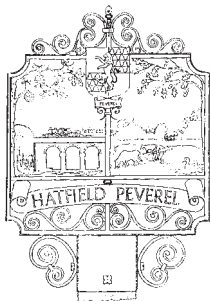


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# Local events and happenings round and about

## Diary Dates

### February

- 22 Salvation Army coffee morning 10am
- 26 Hadfelda WI
- 26 Public meeting, Local Development Plan, St Andrew's church hall 8pm
- 27 Hatfield Peverel Walkers, page 5
- 27 Folk Dance Club

### March

- 1 St Andrew's coffee morning, 10am
- 3 Parish Council meeting, village hall 7.30pm
- 5 Flower Club
- 8 Methodist Church coffee morning, 10am
- 8 'The Journey', St Andrew's, see page 12
- 12 Wine Club
- 13 Folk Dance Club
- 14 Horticultural Society speaker meeting
- 15 Helen Rollason coffee morning 10am
- 19 Annual Parish meeting, church hall
- 22 Salvation Army coffee morning 10am
- 25 WEA AGM, 10am Methodist Church
- 26 Hadfelda WI
- 27 Hatfield Peverel Walkers
- 27 Folk Dance Club
- 29 Horticultural Society Spring Show, village hall, 2pm

### April

- 2 Flower Club
- 5 St Andrew's coffee morning, 10am
- 7 Parish Council meeting, village hall
- 10 Folk Dance Club
- 12/13 Langford Art Show, see page 11

*Front cover photo - if you think you remember a picture of the Ter in flood in a recent issue, you're not completely wrong, it was actually in June 2012, but this one was taken in bright sunlight on the 9th February*

## **Maldon District Council plan to build 3500+ houses**

**Public meeting at 8pm Wednesday 26th February 2014, St Andrew's Church Hall**

**M**aldon District Council (MDC) is proposing to build in excess of 3500 houses and businesses in their Marea in their future Local Development Plans. Traffic analysis by Essex County Council Highways Department has indicated that there will be considerable increases in traffic flows along the B1019 (Maldon Road), and concerns about the impact at the junction of Maldon Road and The Street. Potential congestion at Hatfield Peveler railway station has also been identified.

In the words of Essex County Council 'Further work is required to determine whether any options are feasible.' **This is probably the best opportunity ever for the whole village to push for urgent action towards a bypass around the village for Maldon traffic.**

There will also be an opportunity to review and comment on the final public presentation of the Braintree District Council (BDC) Local Development Plan.

**Come and support your Parish Council.**

## **Footpath 54 is on the map**

**Ken Earney, P3 representative, Hatfield Peveler, 01245 381235**

**T**he path between Baker Avenue and New Road is now formally on the map: the order was confirmed on the 30th October. Life is never straightforward however. The line now on the map is a route that takes the average of all of the lines on your response forms - that's the route that we have claimed. The law apparently says that a modification order can only put on the map what people claim as the route walked. If necessary, it has then to be altered by Deviation Order, to the line that has been made available on the ground today by the developers. In this case, the new line on the map goes across the low boundary fence and across the parking spaces of numbers 1 and 2 Cutts Close. It doesn't make a practical difference at present, but we need it to be right and for the highway authority, ECC, to follow through with a Deviation Order, a matter we are taking up with them.

## **The NHS 'Better Information means Better Care' leaflet**

**D**elivered to everyone in the village during January, it explains that in **March** our medical information will be uploaded to a new 'arms length' NHS central data centre – the Health and Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC). The information that GPs and hospitals hold on us will be anonymised and stored there. Once stored, it will be made available to research organisations working in the field of medical advancement. This will be beneficial, but a number of concerns have been raised in the media over the last few months about the confidentiality aspects of the data held.



Any organisation wishing to access the database will need to apply to HSCIC and will be charged for this access: amongst the organisations able to do so will almost certainly be commercial companies. The major concern is that although the data has been 'anonymised', it will still contain NHS numbers, date of birth, postcode, ethnicity and gender, and there would be a chance of individuals being identifiable by cross reference to other data sources. The official line is that there is only a very small risk of this happening, but all of the instances in recent times of the less than careful handling of personal data give cause for concern. We will apparently not be able to find out who has accessed our data and for what purpose.

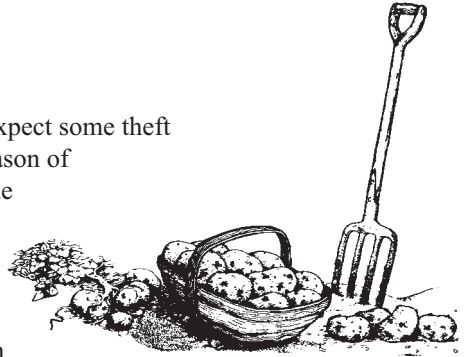
If concerned, opt out by writing **now** to your GP requesting that your identifiable data should not be uploaded, and that HSCIC should not pass on identifiable data gathered from any other source. Or download a form from <http://medconfidential.org/how-to-opt-out/> to complete and hand in to the GP surgery. It will not affect the care you receive from the GP, and it will be possible to opt back in later should you change your mind.

## Guttersnipes! gutters swiped

Allotment Association - David Goodey (01245 380389)

Our website - [hpa.org.uk](http://hpa.org.uk)

Each winter as the dark nights prevail we have come to expect some theft from the allotments. This year, some time during the season of goodwill, the gutters and downpipes on four sheds on the site near the church were unscrewed and removed. It seems we are an easy target! All crimes are reported to the police who patrol when they can and seek to tie up these sorts of crimes across the area. Should you see anyone on the plots after dark please do not hesitate to report the fact and note any vehicles in the area.



We may soon be able to plant watercress on the plots as they are frequently under water at this time of the year. However, I can see bulbs and overwintering crops are well advanced at the time of writing and seed potatoes are now chitting on member's window sills and in greenhouses. Being overcome by enthusiasm is a great danger when winter seems to be passing and we 'plant early' only to see some wiped out by frosts that can occur even as late as May. But the season starts with serious digging and the planting of seeds under glass. It certainly will be a joy to get out in daylight and do some exercise in the fresh air.

We have one, maybe two, plots vacant so if you would like 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)** for the new site next to the cricket pitch, regarding renting a plot.

## Let's not talk about the weather!

Horticultural Society - Sarah Barker

In spite of the weather, or perhaps because of it - warm spells and wet - many of our spring flowers are blooming. Snowdrops, always the first, violets and primroses, daffodils and the beautiful hellebores are lighting up our dreary days. Let us hope there are some left for summer.

Members year book and schedule, listing the society's happenings during the coming twelve months, will soon be with us.

**Our first event, on Friday 14th March** in the village hall, will be a speaker meeting with the South East Essex Organic Gardeners' Society. Doors open at 7.30pm for an 8 o'clock start. Everyone is welcome, refreshments will be served.

**Other dates for your diary**

**Spring Show, Saturday 29th March** in the village hall, Maldon Road, doors open 2pm. Schedules will be



with you shortly, but as a taster classes include daffodils - and the bowl of daffodils competition - other flowers and pot plants, cookery, and the annual £10 prize for the best cake, a coffee victoria sandwich (recipe given). There are handicraft and children's classes and in the photography section one of the subjects is water - something we have seen rather a lot of this year! If you want to get busy and can't wait for your schedule, go on the society's website - <http://www.hatpevgardens.org.uk/>

**The annual break, to Hereford and Worcester, is in early July.** It is fully booked but if you would like to put your name on the cancellation list give Clive a ring on 01245 381704. Other forthcoming events will be published in the April Review.

**New members are always welcome. For more information, and if you would like to join us, please contact Trina Butcher - we have an exciting programme of events for the coming months - her number is 01245 380532.**

## New Year's Day walk

Ken Earney, 01245 381235

The weather forecast was not promising, but about 22 people and 4 dogs turned out on a pretty miserable New Year morning: in the event it stayed dry but overcast and dull. Because of that forecast and the underfoot conditions we decided to do a slightly shorter walk in Terling than the one originally planned. Catherine Voysey suggested a suitable variation using some of the planned route but which took us over field paths round by the mill and over the ford. For my money it was a more enjoyable walk than the one from her 'Nine walks' booklet.

We finished at the village hall with mince pies - I told the group they were mince tarts because they had no pastry lid but got right royally slated for doing so by the pastrycook!



## Web feet or no web feet?

Hatfield Peveler Walkers - Graham Bushby 380472

One day sunny, one day wet. The walk organised by Sarah Dodson by bus to Langford and back on the last Thursday in January was rained off - hopefully we can do this walk later on. We are now crossing our fingers things will improve by the time we meet again at the village hall car park 10am on Thursday 27th February, and 27th March. *(The way things are shaping up it might be prudent to invest in a pair of waders for the February date! But let's thank our lucky stars we're not living in somewhere like the Somerset levels or the Thames valley - those unfortunate folk really have something to worry about. Anyway, best to check with Graham a day or so beforehand if you are intending to take part. Ed)*

## Christmas festivities

Hadfelda WI

What a lovely evening we had for our Christmas meeting. The village hall looked very festive and all the tables boasted seasonal flower arrangements. Everyone was greeted with a glass of wine or a soft drink before they took their seats for the entertainment. Ian Jordan, a local lad, sang and played a selection of songs that we could all remember and there was much hand clapping and singing from the audience. We all enjoyed a super buffet supper and a good time was had by all!

**January 2014** We started the New Year with a bang, in every sense! Our January speaker, Mike Logan-Wood, told us about his life as an auctioneer when he brought the hammer down with a bang on numerous occasions. He gave a very interesting and amusing talk and was full of enthusiasm about his work. He had started selling animals at the Chelmsford market and moved on to farm and house sales. Over the years he has auctioned millions of pounds worth of property.

Our competition letter was 'J' and, as usual, produced some interesting entries. The first prize was some beautiful jade jewellery.



Our next meeting is on Wednesday 26th February when Fiona Ward will speak to us about Farleigh Hospice. The competition letter is 'F'. In March Andrew Nottman will speak on the GM issue - this should be a good one. Do come and join us.

## Parish Council news

Lisa Miller, Clerk to the Parish Council

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### 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 new 2 metre high garden fence at 30 Willow Crescent; erection of single storey rear extension: extension will extend beyond rear wall of the original house by 4.54 m, with a maximum height of 3.90m and 2.99m to the eaves of the extension at The Nook, Wickham Bishops Road; reconstruction of existing main roof and enlargement of existing garage roof, both to provide additional accommodation and storage at 4 Yew Tree Close; installation of sixteen ground mounted solar panels at Lakeland Fisheries, Wickham Bishops Road; replacement of detached existing double garage with detached triple bay garage and enlargement of side extension to dwelling house at Trees Farm, Spring Lane.

Erection of a single storey timber cart shed (revision to previous planning permission ref 13/00771/FUL as new vehicular access no longer proposed) at Shepherds Cottage, Church Road; erection of single storey rear and side extension at 1 Woodham Drive; application for a minor material amendment to approved application 12/00926/FUL - alterations to internal layout and erection of conservatory at land adjacent to 1 New Road; display of glazed and wooden notice board at Lovibond Cottages, Maldon Road; erection of first floor rear dormer at 8 Priory Farm Road.

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

Erection of a single storey rear extension at 17 Church Road; erection of single storey front extension at 31 Priory Farm Road.

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

Retention of a bedsit as an independent dwelling with associated residential curtilage at Providence Cottage, The Street.

**Tree preservation application granted** - work to trees at 107 Church Road

**Tree preservation applications** - work to trees at 1 The Pines and 12 Woodham Drive.

### **Local Development Framework**

The next public consultation period commences on **17th February and ends on 28th March 2014.**

The Parish Council is holding a **public meeting in the church hall on Wednesday 26th February at 8pm.** All residents are welcome to attend to give their views. At this meeting the Maldon Development Plan will also be discussed as there are plans to build many homes in the Maldon peninsula and this will have a huge impact on the traffic and services in Hatfield Peverel. (See main announcement about this on page 3.) Residents are encouraged to voice their concerns to Maldon District Council.

### **Community Park**

At an Extraordinary Meeting held on 28th January 2014, the Parish Council agreed to proceed with taking on the Country Park with a view to running it as a Community Park. This is likely to be a lengthy process as Essex County Council has to commence legal proceedings to enforce the Section 52 Agreement dating back to January 1990 in which once gravel extraction was complete, the site would be restored and handed back to the Parish of Hatfield Peverel. The Parish Council is however, looking for any volunteers who once the site is handed back to the Parish may be able to assist with either the development or the running of the Country Park. Any volunteers should contact the Clerk.

## Sad news

It is with great sadness that the Parish Council has to report that the Parish Council's former Burial Groundsman, who retired in December 2012, passed away on Monday 3rd February after a short illness. Denis Ashby was once a parish councillor and maintained the burial ground for many many years which he kept in pristine condition. Our thoughts are with his family at this time. He will be sadly missed by all!

## Demolition of the football pavilion

Demolition of the old football pavilion on the recreation ground has been delayed due to the wet weather. The council was hoping for some hard frosts to enable the contractor to access the site without damaging the ground. However, as it has been such a wet winter, the demolition has had to be delayed until conditions change.

**Parish Council meetings:** village hall meeting room, 7.30pm first Monday of the month. **3rd March, 19th March - Annual Parish meeting, 7th April, 5th May.**

**Public meeting Wednesday 26th February** at 8pm in the church hall to discuss the Local Development Framework. All residents are welcome to attend - do come and give your views.

## Website

Don't forget you can view all Parish Council news on their new website which can be found at:  
<http://www.essexinfo.net/hatfieldpeverel/>

## Local community social networking website

The parish council has received information about a new social networking website, StreetLife.com, which is devoted to local communities. It's stated aim is to help people make the most of where they live by connecting with their neighbours, providing a free and easy place to share local news, views, recommendations and resources, enabling people with busy routines or reduced mobility to keep in touch with their community. **To find out more about it, visit [www.streetlife.com](http://www.streetlife.com)**

## Are your appliances safe?

*If you were watching local television yesterday (5th February) or read local and national papers the following day you will have seen the horrific aftermath of an explosion in nearby Clacton. Two homes were flattened, another badly damaged, and a number of people, some with life-threatening injuries, taken to hospital. It is not known yet what caused the explosion. Could it have been a faulty appliance? The article below was sent to us, before this incident was reported, by Essex County Fire and Rescue Service. Do read it, and check your electrical goods are safe.*

**E**ssex County Fire and Rescue Service is warning people to make sure their kitchen appliances are safe after 5 recent fires in one week were started by using tumble dryers, washing machines and dishwashers. These large kitchen appliances have heating elements, motors and complex moving parts which can easily start a fire if they are not in full working order.

**Over the last year 10% of all house fires started with a faulty kitchen appliance**, making this one of the single largest causes of house fires in the county. Between December 2012 and December 2013, 210 Essex homes suffered an electrical fire and six people were hospitalised by injuries caused in these fires. Sub Officer André Turner, Home Fire Safety, said: 'We all have these appliances in our homes and use them regularly so it is important we check them to make sure that they are working properly and safely.'

'It is important that filters are regularly checked and cleaned - a build-up of fluff and lint inside the machine is a major fire risk. Don't overload machines with clothes and read the manufacturers' instructions for use, including the maintenance. **Only use these appliances when you are home - never leave them to run overnight when you are in bed asleep.**

**'Best advice:** fit and regularly test smoke alarms in your home. They are proven life savers.'

## Foreign coins help Farleigh

### Hospice

John Cockell, 01245 381646

email [johnandann12@btinternet.com](mailto:johnandann12@btinternet.com)

For many years, I have supported Farleigh by assisting with the foreign note and coin collection through which nearly £100,000 has been raised. We currently have a large stock of coin for various currencies and are appealing for help in 'repatriating' these to their home countries. For most of the currencies listed below, we only keep coins with an equivalent value of around 50p or more; there is no 'shrapnel' involved.

I am writing to ask if you - or any contacts you may have, particularly among business travellers - would be able to take some part of our current stock if travelling to any of the countries concerned over the coming months. In volume terms, the amounts do not take up much room, or even have excessive weight - for instance, my son in law recently took over £60 worth of Kronor to Norway in a very small plastic money bag.

An alternative to spending the coin abroad is to exchange the coins for notes in a bank/post office in the country concerned, as we can then convert the notes to sterling here in the UK.

We are looking for help in these countries -

Australia	Singapore
Czech Republic	Sweden
Denmark	Switzerland
Hungary	Turkey
Japan	

We also hold a stock of Euros, again in coin.

If you purchase the coin outright for your own use, we convert at the on-line Travelex rate on the day of the request. For example today's rate for Danish kronor is 8.721 to £1, so we would round that up to 9 kronor, giving a small benefit to the purchaser, and making the calculation easier!

If anyone can assist with this appeal, or can put me in touch with any individual or company that may have regular dealings with these countries, I would be very pleased to hear from you. Please contact me on number/email above. Thank you.

## Alan Wood (1925 - 2014)

Alan was born in Writtle in 1925. He was educated at Writtle Primary School and later at King Edward VI Grammar School. After National Service in the Fleet Air Arm he took over the family market gardening business in Highwood. Here he introduced many successful innovations and still managed to keep a happy and loyal workforce.

He joined Writtle WEA and was an enthusiastic supporter for many years. When he retired he moved to Hatfield Peverel where his talents did not go unnoticed! He served on our WEA committee for ten years during which time he took his turn as Branch Secretary and then Chairman.

The WEA appealed to his sense of community learning. And he always wanted to learn more! He was not uncritical of the WEA, particularly the last few years when he often complained that all we were offered were courses in history. He wanted to be looking forward, to visualise how things would develop, and to argue how they could be brought about!

His most enduring hobby was sailing and he was always on the lookout for a suitable crew to help him sail his 32ft Dualist, not just in the summer months but all year round.



He was a kind, generous, out-spoken man, firm in his humanist beliefs, a good raconteur and great company. We do miss him.

*Thank you to Catherine Voysey, who could often be found crewing for Alan, for this tribute.*

### Error in parish council website address

In the new village website a full stop (dot) was included between essex and info in the web address. There is no dot, the correct full address is: <http://www.essexinfo.net/hatfieldpeverel/>  
More simply, all you really need is:  
[www.essexinfo.net/hatfieldpeverel](http://www.essexinfo.net/hatfieldpeverel)



## From Old World super-Sicilians to rivals of the Southern Hemisphere!

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

Club members enjoyed an excellent Christmas party – a four-course meal provided by themselves and the committee and accompanied by some light-hearted competition to win the beautifully-wrapped spot prizes. The meal was followed by dancing to the melodic accompaniment of local singer Ian Jordan. Ian bore up bravely despite his street cred being undermined by one of his ex-neighbours producing a photo of him aged six in short shorts and droopy socks!

We returned to the village hall in January for the annual quiz, set by former Club Treasurer Lindsey Glasman, now in deepest Devon. A good turnout of members formed teams of 6 or 8, and the quiz was hotly contested from the start. However, the winners were finally declared to be the team consisting of Bob and Linda Fisher, Chris and Vee Green, Malcolm Jackson, Stella Koenig-Roach and John and Judy Lea, closely followed by Dave and Marian Belshaw, Pat and Chris Kersley and Ann and John Riddleston (complaining that the winners had the advantage of greater numbers!).

February's meeting was a projected tasting of some good value Sicilian wines. Sicily is regarded as the most improved region for Italian wines, and uses a mix of obscure indigenous grape varieties such as Grillo and Nero d'Avola, often blended with international favourites such as Sauvignon Blanc and Cabernet Sauvignon. The island is also famous for the fortified wine Marsala, famous as an alternative to sherry.

Our meeting on 12th March offers another wine tasting entitled Rivals of the Southern Hemisphere. Members will be blind tasting 4 white and 4 red wines from South America, South Africa, New Zealand and Australia (all of comparable vintages and price) and marking them for appearance, bouquet and flavour. Marks will then be totted up to find which country is the winner. The tasting is reasonably priced at £3 for members, £5 for guests, include wine, cheese and biscuits.

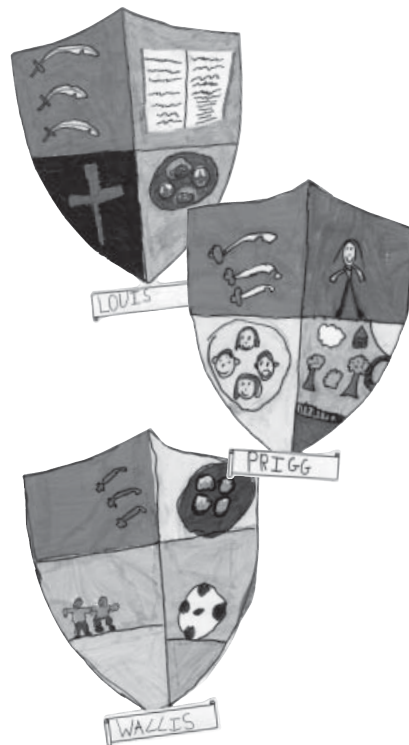
Anyone thinking of coming along to a meeting for the first time would find this the perfect introduction to the club. Please give Vee a ring beforehand on 01245

355723 to confirm attendance and start times. We meet normally on the second

Wednesday of the month at 8pm in the village hall, but with some exceptions, so it is always worth phoning first.



## When knights were bold....



Knights and their daring deeds have been one of the subjects Year 2 Infants have looked at this term. They have talked about the protective armour and the shields the knights carried before them into battle - on foot and horseback - bearing their coats of arms and 'shielding' them from their enemies' weapons including swords, spears, daggers.

As part of their project, they have designed their own shields, each including, top left, the three curved swords (seaxes), depicted in the Essex coat of arms.

*Thank you to Henry Louis, Vanessa Prigg and Georgia Wallis for their shields*

## A friendly chat

Carol Hymus, Mid-Essex Mind

Not having someone to talk to regularly can be lonely and isolating, particularly if you're used to sharing your home and time with others. A friendly chat on the phone can make all the difference.



**CheerRing is a free telephone befriending service** run by Mid Essex Mind offering a weekly call by a dedicated Befriender who provides friendly conversation and companionship. Befrienders take time to listen and share life's ups and downs, chat about current affairs and of course everyone's favourite subject, the good old British weather!

CheerRing is primarily for people over the age of 60, living within the Maldon and Braintree Districts, who would benefit from the additional support a telephone friendship could provide. Personal situations could include, but are not limited to; being lonely, living in social isolation, living away from family and friends, recently bereaved, caring for someone, experiencing deteriorating physical health\ long term illness or recently out of hospital.

We have received lots of positive feedback from those who have used the service about the benefits it brings to them. Following a recent survey 94% of our existing clients felt they had access to a support network and had established an ongoing friendship. 88% also felt that CheerRing made them feel supported, less isolated and had improved their quality of life.

The CheerRing service covers the Maldon and Braintree Districts which includes Ulting and Terling. If you think you, or someone you know, could benefit from CheerRing, or if you want to know more about how the service works, **just call me, Carol Hymus, at 01621 853 211 or email me at this address: carolhymus@mid-essex-mind.org.uk**

I will go through a brief referral form over the telephone or through email (contact details, date of birth, GP details, next of kin contact). We'll then arrange a suitable time for the call and confirm this in writing to both the client and to their GP. As simple as that.....

## An increase in this year's Poppy Appeal collection

Peter Archer

local Poppy Appeal Co-ordinator

Despite the storm which lost some collection possibilities, £4466.07 was the 2013 total, an increase of over £100 from 2012.

Door to door collections raised over £1,000; three early mornings at the station made £377 whilst the church collection was £265. Shops, cafés, schools, public houses, nurseries and Nursing Homes raised a further £2335 and other amounts came from donations and other fund-raising activities.



Many thanks for all your help and generosity, we couldn't do it without you. I hope we can rely on your support in 2014.

## Ingatestone Hall

WEA

Plenty and penury: the changing fortunes of the Petre family since the 1500s when the original Ingatestone Hall was build by the first Lord Petre, have been wonderfully brought to life by tutor Margaret Mills during the spring WEA course. **Proposed visit to hall on Tuesday 26th April.** *This is the bed linen inventory in 1732 - 15 doz domestic napkins, 12 pairs fine Holland sheets, 11 pairs common Holland sheets, 4 pairs common Holland sheets (nearly worn out), 49 pairs upper servants sheets, 90 pairs common servants sheets, 5 doz common pillow bears (pillowcases).*

**Future dates**

**Tuesday 25th March AGM with**

**refreshments, Methodist Church 10am**

**Wednesday 18th June, WEA Centenary**

celebrations - visit to Gunpowder Mills,

Waltham Abbey.

For information ring Lesley Naish,

01245 380837.

**St Andrews Church  
Hatfield Peverel**



*You are invited to make*

**The Journey**

*A reflection on the life of Jesus with readings  
and songs performed by*

**Meditation**

*A Christian group from Essex*

**Christians coming together to bear witness to  
the life, death and resurrection  
of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ**

**7pm Saturday 8th March 2014**

*Admission is free but we would appreciate  
donations to cover the expenses of the group*

**Tea for Helen - a cuppa that cares**

Cake + Tea = Fund-raising. Who would have thought raising money could be such a simple equation. Since the campaign launched in 2010 it has raised over £71,000, and this year we hope even more people will support Helen Rollason Cancer Charity by holding their own Tea for Helen party. You can hold a party any time of the year - we provide you with a Tea for Helen pack which has everything for your party (minus tea and cakes!). Not really a baker? Not a problem! Our fantastic Hatfield Peverel Fund-raising Group holds a Tea for Helen at our office on the third Saturday of every month. With lots of delicious cakes to choose from, as well as a great raffle, it is the perfect way to start your weekends.



Money raised by every party will help a local person and their carer/partner living with cancer.

**To order your pack please call 01245 380968  
or email [fundraising@helenrollason.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@helenrollason.org.uk)**

**Don't leave your neighbours in  
the cold this winter**

Last year 24,000 people died because of cold homes – deaths that could possibly have been avoided had they had some support. This year, we could be facing the severest winter for decades.

Hopefully, you will know who your vulnerable residents are. If you don't, please try to find out and consider following our ten-point plan.

- 1 Find out who your elderly/vulnerable residents are
- 2 Drop round or pop a leaflet through their door with your name/telephone number, and tell them to call you if they get into trouble
- 3 Have they relatives who keep in touch, how often
- 4 Consider giving relatives your contact details
- 5 Suggest they have a nominated key-holder
- 6 Inform their immediate neighbours
- 7 Supply the person with a 'Message in a Bottle' available from Neighbourhood Watch
- 8 Do they own hot water bottles and/or spare blankets: set-up a circle so that those in most need can borrow one for the Winter period
- 9 If their house is very cold, try to persuade them to put the heating on, even just for an hour a day
- 10 They may say they can't afford heating. Energy companies can provide help and support.

**The Home Heat Helpline (0800 33 66 99) gives advice to those struggling to pay their fuel bill and keep warm. The helpline gives access to Britain's biggest free insulation programme**

**2014 Langford Art Show**

**Saturday 12th/Sunday 13th April  
village hall 10am - 5pm**

Three hundred artists, local and further afield, showing high quality work at affordable prices

Refreshments and homemade cakes

Information from Caroline Spong  
01621 855220

email [cspong777btinternet.com](mailto:cspong777btinternet.com)

## News from St Andrews

Over the last two years the St Andrews part of the Review has opened with remarks about freak weather phenomena surrounding the Vicar! There was the min-tornado of 2012 and the lightning-bolt on Christmas Day 2012 at All Saints Ulting. Thankfully, so far, nothing weird has happened. If it had, I might start taking it personally!



Back to December. At the beginning of the month St Andrews Church Choir led a 'Carol Songs of Praise', where the congregation choose the carols and we sing them. The collection goes to the Children's Society with money collected at Hatfield Peverel railway station in the week before Christmas. The day before 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 'Messy Shepherding' 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 greatly admired Nativity display at the back of the church.

Once again, St Andrews Junior School came up with a superb Christmas Concert and Carol Service. The Infant School also led two Carol Services in our church. It is on occasions like these one realises our church isn't as big as we think it is! Every school concert and carol service was packed to capacity which only goes to show that the Christmas 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.

Services over Christmas were well attended. The Christmas Eve service 'The Greatest Gift' was packed and Kathy Butler, from Witham 'Homestart' gave the address before receiving the toys so generously given by the community of Hatfield Peverel. As in 2013 we revived our travelling nativity or 'Posada' where, at the beginning of December, Nativity figures leave the church to go round the community. These 'travelling nativities' are supposed to return at, or before Christmas Day. Posada 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).

Lent is late this year which gives us time to think on the life-changing events brought about by the life of Jesus of Nazareth before we get to it. You will see an advertisement for **an evening of music and readings called 'The Journey' to be held in St Andrews Church on Saturday March 8th at 7pm.**

This presentation/act of worship was written by Mike Wigley, a former Franciscan friar. Having heard him and his group at a concert in the church at Pleshey you can be assured of an evening of the highest quality. Mike has travelled far and wide with 'The Journey' and has presented it in prisons, religious communities and both Anglican and Catholic churches around the country. His group consists of 5 or 6 musicians and readers, who will lead us through the life of Christ. It will be divided into two halves; the first taking us to the Crucifixion, the second half through the Resurrection on to Pentecost. There will a break for light refreshments. There is no admission charge but donations would be appreciated which will be given to Mike's group to cover their expenses. For further information, please ring Mary Daw 380566.

### Other happening

Saturday 1st March Coffee morning in aid of church funds, 10am to 12 noon

Saturday 8th March 'The Journey' 7pm in St Andrews Church (see advert and notes above).

**Mothering Sunday** is the weekend of 30th March. Keep that weekend free and watch for information.

## Methodist Church

Once again we were joined by Rainbows, Brownies and Guides for our candlelit Carol service on 15th December. The Church was warm and glowing in the flicker of a mass of candles down the centre of the Church. In addition to singing favourite carols the Brownies sang 'It was on a starry night' and the Guides gave us the Farmyard Carol, a harmony of animal noises. Our Minister, Rev Sue, asked us what we liked at Christmas and what we didn't like. Surprisingly sprouts came in the first category. With that, Rev Sue produced a stem of sprouts and the tiny seed from which a sprout plant grows. She related this process to the birth of the baby Jesus in a manger 2000 years ago from which the Christian faith has grown into a world faith shared by people of all nations. We were given the chance to dip into a tub of chocolates providing we all promised to eat a couple of sprouts as well to remind us of the true meaning of our celebrations on Christmas day.

We ended with a performance with what has become a tradition of this service, a very energetic and loud version of 'The twelve days of Christmas' from the Brownies, and a fitting finale to our celebration. We finished with refreshments which were well earned. We hope the girls and their families enjoyed the afternoon, our congregation certainly did, and hope to welcome them back again in 2014.

On 19th December our Church members enjoyed a Christmas dinner beautifully prepared by Dee and Owen when we sat down to roast turkey and all the trimmings. Entertainment was a version of the 'Mr and Mrs' quiz for John and Jenny who were celebrating their wedding anniversary that day. To our surprise they were able to answer correctly some very strange questions about one another! On 22nd December we joined our friends at Witham for their carol service based on the colours of Christmas, blue for the Virgin Mary, gold for the Kingship of Jesus, purple for the Magi, white for the Angels, green for the Holly and the ivy and red for the blood of the crucifixion at Easter.

Our service on 25th December was based on the work of 'Action for Children' the charity which looks after neglected children. The theme was 'make room this Christmas'. We remembered the lost, lonely, neglected and vulnerable children and adults and included them and their carers in our prayers as we celebrated the day that God showed his love for the world by giving us his son. Our offertory on Christmas day will be forwarded to the charity to support their work.

Our Christmas continued on 29th December with the story of the Wise men bearing gifts. We were reminded that Jesus was born a refugee in a foreign land that he was homeless having needed to be offered a stable for a shelter. Subsequently he had avoided genocide when his parents fled to Egypt after King Herod had ruled that all babies should be killed to remove the threat of a rival. There are still so many similarities today in many parts of the world where families are still threatened and we realise how much still needs our prayers to achieve 'Peace on Earth'.

From the members of the Methodist Church we wish you all a happy and healthy 2014 and hope to see you at some of our events.

### Food bank

We continue to collect tins and packets for the local food bank and thank you for your contributions.

### Regular events

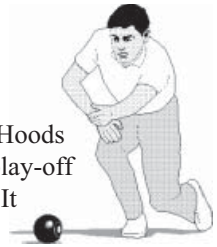
<b>Every Sunday</b>	11am - Morning service
<b>Every Thursday</b>	10am - 12 noon Open Door - come and join us for tea/coffee and friendly chat
<b>2nd Saturday in month</b>	10am - 12 noon Coffee morning and cake stall
<b>1st Monday in month</b>	7.45pm House Group Bible Study

## Goodbye Christmas, roll on spring

Bowling Club - Bob Gammie, President (381497)

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

Prior to Christmas our quiz night was a great success with last year's winners, the Hoods team, held to a tie break with the Magisterial Collin's team. In the sudden death play-off the Hoods were sunk for not being nearest to the shortest time for the Boat Race. It was nice that the Collin's team support the memory of their mother, a former member who so enjoyed our quiz nights. Ada Thomson's team came third. For our fun night, an evening of Christmas and games, the team of Peggy Brown, John Franklin and Sheila Peear led the yuletide frolics ahead of Denise Brazier, Julia Gammie and John Bouthwaite.



Back to the serious competitions after Christmas for the annual Trevor Matham's triples cup, Roy Kirby, Margaret Hinsley and John Franklin were strong winners. There followed the competition for the Chris Hatfield Plate, won by Chrissie Harris with Steve Spooner runner up. The plate was originally painted by our late member Chris, whose brother Dennis Richardson together with his wife Joan sadly had to give up playing due to old age.

Meanwhile our two teams in the Essex League are doing well with the A team lying third in their table and the B team lying mid-table. Our internal leagues continue, as do our internal competitions but at mid-season it is too early to see the clear winners. In our friendly matches of the dozen or so played we have won all but two. The Franklin open and our annual ladies versus gents remain to be played.

Regrettably this will have to be the last offering by this scribe due to writers' cramp and the shakes! Your new correspondent will be Rita Thomson, our Club Captain.

Our doors are always open, do come and join us and look us up on our website as above for more information.

*Bob, you have been a perfect scribe, always on time with your copy and if it was to be late, you always let us know. I don't know how long you have been in the job, but thank you very much, I shall miss you. Ed*

## Come and enjoy a game of table tennis...

Andy Simmonds 01245 381020/07932 057 205

We play league matches in the village hall in Maldon Road, in first class playing conditions with top equipment and access to a bar. The playing season runs from September to April, and our four teams in the Chelmsford League are all doing well. Also in April we play our internal Club competitions.

We are a friendly, sociable club, Dave Carter is organising our annual quiz night on 28th February, staged jointly with the Billericay Club at Ramsden Heath, as well as our traditional club meal on 5th April.



Don't forget, every Tuesday from now until April there will be a practice table for anyone to come along and play. If you are interested please call one of the numbers below at least a day or so in advance to arrange for a club member to meet you. We are particularly looking for relatively experienced players. The practice nights are an excellent opportunity to get to know us during the season.

Please call and leave your contact details with either Neil Freeman on 01245 382249 or myself Andy Simmonds on 01245 381020 or 07932 057205

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*Accept that some days you are the pigeon, and some days you are the statue*

## Useful telephone numbers

Please contact the editors for additions/errors.Age

**Concern Essex** 01245 264499  
**Anglian Water, 24 hours** 0800 919 155  
**Braintree District Council** 01376 552525

**Clean Team** ring number above  
and ask for customer Services

Witham Area Office in Witham Library  
- for walk-in enquiries only 01376 519625

### Churches

St Andrew's (C of E), vicar 01245 380958  
Methodist Church, minister 01621 853423  
Salvation Army, officer i/c 01245 380842  
Catholic Church, Witham, priest 01376 512219

**Citizens Advice Bureau** Witham 0844 4994719  
Drop-in sessions Mon/Tue/Thur/Fri 10am - 1pm  
Appointments only Thurs afternoon 1 - 4pm

### Doctors, health services

Hatfield Peverel doctors' surgery 01245 380324  
Boreham doctors' surgery 01245 467364  
NHS Direct 0845 4647  
Pharmacy, Hadfelda Square 01245 380130

**Electricity - emergency** 0800 7838838

**Essex County Council** 01245 492211

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

**First Essex Buses Ltd** 01245 293400

**Gas - emergency** 0800 111999

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

### Hospitals

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

### Libraries

Hatfield Peverel 01245 380988  
Witham 01376 519625

**Police, non-emergency calls** 0300 3334444  
Local Officer 07974 457258

**Post Office** 01245 380201

### Railway Information

National Express East Anglia 0845 6007245  
National Rail Enquiries (24 hrs) 08457 484950

### Registrar of Births, Marriages & Deaths

Witham, by appointment only 01376 323463  
Braintree, by appointment only 01376 320762

**Relate** 01245 258680

**Samaritans (24 hours - toll free)** 08457 909090

### Schools

St Andrew's Junior School 01245 380131  
Hatfield Peverel Infant School 01245 380220  
Hatfield Peverel Day Nursery 01245 382450  
Acorn Childcare 07580 834417

**Social Services** 0845 6037630

**Village Agent** Sally Austin 0800 9775858

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

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

## Hatfield Peverel Parish Council

### Committees and working parties

Planning (P)

Traffic (T)

Village Environment (E)

Keith Bigden Memorial Ground User Group (KB)

Country Park Focus Group (CP)

External Audit Review (A)

Football Pavilion (F)

### Councillors (and their working parties)

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

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

**Graham Bushby (T)** 01245 380472

**Garry Cockrill** 01245 697263

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

**Colin Giffin (Planning chair/** 01621 892351  
Country Park chair/T)

**Elise Gwyn-Williams (P/F)** 01245 382883

**Bernard Heard - Vice Chairman** 01245 380370  
(P/T/A)

**Alan Ingram (Traffic chair/E/CP)** 01245 381880

**Martin Pyke (T/E/A/F)** 01245 380792

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

**Eugene Murphy** 01245 380113  
(Environment chair, Audit chair/F)

**Alan Steele** 07739 398453

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

### District Councillor

**David Bebb** 01245 381065

### District and County Councillor

**Derrick Louis** 07918 721526

**Both lists updated December 2013**

## Welcome to our newly refurbished much-loved library

**H**atfield Peverel Library has re-opened for business following a recent refurbishment which included the latest technology - the installation of RFID self-service machines. RFID or Radio Frequency Identification units allow library users to check out, return and renew their loaned items themselves, leaving the library assistants free to help customers make use of the library facilities and to deal with enquiries. If you are uncomfortable using the new machines, there will always be someone there to help you.

With around 20,000 visits a day to Essex libraries, the need for self-service machines is vast. Essex County Councillor John Jowers, Cabinet Member for Libraries, Communities and Planning said: 'We are confident the new machines will make borrowing items from Essex libraries quicker and more convenient.'

Staff at Hatfield Peverel library are looking forward to introducing customers old and new to the self-service technology, and to sharing information about the other services available through Essex Libraries including public access computers, free wifi, the Home Library Service and regular children's Rhyme Time sessions. Our bright and airy library, on a good day with the sun shining through the windows, is a welcoming place. The refurbishment has included a moving round of the shelves but the number of books has remained the same and it has opened up more wall space for the local school children to show us their artistic talents - Eric the elephant has moved from his home at the Infant School and is on display on one of the walls.

**Storytime**, for pre-school children, is held every Wednesday morning from 9.30 - 10am. This is during term time only.



Watch out for **details of The Big Summer Read** in later Reviews.

**Chapter 4, the Book Group**, meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month from 1.30pm onwards.

### **Hatfield Peverel Library opening hours**

Tuesday, Thursday 1pm - 5pm

Wednesday, Saturday 9am - 1pm

### **Witham**

Monday to Friday 9am - 7pm

Saturday 9am - 5pm

During opening hours Hatfield Peverel's telephone number is 01245 380988, Witham's 01376 519625.