highway maintenance depot to ancillary car park for D's Diner, with associated hard surfacing, landscaping and fencing at Wayside Café, The Street.

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

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

### **Tree Preservation Order applications**

Tree work at 107 Church Road, and 53 Willow Crescent - passed to Tree Warden.

### **Tree Preservation Orders granted**

3 The Pines - this application was part granted, part refused.

### **The old football pavilion**

The Football Club will be relocating permanently to the Keith Bigden Memorial Ground over the coming months and will therefore no longer require the use of the old pavilion. The Parish Council would like to invite residents/local clubs to submit ideas on what they would like to see happen to the pavilion in the future. Please send ideas by email to the clerk on the address at the top of the Parish Council news.

### **Help the Emergency Services - Fire, Police, Ambulance - find you quickly**

The emergency services (Fire, Police and Ambulance) have made a request that all villagers check that their homes have a clearly marked and visible sign, showing their house number or name, which is clearly visible and readable from the road. This is particularly important in roads such as The Street and Maldon Road which have predominantly house names or small blocks of collective numbers displayed in a variety of ways and locations which makes finding a particular house difficult for strangers, especially at night.

**Remember - your life may be in danger if the emergency services cannot find you quickly.**

## **Change of programme for WEA**

Two four-week courses will replace the one on Ingatestone Hall which has had to be cancelled. They will run in the Scout and Guide HQ from **Tuesday 5th February until Tuesday 26th March.**

Speaker Jim Page will open the first four weeks with **'The evolution of towns'**, looking at what defines a town? Why are they often so different?

Brian Bourn will follow with **'A question of time'**,

the evolution of precision timekeeping from pendulum to quartz. Each course will start at 10am and costs £12 per course.

The AGM will be held on Tuesday 2nd April in the Scout and Guide HQ. For information contact Terry Bard 01245 381289 or Catherine Voysey, 01245 382595.

The logo for the Workers' Educational Association (WEA), featuring the letters 'WEA' in a bold, serif font.

## Community policing team

PCSO Nikki Doubleday

Emergency calls 999, non emergency calls 101

Below is a selection of items from the regular police reports we receive

### Unwelcome present

This incident occurred in our village. A young male approached a householder saying his lorry had broken down and he needed to unload some tarmac. He was told he could dump it but there would be no payment. Within a short time a load of gravel was then spread and the property owner was told he owed them £7,500. Unsettling comments were made to the property owner who also received fifteen calls from a blocked number. Three males were noted, but it is believed their vehicles were parked further down the road, so no vehicle numbers were taken.

**The homeowner has asked me to publicise this incident in the hope that nobody else suffers such a scam.**

### Beware grit thieves

Do not to buy grit for your drive from door-to-door sellers. Nearly one in six councils had road salt stolen last year. As well as pilfering stock from on-street grit bins and loading it into trucks, raiders also stole actual grit bins and their contents. Some councils lost 20 tonnes worth.

### Garage, shed and barn security

By nature of their construction and position especially when away from the house the above are always vulnerable. Many are either not locked or have insecure locks. Shed alarms are relatively inexpensive and available from DIY/hardware stores or at reduced prices through Neighbourhood Watch groups. For advice contact your local Police Crime Reduction Advisor using the police non emergency number of 101.

### Fraud

Essex Police has signed up to Action Fraud, the UK's national fraud reporting centre which will act as a central point of contact for all information about fraud and financially-motivated internet crime. In most cases reports in relation to offences of fraud should be reported to Action Fraud rather

than the local police. If the victim is vulnerable, or the offender is present or known then the local police should still be called. Action Fraud can be contacted by dialling 0300 123 2040 or via the internet at [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk).

### Personal credit/debit card information

**Don't give out** personal credit/debit card information unless you initiated the purchase/transaction.

**Check** your bank/credit card statements.

**If you have a query** ring your bank etc with the telephone number you have, not that given to you by a caller.

**Keep burglars out and your goods safe.**

**Lock and secure** rear doors, windows and gates, make it hard for anyone to gain entry.

**Make sure valuables** are secure and marked and not left in the sight of an opportunist criminal.

**Consider joining neighbourhood watch**, it might deter a person from committing a crime.



**Want advice about crime reduction?** Contact the crime reduction officer at Braintree Police station: he will be more than happy to help.

**Remember** if you spot something out of place or suspicious call 101 with as much detail as you can, try to describe the person, give vehicle registration, make, model, colour, direction of travel etc, all are helpful.

### Appeal for witnesses to fatal crash on A12

Police are appealing for witnesses after a man died in a road accident. A Ford Mondeo left the road and collided with a tree on the northbound carriageway between Kelvedon and Marks Tey at about 7.05pm on Sunday, 20th January 2013. The car driver, a man from the Colchester area, sadly died at the scene. His passenger was taken to Colchester General Hospital with serious, but not life-threatening, injuries. Witnesses who have not contacted police should call officers at Essex Police Serious Collision Investigation Unit on 101 or email [collisionappeal@essex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:collisionappeal@essex.pnn.police.uk)

### Scam email

Thank you to a Neighbourhood Watch member for sending in a scam email claiming you are eligible to receive a tax rebate of £143.24 from the Post Office.

## **Quiz whizzes, Cupid's darts and Rhine wines for the new year's programme!**

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

**D**ecember 19th saw our usual Christmas Party in the village hall, with an excellent four-course supper provided by members and committee. This was followed by some very Christmassy entertainment, courtesy of Trevor Ford, who kept us on our toes (both literally and figuratively) with some tricky Spot Prize questions and some good old Yuletide favourites we could dance to.

Our Christmas raffle has always been in aid of a good cause, and this year we were supporting Finding Fraser's Feet ([www.findingfrasersfeet.co.uk](http://www.findingfrasersfeet.co.uk)), the charity raising funds to pay for a life-changing operation for Fraser Russell, grandson of our Chairman, Graham Bushby. The club raised over £70 on the night, and we were delighted to hear that the charity has now reached its target sum of £60,000 and that the operation is booked for March! Fund-raising continues on a more modest level to pay for essential physiotherapy after the operation.

Our first meeting of the New Year was an enjoyable quiz evening, with questions set long-distance by former Chairman and Treasurer, John and Lindsey Glasman. Graham Bushby was question-master for the evening in preparation for his fund-raising quiz in the village hall in January, and kept us all impeccably to time! Scores were very close, but the eventual winners were the team of Densa, comprising Dave and Marian Belshaw, Pat Webb, Chris Kersley and Anne and John Riddleston. Lowest scorers (despite some flashes of genius in the Science round) were the team of Bob and Barbara Hill, Alan and Yvonne Porter and Peter and Judith Endersby. Their consolation prize was a bag of Smarties, alleged to improve brainpower dramatically if eaten regularly!

Incidentally, John and Lindsey Glasman send good wishes for the New Year to all acquaintances in the village; they are exchanging contracts on a house in Devon at the moment – fortunately this is at the top of a hill and unlikely to flood!

The Wine Club's next meeting will be a Valentine's Night extravaganza on Wednesday 13th February, with lots of fun and games on an appropriate theme, starting at 8pm; 13th March will also be an interesting wine-tasting, looking afresh at the wines of the Rhine and Moselle. If you'd like to come along to these or any other meetings, you'd be very welcome to join us in the village hall. Give Vee a ring first on 01245 355723 to check details, and we'd be delighted to see you!

## **Having a turn out at the start of a new year?**

**L**adies and children's nearly new clothes are needed for the Colchester Women's Refuge where families seeking refuge arrive at the house at all times of the day, often with very little of their own belongings.

If you have clean nearly new clothes they can be dropped off, before Easter, at the vicarage, the church or 5 Gardenfield. The collections are very much appreciated by the families who suddenly find themselves in great need.

## **Harts happenings**

**F**ollowing the successful Poems and Pickles evening before Christmas, Harts February meeting on the 20th will be held in the bar lounge of the village hall. Entitled Food of Love, it will have a Valentine theme.

The AGM will be held on 20th March in the small meeting room of the village hall.

Do join us, you will be made very welcome. For information contact Marel Elliston on 01245 380827.

## **Goodbye Lollipop Lady**

Kay, the school Lollipop Lady, writes;

*I thank you all for your generosity this Christmas. I feel very sad to be leaving the school crossing at Church Road after twelve years. I will miss your cheery smiles and chatter!*

*I hope you had a very happy Christmas holiday and the new year will be a good one for you.*

*Once again, thank you - mums, dads, carers, and most of all, you children for all the cards and gifts. Stay well and keep safe,*

## Celebration of Christmas

Helen Rollason charity  
Heather Baldwin 08456 802047 or  
heather.baldwin@helenrollason.org.uk

It was great to see so many of our friends from Hatfield Peverel at our 'Celebration of Christmas' concert at St Andrew's Church. We are very grateful to everyone who took part and to the Hatfield Peverel Fund-raising Group for organising refreshments and mince pies. Special thanks to the pupils of St Andrew's Junior School - their lovely singing was a highlight of the evening



and we presented them with a certificate to show our appreciation (see photograph above). Thank you also to the local HARTS Group who held a Poems and Pickles event which raised £120.

### Coffee morning third Saturday of the month

Our fund-raising group served tea and cakes at Yvonne Stewart House on 15th December. Thank you to everyone who dropped by for a cuppa and a tasty treat – you helped to raise £150 as part of our 'Tea for Helen' campaign. The next coffee mornings are **16th February and 16th March**. **If you are interested in holding a tea party or coffee morning for your friends, family or colleagues to raise money for us, contact us and we will send you a 'Tea for Helen' party pack.**

### Pub quiz on first Tuesday of the month - call 01245 380330 to book

Len Fry and Sandie Treadwell at The Wheatsheaf Pub are holding a pub quiz to raise money for us on the first Tuesday of every month. It is £10 for a team of four to take part and members of the winning team will each receive a bottle of wine. The quiz starts at 8pm and you can bring your own nibbles.

## Poppy Appeal raises £4341.91

Peter Archer, local Poppy Appeal Co-ordinator

The above amount was raised for our local Poppy Appeal - thank you to everyone for this wonderful contribution. The Essex Poppy Appeal at January 2013 is £1,038,161.97p.

Our church collection for Remembrance Sunday was just over £308; four early morning collections at the station brought in almost £430 whilst the door to door collection raised £1020. A further £30 came from donations. Infant and Junior Schools between them raised £198; the remaining amount was from fast food outlets, hotels, restaurants, cafés, hairdressers, shops and public houses.

A sincere thank you for taking our collection boxes and poppy trays, and I look forward to your assistance in 2013.

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

**Sunday 24th March 2013**

**Come and Sing**

**Crucifixion by John Stainer**

An afternoon's choral workshop starting at 2.30pm followed by a performance for Palm Sunday at 6.30pm.

Organist Howard Southgate

Conductor Barbara Mason

To take part, email bambrewerybarn@aol.com or telephone 01245 382266

## **Marconi Day at Sandford Mill**

**Saturday 27th April**

**M**arconi Day – Sat 27th April, Sandford Mill’s annual celebration of Marconi’s birthday. Combining two events – International Marconi day, for which Chelmsford Amateur Radio Society (CARS) will set up a special event radio station (voice and morse) contacting radio amateurs worldwide, and Sandford Mill’s first public open day of the year.

Visitors can come and see not only the special radio stations, but also the historic 1922 Marconi broadcasting hut, a range of reconstructed ship’s wireless cabins from the 1900s to the 1970s, a wide variety of Marconi equipment as well as collections from Chelmsford’s other historic firms. There will be a special display on ship’s radio officers and a new model of Marconi’s steam yacht Elettra. Hands-on activities for families include mechanical morse sending and fun with sound, light and electricity.

## **Snowy spell didn’t freeze the brains!**

**T**he snowy spell in January caused only one table to cry off taking part in the village quiz and sixteen tables of six entered the fund raiser in the village hall for a five year old with cerebral palsy to have an operation in America. The Parish Council - with only four team members (brains not brawn!) - came out as worthy winners and the evening raised £573 towards Fraser’s ongoing physiotherapy needs after his operation in March.

Many people kindly donated raffle prizes and a good evening was had by all attending. There were many calls for another village quiz which may happen but not before May at the earliest!

## **New Year’s Day walk**

**Catherine Voysey**

**T**he traditional walk, this year around Toppinghoe, was enjoyed by nineteen people and three dogs. The going was wetter underfoot than the practice walk Brian and I walked previously but quite negotiable. Some (5) opted to walk home via FP13 to Crabbs Hill and seven to Church Road. The weather was just as we had ordered, of course.

## **Crimestoppers - about us**

**[www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)**

- Crimestoppers is an independent charity - it is not part of the police or the government and is not the TV programme.
- Crimestoppers takes information about crime anonymously.
- We do not ask for your name or take any personal details.
- We do not trace calls/IP addresses and do not record calls.
- You will not have to give a statement to the police or go to court.
- You could even claim a cash reward of up to £1000 without revealing your identity.
- In 25 years we have never broken our promise of anonymity.
- Just tell us what you know – not who you are.

## **‘Buy’ a light bulb and help rewire St Andrew’s Church**

**S**t Andrew’s church is currently undergoing a complete rewiring and installation of new lighting, the old wiring having been in place for some 60 years. When completed, hopefully by the third week in February, we anticipate that all the problems previously experienced with the lighting will have been resolved, and that the new system will greatly enhance the church for all the services and other village functions it hosts.

The overall cost of this project is £45,000 and we are running a fund raising campaign to help with that cost, so if anyone is willing to ‘buy a light bulb’ for £5 (or lots of light bulbs, !), do please get in touch with John Strange (381004) or John Tomlins (380359)

### **Stop press**

Cold outside, warm inside. St Andrew’s February coffee morning was a happy affair and raised over £350, part of which will go towards the rewiring.

## Would you like help to live a safer, healthier and more independent life?

Below is a message from Sally Austin, your Village Agent, she can help you

*A Happy New Year to you all. 2012 was a busy year for the Village Agent Scheme, with continued investment in training to meet the diverse needs of people wishing to live safer, healthier and more independent lives.*

*I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting so many of you and hope you now think of me as a known, trusted face in the heart of your community. It has been lovely to be welcomed into your homes, discuss your needs and put forward suggestions on how they can be met. The range of activities that have been undertaken have been extremely varied, ranging from measuring for grab rails, referring for community transport membership, personal and home safety and much, much more.*



*Village Agents are funded by Essex County Council and NHS Mid Essex, providing free independent advice and information. We work alongside over 100 referral partners with whom we are in constant contact to ensure the guidance and help we give is up to date and relevant. The range of services and the breadth of experience on which we draw is vast. There are twelve Agents working throughout Mid Essex.*

*If you've yet to meet me please do telephone for an appointment, either on my mobile, 07540 720602, or call free to the office on 0800 977 5858 and the RCCE staff will contact me on your behalf. I am based locally and can either visit you in your home for a chat over a cup of tea, or meet you at a venue of your choice.*

*Sometimes life is not as straightforward and enjoyable as it could be; we pride ourselves on confidentiality and awareness of the difficult situations you may face. It doesn't matter how complex or simple the situation, your Village Agent will try to help.*

Sally Austin Village Agent for Hatfield Peverel and surrounding Parishes

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## Get your frying pans ready, pancake day is coming

Shrove Tuesday (12th February) is Pancake Day. At one time all the butter, milk and eggs had to be used up and on some farms the first pancake was thrown to the cockerel. If he ate it himself the crops that year would be poor, if he called the hens to share it, the harvest would be plentiful.

Local pancake races were often held where contestants lined up with their pancake in a frying pan which they had to toss as they ran - many fell to the ground but were quickly picked up. There used to be races in the village organised by Reg Tozer, our local vicar at the time, down one of the

quieter streets which caused much hilarity.

### **Pancakes are easy to make and very moreish.**

Take 110g plain flour, pinch salt, 2 large eggs, 200ml milk with 75ml water, 2 tbsps melted butter. Sieve flour in large mixing bowl with salt, break eggs into well in centre of flour and whisk thoroughly. Batter should be smooth, like thin cream. Add melted butter to batter, heat teaspoon butter in pan, get pan hot and add batter - 2 tbsps are about right. Takes a minute or so to cook, slide out onto a warm plate and enjoy.

Traditionally, pancakes should be served sprinkled with sugar and lemon juice, or spread with

## Help others hear the news you read

Every week visually impaired people across Braintree district receive audio local news **free** from Mid Essex Talking News, thanks to the charity's team of dedicated volunteers who edit, read, record and copy each week's output.

Since 1981, volunteers have been recording stories from editions of the Braintree and Witham Times, Halstead Gazette, Maldon and Burnham Standard and the Essex Chronicle. No one connected to the charity receives any payment for their work and it receives no national or local government grants. All the money needed to run it is raised by the same volunteers who carry out the weekly production tasks.

Their efforts mean everything is free for the listener. They have no membership fees to meet, postage to pay or playback devices to buy. If they qualify for our service and do not have a player, the charity will give the listener one of those; and they have a listening choice - traditional cassette tape or up to the minute computer memory sticks.

### **But, like all ageing friends, the charity could now do with a little help itself.**

Producing the digital service has increased the production workload and Mid Essex Talking News needs more people to help with the duties of maintaining quality and copying the recordings. It involves someone for some four hours on a Friday evening at our studio in Witham. They would be members of a team committing themselves to do a month of sessions at a time. It also needs extra volunteers to read, editors to select stories to be read and packers. All the tasks are done on a rota basis and are not weekly commitments.

Full information on all the roles can be read at [www.midsexstalkingnews.org.uk](http://www.midsexstalkingnews.org.uk) or from the secretary, Ray Hardisty, on [rav.hardisty\(5\)@openworld.com](mailto:rav.hardisty(5)@openworld.com) or 01206 545062 or Gus Tod on 01376 519732.

The charity is holding a 'come and meet us' open morning on Saturday 9th March from 9.30am to noon when visitors can see the studio set up, tweak a few knobs, hear their recorded voices and meet the team.

## Talking Tots

Fun classes that help children to communicate with confidence

- \* Self esteem and social confidence
- \* Great listening and attention
- \* Turn taking and sharing skills
- \* Confident communication
- \* Imagination and story telling
- \* Pre-literacy skills



Our unique classes, bursting with fun games and activities, boost children's natural speech and language development. Talking Tots provides the perfect combination of fun, stimulation and learning for children from twelve months to five years.

Classes available at the Scout and Guide HQ on Monday mornings

Sprites (age 1 - 2 years) 9.30am  
Sprinters (age 2 - 3 years) 10.30am  
Sparklers (age 3 - 4 years) 11.30am

### **Thank you from Talking Tots**

*As we enter our fifth year, I would like to say thank you to parents and children that have attended Talking Tots pre-school classes at Hatfield Peverel Scout HQ. The children have had lots of fun whilst learning vital listening, attention, sharing and turn taking skills.*

*Younger ones have gained in confidence and their language development has been amazing! Our older children have enjoyed fantastic Sparkler classes which have helped to prepare them with important pre-literacy skills before they start big school.*

*I would also like to thank Hatfield Peverel Scout and Guide Association for providing us with our venue and look forward to continuing classes in into 2013 and beyond!*

*If you would like information about Talking Tots please contact Amanda 07887 955741 or email [amanda@talkingtots.info](mailto:amanda@talkingtots.info), [www.talkingtots.info](http://www.talkingtots.info)*

## **And now for something completely different ....**

**I would like to thank one of my contacts who provided the following information from the early 1600s - PCSO Nikki Doubleday**

Bit different from today's Neighbourhood Watch reports but do take a long, slow read, its incredible what you could be had up for, and many of the words I can't recognise - Ed.

### **Examples of Indictments from the early 1600s**

Absence from church (2 people) at Coggeshall; unlicensed alehouse at Hatfield Peverel; ruinous bridge at Laindon; highway leading from Leytonstone through Wanstead Heath to Woodford Bridge; witchcraft at Toppesfield which is endorsed 'Billa Vera' with names of three witnesses; harbouring inmates at Upminster.

Unscoured ditch and trees growing over highway to be lopped in Aldham; unlicensed alehouses in Little Baddow, Brentwood, Goldhanger, Great Leighs and Great Sampford; absence from church at Chigwell; building cottage without four acres of land at Matching; breach of the peace at North Shoebury; breaking Statute of Artificers at Great Waltham; disorderly alehouse at Waltham Holy Cross; highway in Chingford, Walthamstow and Witham; indictments from surveyor's presentment at Helions Bumpstead, Harlow and Ingatestone; poaching at Bowers Gifford, informer from Aveley; inconsiderate drinking at Hempstead.

Opprobrious and scandalous language used to constable of Hempstead in execution of his office; common barrator, malefactor, calumniator etc. at Langham; memorandum about sale of barrels, kilder kins and firkins of beer etc. by unlicensed alehouse keeper at Rayleigh (information laid by common informer); absence from church at Stow Maries; man killed two pigeons with 'fowlinge peece... charged with powder and hayleshott'.

An evil, dishonest haunter of taverns etc. in Earls Colne; unscoured watercourse at Copford; widow of ill fame at Foulness; unlawful fishing in 'le Bushett' at Halstead; poaching with 'a ferret and four pursenettes' at Halstead and Sible Hedingham; drunkard and tippler etc.

at Hempstead; visit to a widow of ill fame in Springfield; unlicensed schoolmaster at East Tilbury; erection of a cottage without four acres of ground in Aldham and Bocking; evasion of highway duty at Stock; erection of cottage without four acres of land in Finchingfield; disorderly house receiving inmates at Finchingfield; poaching at Peldon; highway at Pentlow; forcible disseisin (*dispossession of another's lands*) at Great Saling; riotous assembly armed with staves, knives, swords and fists at Great Saling.

Bailiff of Rochford hundred taking bribes; archdeacon's registrar at Great Dunmow taking bribes; miller taking excessive toll at Harlow; highway duty at Great Ilford and Purleigh; overhanging trees annoying highway at Little Leighs; common drunkards and alehouse haunters in Terling; overhanging trees annoying highway at Waltham Holy Cross; of common informer, exercising art and mystery of pewterer without apprenticeship at Chelmsford.

Miller at Stanway causes flooding by raising floodgates 8 nicks more than is customary; man of ill condition etc. in Wethersfield; common night-walker at Chelmsford; man of depraved conversation at Chelmsford; poaching with snares of wires at Elmstead; erection of cottage in highway at Haverhill Hamlet; unscoured ditch at Netteswell; poaching with greyhounds at Witham; exercising art and mystery of butcher without apprenticeship at Wethersfield; unlicensed alehouses at Bocking and Heybridge; cottage without 4 acres at Good Easter; harbouring inmates at Fobbing; haunter of alehouses at Rochford; disorderly alehouses at Coggeshall, Epping and Terling.

Unlawful games at Epping; disorderly alehouse and playing of cards and dice at Terling; constable allows prisoner to escape at East Tilbury; common drunkards at Lawford, Mountnessing and Tolleshunt D'Arcy; non-attendance at church at Great Dunmow and Stondon Massey; clothmaker who had four 'lomes' for weaving woollen cloth though Lamarsh was not a city, borough, market town or corporate town.

**More for another time.**

## News from St Andrews

Last February I reported on the mini tornado we experienced; this year I expected to begin with an account of Christmas events but I cannot do that until I have disposed of another freak weather phenomenon - a lightning bolt that hit the east end of All Saints Ulting on Christmas Day during the service. The flash and bang were unbelievable; thankfully no damage was done, the lightning-conductors did their job. Lights and heating went out, and it went very dark outside. Fortunately Mr Derek Clark-Mayers, the Reader; restored power to all but one of the heaters and we carried on. Curious it should have occurred at the words 'Let us Pray' just after I had pronounced our Lord's Summary of the Law and the congregation pledged themselves to keep this Law.



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 Peveler railway station in the week before Christmas. At the same weekend we had our Christmas Bazaar, which was most successful, financially certainly but, more importantly, in the way people came together and enjoyed each other's company. The following weekend saw 'Messy Advent'; which combined fun with learning afresh the Christmas story, followed by a light lunch. A large body of children and adults, under the direction of Mary Daw and Anna Tomlins with other helpers, produced the Nativity display at the back of the church.

Last year St Andrews Junior School postponed their Christmas presentation due to staff sickness. This year the children were sick - understudies were understudying the understudies, as was the Christmas Carol Service! Despite everything, the two presentations were very moving. The Infant School also presented a Nativity and concert, which was packed out. This old, old, story still has the power to draw people into its embrace, and why not? How can one be unmoved by the story of 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 Christmas services every one seemed to be well attended. The Christmas Eve service The Greatest Gift was packed out and Kathy Butler, from Witham Home-Start gave the address before receiving the toys so generously given by the community of Hatfield Peveler. As in '01' we revived our travelling nativity or 'Posada' where, at the beginning of December, 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 the Nativity story is not a static tableau but an active drama involving real people.

We are now in the Epiphany season, where the readings concentrate for the most part on the revelation of Christ to the world, both Jews and Gentiles (non-Jews). Also, we are, until the end of February, holding **all** our services in the Church Hall, because the church itself is being rewired at a cost of about £45,000 (see page 10). There will be the usual Lent groups on the five Mondays after Ash Wednesday as follows:

### **Monday 18th February, 25th February, 4th March, 11th March, 18th March**

Each session will take place in the Vicarage (unless otherwise stated) and will begin with coffee at 7.15pm, leading into a short act of worship, followed by the session itself. This year we are going to look at the role of women in the Gospels.

**Please note the following events and put them in your diary**

### **Mothering Sunday weekend 9th and 10th March**

Saturday 9th 10am Mothering Sunday preparations - flower bunching and simnel cake making; Sunday 10th 10.15am - All-Age Mothering Sunday Service and distribution of flowers.

**Come and celebrate with us in our newly-rewired and lit church.**

## Methodist Church

Our Christmas celebrations got off to a rousing start when we were joined once more by Rainbows, Brownies and Guides for our Carol Service on 16th December. Our Church glowed in the light of massed candles. In addition to singing some of our favourite Christmas carols the Rainbow troop performed two songs with signing which were delightful. One troop gave us 'All my love is bubbling over with...' with each repeat replacing a phrase with hand actions until the whole piece was mimed.

Rev Sue asked us what had we been doing to prepare for Christmas and what sounds symbolises those actions. We thought of singing Christmas songs (Jingle bells, jingle bells), buying presents (chink, chink for spending money) and wrapping presents (rustle, rustle). So in true pantomime fashion, each section of the Church competed to make their noise the loudest. After an abrupt halt Rev Sue asked us if we could hear her noise, a baby crying, which none of us did. She reminded us that Christmas was primarily the celebration of the birth of Jesus and in the hectic times around the festive period we should pause to remember the true meaning of Christmas, the birth of Christ. We ended with a performance from the second Brownie troop, a very energetic and loud version of 'The twelve days of Christmas', and a fitting finale to our celebration. We finished with well earned refreshment. We hope the girls and their families enjoyed the afternoon, our congregation certainly did. We hope to welcome them in 2013.

On 20th December Church members enjoyed a Christmas dinner beautifully prepared by Dee when we sat down to roast turkey and the trimmings. Entertainment included music, poems, a quiz and the return of Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson in the case of the disappearing Christmas pudding. An enjoyable event.

The theme for our service on 23rd December was 'the Angels and the Shepherds'. John Clemo led us through the story of the Angels and Shepherds being given the good news of the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. We had volunteers from the

congregation to act the parts in our little presentation with some young men volunteering to be Angels and looking very fetching in their halos.

On Christmas morning we all joined together to celebrate the birthday of Jesus and our offertory was donated to the work of 'Action for Children' the national charity which provides help for disadvantaged children in the UK.

For our final service for 2012 on 30th December we combined with members from St Andrews and the Salvation Army to sing Christmas carols and remind ourselves of the story of the wise men who were told of the birth of Christ and found their way to Bethlehem by travelling at night so they could follow the star leading them to the place of his birth. After the service we ate more mince pies and said farewell to 2012.

From the members of the Methodist Church we wish you all a happy and healthy 2013 and hope to see you at some of our events.

**Church library** - we have a number of religious books in our Church bookcase which can be borrowed. Please call in and browse

### Regular events

**Every Thursday** 10am - 12 noon - Open Door - come and 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

### A letter from Kathy Butler, Scheme Manager, Witham and Braintree Home-Start

*Dear Reverend Northfield and St Andrews congregation:*

*Home-Start Witham, Braintree and Halstead would like to send an enormous 'thank-you' to all those who have donated toys for our families. These toys will go towards supporting families in the local area who are experiencing difficulties and in need of a helping hand at Christmas.*

*Home-Start could not continue the work we do without the generous support of the local community, and for this we are extremely grateful.*

## Young singers brave the snow

Major John Turner

To brighten the winter, it was planned to have a junior choir from the Salvation Army in Southend to lead worship with singing for the Hatfield Peverel Salvationists. But down came the snow, making it difficult for some to make their way to the morning service. However, all the parents who had pledged to bring their children from Southend braved the elements and were warmly welcomed.

The event was a great success with lots of singing and readings by the choir who also taught the congregation a Doug Horley song 'Hey diddle diddle'.

A repeat visit is being considered for the spring so those who missed out this time will have another opportunity to enjoy the choir.

## Mother's Union

We enjoyed our December meeting, singing some of our favourite carols with members reading poems or telling stories of Christmas past. With our cup of tea we had mince pies kindly made by Anne Clements



We were sorry to hear Gladys Rowland had died - she had been a faithful member for many years. We collected £30 which will be forwarded to the Blind Society.

### January meeting

We started our afternoon with a short service led by Pat, praying for families, peace and for all leaders, especially our new World Wide President, Lynne Temby.

At our AGM it was decided to cancel evening meetings. Treasurer Joan Richardson gave her report and Pat gave an account of speakers over the past year - both were thanked by members. Pat and Joan have agreed to stand for another year. The bring and buy raised £32 for funds.

**Forthcoming events** include the Diocesan meeting at the cathedral on 25th February.

## What a lovely Christmas meeting!

Hadfelda WI - Marel Elliston



The members of Hadfelda WI would like to congratulate Jackie on receiving the British Empire Medal. It is nice to know that all her hard work has been recognised. Well done Jackie! (thank you - Ed.)

At our Christmas meeting the tables all sported attractive seasonal decorations and the amount and choice of food was mouth watering. To put everyone in the festive spirit, we started the evening off with a glass of wine. Our entertainer was Elaine Barker who sang a great variety of songs (accompanying herself on the guitar) and had us all tapping our feet along to the music. This talented lady then went on to amuse with us with a selection of humorous monologues. To keep the 'little grey cells' going, Chris Marks had devised a quiz which had us all wracking our brains and we finished off the evening singing carols. And, as the saying goes, a good time was had by all!

In January we welcomed Charles Storer who told us about the charity he founded in the nineties called 'Hope and Aid Direct'. Charles is an amazing man who saw a need and did something about it! He takes lorry loads of humanitarian aid out to the Balkans, mainly to Kosovo, where the living conditions for many people are dreadful. Charles showed us some heartrending pictures of families struggling to survive in the remains of bombed out houses, but it was lovely to see the smiles on their faces after they had been helped by his charity. One of his many success stories was being given 36,000 pairs of reading glasses by Boots and buying 2 large lorries from Fords for £10 each!

The competition, the letter S, was won by Catherine Voysey with a lovely old pair of weighing scales.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 27th February at 7.45pm in the village hall and the speaker is Peter Mockford talking about the work of a Magistrate. The competition letter is T.

See you there!

## 1st Hatfield Peverel Scout Group

(For boys & girls 6-18 yrs)

Group Secretary Suzanne Evans 01245 382397

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

### Beavers

Beavers ended a busy autumn term with a party tea and games, and started spring term by making sweets and learning about the Chinese New Year

### Cubs

The Cubs enjoyed a pre-Christmas 'Back to the 70's Night' and everyone, including the leaders, entered into the spirit of the evening by dressing up in clothes from the era. The spring term commenced with an Australia Night and work started on the Conservation Badge

### Fundraising

In December the Scout Group, with friends and family, enjoyed Christmas carols around the campfire. Much needed funds were raised by selling hot drinking chocolate, mince pies and raffle tickets.

**Everyone who shops on-line can help us with fundraising** by using the Easy Fundraising Website. Just shop via <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/1sthpsg> and a percentage of whatever you spend is donated to our Scout Group.

### Monthly paper collection - first Saturday of each month.

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

To those who kindly drop off their own newspapers and cardboard, please be aware that, **due to repeated vandalism, the skip will now be locked between the hours of 5pm and 8am.**

### Useful contacts

**Group Scout Leader:** Nick Nicholas, 07841 597 977, [darrennicholas@btinternet.com](mailto:darrennicholas@btinternet.com)

**Group Administrator (membership enquiries):** Lynne Coulson, [hpscoutgroup@gmail.com](mailto:hpscoutgroup@gmail.com)

**Hire of Headquarters:** Irene Price, 01245 382 390, [tony@pricechurchroad.freemove.co.uk](mailto:tony@pricechurchroad.freemove.co.uk)

**Newspaper Collection Co-ordinator:** Jonathan Dorman, 01245 382 981, [jonathan.dorman@btinternet.com](mailto:jonathan.dorman@btinternet.com)

**Group Secretary:** Suzanne Evans, 01245 382 397, [boons\\_calibre\\_travel@lineone.net](mailto:boons_calibre_travel@lineone.net)

### Meeting times

**Beavers,** Monday 4pm - 5.15pm

**Cubs,** Friday 6.45pm - 8.15pm

**Scouts,** Wednesday 7.30pm - 9pm

**Explorers,** Thursday 7.30pm onwards

**SASU (adults only),** first Thursday 7.45pm onwards

**Please note we have a waiting list for entry into the Group, in particular for entry at Beavers level (6-8 yrs).**

## Big Garden Birdwatch



The end of January is traditionally the RSPB's big garden bird watch. For one chosen hour over the weekend of 26th - 27th January we were all poised, pencils at the ready, to see how many birds we could see at one time - the same single bird must not be counted separately.

I would like to say it was a great weekend, but it wasn't. Both days were dreary and on Saturday hardly anything appeared at all - not even the squirrels I wage war with daily.

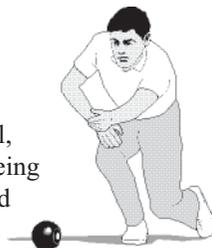
I counted 2 blackbirds, 2 bluetits, 2 chaffinches, 1 coaltit, 3 collared doves, 1 great tit, 1 house sparrow, 2 long tailed tits, 5 wood pigeons, 1 nervous pheasant - soon have him fattened up for Easter!

## Busy time on short mats

Bob Gammie, President (381497)

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

A busy time on the short mats at Christmas, not all serious. Our Christmas special, where we knock over all manner of seasonal items to score, at the same time being politically incorrect, was won by John Douthwaite, Ron Jarvis, June Gentry and Yvonne Steel. Ron Ball won the bottle of Christmas cheer. In the Round the World competition it required a play off to decide the winners between Chrissie Harris, Fred Brown, Terry Fulbrook and Janet Franklin and the team of Dennis Partridge, Roger Hoare, Eileen Ball and Kathie Armstrong. The latter team was grounded, the former proceeded to the spoils.



Our quiz was a great success and we welcomed two teams from the Parkinsons charity, two teams from the Collins family whose late mother was the instigator of our quiz night, various other club members and friends and neighbours. Winners were the 'Hood's' team - we economised by not awarding lemons. For the Trevor Matthams triples clear winners were Sid Gentry, Eve Speller and Sandra Tolfrey. In the Chris Hatfield plate, where we literally play for a plate, beautifully hand decorated by our late member, the winner was Kath Armstrong.

Our teams in the Essex League and our internal leagues continue. For our friendlies we have won more than we have lost and these also continue. We look forward to the Jim Cowell triples and the Franklin open and our AGM where all existing members are willing to stand for re-election. Rumours of bribery to bolster voting are strongly denied.

The bowling green has suffered with excessive moss due to wet and warmish weather and will shortly receive vigorous scarifying and other treatments. We have a full fixture of friendly and league games to look forward to as well as our internal competitions.

The club is saddened to learn of the death of one of our founder members Alan Dover, and our condolences go to Sheila and all the family.

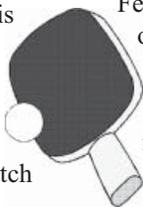
Whether before the next copy date your scribe can recover the trauma of losing his inspirational stool in the Sportsnman's Arms, following its closure, remains to be seen. Do come and join us, our new website gives you an insight into our facilities and playing times, and a friendly welcome awaits you.

## A welcomes to new members

Table Tennis Club - Andy Simmonds

(01245 381020)

We have been established over 30 years, and our home playing night is Tuesday. We play league matches in the village hall in Maldon Road, with a bar, excellent playing conditions and top class equipment. League match evenings are good fun with three players from each team in a match playing three singles and one doubles game.



The 2012/13 season ends in April and our five teams in the Chelmsford League are doing well. We also have teams playing in the various Chelmsford Cup competitions. At end of the

season we hold three internal singles and doubles club competitions, and we normally enter two-man teams in the Chelmsford Summer League.

We are planning our annual club meal for February or March, and hope to stage another of our enjoyable quiz nights later in the year.

We are always looking for new members, male or female, of any standard and also more experienced players. Now would be an excellent time to join the club and get to know us at one of our occasional practice nights.

If you are interested please call and leave your contact details with either Neil Freeman 01245 382249 or myself Andy Simmonds 01245 381020 or 07932 057 205

## Useful telephone numbers

Please contact the editors for additions/errors.

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

### Churches

St Andrew's (C of E), vicar	01245 380958
Methodist Church, minister	01621 853423
Salvation Army, officer i/c	01702 290250
Catholic Church, Witham, priest	01376 512219

<b>Citizens Advice Bureau</b> 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

<b>Electricity - emergency</b>	0800 7838838
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<b>Essex County Council</b>	01245 492211
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<b>Essex &amp; Suffolk Water</b> 24 hours	0845 7820999
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<b>First Essex Buses Ltd</b>	01245 293400
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<b>Gas - emergency</b>	0800 111999
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<b>Harlequin Children's Centre</b>	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

<b>Police</b> , non-emergency calls	0300 3334444
Local Officer	07791 402133

<b>Post Office</b>	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

<b>Relate</b>	01245 258680
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<b>Samaritans (24 hours - toll free)</b>	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	07580 834417

<b>Social Services</b>	0845 6037630
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<b>Village Agent</b> Sally Austin	0800 9775858
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<b>Village Hall</b> (after 7pm)	01245 381481
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Let us know of useful services to add to this list

## Hatfield Peverel Parish Council

### Councillors and their working parties

<b>Lisa Miller, Parish Clerk</b>	01245 344439
clerk.hatfieldpeverelpc@blueyonder.co.uk	

<b>David Broddle, Chairman</b>	01245 382829
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<b>Graham Bushby</b> ,Traffic	01245 380472
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<b>Peter Endersby</b> , Env (chair)	01245 381919
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<b>Colin Giffin</b> , Planning (chair)	01621 892351
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<b>Elise Gwyn-Williams</b>	01245 382883
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<b>John Hannah</b> , Traffic (chair)	01245 381874
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<b>Bernard Heard</b> , Vice Chairman	01245 380370
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<b>Alan Ingram</b> , Environment	01245 381880
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<b>Ted Munt</b> , Environment	01245 381135
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<b>Eugene Murphy</b>	01245 380113
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<b>Martin Pyke</b> , Traffic	01245 380792
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<b>Alan Steele</b>	07739 398453
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<b>Diane Wallace</b>	01245 381485
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## Village hall happenings

Forget the cold, come and enjoy a chat and a drink in the warmth of the bar lounge, play a game of darts or snooker. Enjoy yourself!

**Bingo** (third Thursday in the month) - 21st February, 21st March, 18th April

**Poker** (fourth Saturday in month) - 23rd February, 23rd March, 27th April

**Brag** (first Friday in month) - 1st March, 5th April

**Darts** Monday nights, ladies team Tuesdays

All bookings for hall and meeting rooms  
HPCAb bookings@gmail.com  
Phone 01245 381481 after 7pm (village hall number) or call Alan on 07741 140732

See Facebook under Hatfield Peverel village hall



### **Arla Dairy pays a visit**

Question - what's the next best thing to a real live cow coming into your classroom?

Answer - a full size model you can actually milk!

Last year Year 1 Infants had a visit from Arla Foods: with them they brought a cow, filled her with water and the children all had a turn doing a spot of milking. From cow to fridge to cereal bowl: the company explained how the raw milk came to the dairy in giant tankers where it is processed and transported in various forms to supermarkets and outlets throughout the country ready for breakfast. Different flavoured milks were also tried by the children who thoroughly enjoyed the visit.

*Thank you Ellen, Georgia and Maddy for these wonderful cows*

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

**T**he exhibition to introduce Braintree District Council's proposals for potential development of the Arla Dairy, land off The Vineyards and Sorrell's Field sites reported in the last issue on page 3 was held in the village hall on Wednesday 30th January. The unfortunate timing (determined by the district council) meant that it was not possible to publicise it in the Review as hoped. The following Extraordinary Public Meeting to discuss the issues in the village hall will also be missed, taking place this Wednesday, 6th February.

**This consultation period commenced on 10th January and finishes on Friday 22nd February.** In the remaining time available we urge those who may wish to consider the proposals and register an opinion to:

- download the plan document and maps from the BDC website at <http://bit.ly/UN74eE>
- access the BDC online consultation portal and comment directly on the plan at <http://bit.ly/V1sMNJ>

Alternatively go to the **BDC website at [www.braintree.gov.uk](http://www.braintree.gov.uk)** and follow the links, or, if you have no internet access, to ring **01376 551414 (Planning Policy)** for a hard copy of the form, for return by post.