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Local events and happenings round and about

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February

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- 27 Hadfelda WI
- 28 Hatfield Peverel Walkers

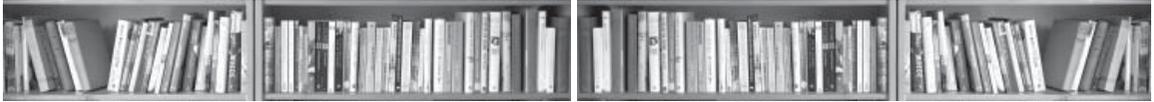
March

- 2 St A's coffee morning cancelled
- 4 Parish Council meeting, village hall 7.30
- 6 Flower Club
- 7 Folk Dance Club
- 9 Methodist coffee morning, 10am The Street
- 13 Wine Club
- 16 Helen Rollason coffee morning St Andrews
- 20 Horticultural Society speaker meeting
- 21 Folk Dance Club
- 27 Hadfelda WI
- 28 Hatfield Peverel Walkers

April

- 1 Parish Council
- 3 Flower Club
- 4 Folk Dance Club
- 6 St Andrews coffee morning 10am
- 6 Spring Show
- 13 Methodist Church coffee morning 10am, The Street

*Front cover - books -our library - is its time up?
See pages 3, 9 and 11*



Proposed Library closure - Join, Order, Borrow

Below is a letter from Cathy Etherridge, a long-term supporter of Hatfield Peverel Library

*I have been told that our Library has a score of 48 points out of the 50 needed to retain a library facility which would be volunteer led. To score 50 points we could move from category 4 to Category 3. This is fantastic as some of those in our category are scoring low to mid 30s. As we are scoring well it might be a good idea to start a community group to carry on with the campaign and if necessary meet with representatives from ECC and also, in the event we are successful, form a group of volunteers. **If you are interested please contact me on 07743 711384.***

I have written to our County Councillors and the Councillor whose name appears on the strategy plan explaining why our village needs to keep a library facility. I have explained the threat of isolation and loneliness to many people, from young mums to the elderly and quoted an article in Psychology Today magazine on the detrimental effect of the above on people's overall health and wellbeing. Also that some cannot use the bus and would be denied library access, also the unreliable bus service is a factor.

*I am told that writing letters to Essex County Council will help our cause. Please write to them and fill in the consultation form. Our performance will be monitored **after the close of the consultation period on 20 February - only a few days left!** so it's not too late to turn this around.*

Please, please - join the library, order books, borrow books to help keep this fantastic service.

The Lost Words - A Spell Book

'Once upon a time, words began to vanish from the language of children'....opening words from Robert Macfarlane's book, illustrated with magical illustrations by Jackie Morris

Some years ago - more than three or four perhaps - I was listening to the radio and caught the end of a sad, unbelievable tale. Words that children use to describe the natural world around them - acorn, adder, kingfisher, willow, newt (*o newt you are too cute*) to name a few - disappearing from our word books, removed perhaps forever. Primroses were just coming out in our garden - primrose, was this to be a lost word?

I recalled some of the old names my grandmother used and one, when she saw a snail, was hoddenedidod, (if you are a certain age like me you may remember it). I could have gone on line and found how that name came about instantly but it was more fun to get out our elderly Shorter Oxford English Dictionary (*surely this was not the villain? In fact, we think it was the children's version of the Oxford English dictionary*). No

hoddenedidod but hoddy-doddy from dodman, a small snail-shell.

Snailie, snailie, Shoot out your horns,
Tell us if 'twill be A bonnie day the morn

The story does not end here. In January we read that Robert Macfarlane's words had been set to music by a group of well-known traditional musicians. We went last week to Snape Maltings to hear the première of a tour of their work - it was an uplifting evening.

In the second half of the programme we became aware of a figure at the far corner of the stage - it was Jackie who, with her brush, was outlining the sinuous shape of two entwining otters. More technology meant we could see on screen her every brushstroke bringing these animals to life.

It's been said that this is a book that should be in every library, both school and public, in the country, and already indeed many schools have acquired copies. The words are lyrical and the paintings sublime.

The busiest time of any gardening year is nearly upon us

Allotment and growing news - Drew Price HPAA new site letting officer www.hpaa.org.uk

Hello and welcome to a new year and season of gardening. The busiest time of any gardening year is nearly upon us. Spring is definitely around the corner with buds appearing everywhere. So now is the best time to get a head start. In my last article, I emphasised creating and planning. Now to work.

The most important thing for our allotmentees or you in your garden is to get your seed beds in the best possible shape and ready to receive.



Top jobs moving into spring

- 1 Now is a great time to plan your vegetable crop rotations for the coming year. Enjoy the fresh air, on dry sunny days. Also put out food and water for hungry birds. Put up bird nesting boxes this month - it's the last chance before tits and other birds start looking for a suitable residence.

Digging and preparing

- 2 Enrich your soil before planting with your own compost, well-rotted horse manure or a multipurpose fertiliser that is dug in.
- 3 Disperse worm casts in lawns. Hoe and mulch weeds to gain control early.

Prune – yes early spring is the time

- 4 Prune apple and pear trees, shrubs and climbers, such as Wisteria, hardy evergreen hedges, and bush and climbing roses.
- 5 Prune raspberry canes - summer-fruiting to 6 inches, autumn-fruiting down to ground level.

Planting

- 6 Start forcing rhubarb. And this is your last chance to plant bare-rooted raspberries.
- 7 Chit early spuds in a cool, light place at 10°C for planting from mid-March onwards.
- 8 Sow sweet peas indoors in deep pots for endless flowers from July onwards.
- 9 Moss will start growing on lawns before the grass, so now is the time to kill it with ferrous sulphate. Mow the lawn on dry days (if needed).

In the spring, at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt. Margaret Atwood

Spring is nature's way of saying, 'Let's party!' Robin Williams

More grows in the garden than the gardener sows. Spanish Proverb

2019 year book and schedule

Hatfield Peveler/Ulting Horticultural Society

Trina Butcher, Publicity 01245 380532

www.essexinfo.net/hatpevgardens

You can collect your 2019 year book and schedule from Upsons Farm Shop, and join the society and get your membership card. Subscriptions are £3, senior citizens £2.

Welcome to the snowdrops, coming out in hundreds in the churchyard in spite of a biting wind - still a bit of warmth in the sunshine. A few daffodils tucked away in warm corners tho'

a friend who lives in Bury Lane had blossoms since before Christmas and still coming!

First speaker meeting Wednesday 20 March

The history of the garden at Ulting Wick (past and present) told by head gardener Louise Nicholls. Doors open 7.30pm, talk starts at 8pm. Refreshments are free of charge but donations will be gratefully accepted. The speaker donates her fees to the Marie Curie charity and additional monies will be most welcome.

Everyone is welcome: free to members, non members £2.

Spring Show, Saturday 8 April: doors open 2pm

Come and bring the family to our village Spring Show. There is plenty of time if you would like to enter one of the many classes - flowers and vegetables, crafts, a photograph or two, a jar of jam, or a cake (you could win £10 in the special cake competition - this Spring a swiss roll) and there are exciting classes for young people.

For details you can collect a schedule from Upsons Farm or look on the society's website (details are above). The more exhibits the more for everyone to look at. We have a lot of talent in our village! Hope to see you there.

Saturday 7 May plant sale and coffee morning 10am until 12 noon at Oaklands, Nounsley Road.

Wonderful plants, wonderful refreshments.

The Society's annual five-day holiday - 14 to 18 July - is to Wiltshire

We are heading back down south to Bradford-on-Avon based at the Leigh Park Country House and vineyard (sounds promising!). Gardens will include The Old Mill at Ramsbury, Windmill Cottage, Market Lavington, Laycock Abbey, village and garden incorporating the Fox Talbot photographic museum.

There are some places available: if you are interested give Clive Emberson a ring - 01245 381704, or email: cliveemberson@outlook.com He will be only to pleased to help you.

Slip ups galore - you can't get the staff!

A reply to Bob Mountfort (sorry Bob, should have remembered you are a 't' and not a 'd') regarding the birth of The Review in the December issue.

Thank you for your email with reminders of how it was and also who was involved. To fill in some details: the printers were Beeleigh Litho, now Kempco Ltd who took over around ten years ago, the same outfit but the people have come and gone although Steve Willis was in at the beginning. He's looking for his gold medal (which he - and his team - deserve).

The first Village Guide was printed in 1973: the aerial view on the cover came from an aerial survey of the UK in 1970 by Aerofilms Ltd, Borehamwood. Interestingly early covers remained the same until 1992 when a later survey photo was used. Catherine Voysey's introduction to this guide (she was chairman at the time) reads - 'The cover for this seventh edition of



This lovely photograph was winner in the society's Autumn photographic competition for landscapes. Sorry, I have mislaid your name!

the Hatfield Peverel Guide is the new aerial photo taken in 1991. It replaces the one, taken 21 years ago, which has been used for all past editions. You will find it an interesting exercise to spot the differences'.

Older villagers note later editions show The Pines.

When time came for the 2006 edition - the last - it was decided there would be no advertisements. Jubilation and sighs of relief from those who, in all weathers, had previously spent many hours knocking on doors, selling space and collecting information.

Now at the flick of a button we can get all the information we want - and don't want!

RIP Hatfield Peverel Guide!

Such is life

Without starting you can arrive nowhere

Blessed is he that expects nothing, for he shall never be disappointed

Handle your tools without mittens. Remember the cat in gloves catches no mice

Parish Council news

Sarah Gaeta, Clerk to the Parish Council

Parish Council Office, Community Association Village Hall, Maldon Road, Hatfield Peverel, CM3 2HP. Tel 01245 382865.

Email: parishclerk@hatfieldpeverelpc.com

The Parish Council would like to wish you all a happy and peaceful 2019.

Street lighting - if you find a street lamp that needs repair, can you please report it to the clerk on the number above. Alternatively she is available in the Parish Office Monday to Friday between 9am and 1pm



Parish Council elections Thursday 2 May 2019

Are you passionate about your community? Have you considered standing for election in the May 2019 Parish Council elections? Parish Councillors are the champions of their community and give residents a voice on the decisions the Council makes. Becoming a Parish Councillor will allow you to make a real difference in your community by engaging with residents, local groups and businesses to find out their needs; making decisions on which services and projects the Council should take forward; and getting involved locally to ensure the services are meeting your community's needs.

If you would like further information on standing for election or on what being a Parish Councillor involves, please contact the Clerk or come along to one of our **monthly meetings - first Monday in the month 7.30pm village hall unless otherwise stated. 4 March, 1 April, 6 May.**

Planning

The following applications have recently been made

Demolition of existing conservatory and the erection of an orangery to the rear of 1 Rookery Close. Application for approval of details reserved by condition 3 of approval 16/02096/OUT at land at Station Road. **Please note, these applications may have been granted, withdrawn or refused by the time of printing.**

The following applications have recently been granted

Installation of a canopy at 1 Birkdale Rise. Single storey side and rear extensions and new vehicle cross-over at 11 The Green. Single storey side extension at Oakford Farm, Nounsley Road. Single storey rear/side extension at Kenilworth, Ulting Road. Application for a variation of Conditions 5, 6 and 9 of planning permission 16/02096/OUT at Arla Dairy, Station Road. Single storey side extension at 39 Willow Crescent.

The following applications have recently been refused

Tree works at Thornwood, The Pines. Erection of 7 dwelling houses at The Wheatsheaf, The Green.

Website You can view all Parish Council news on the website: <http://www.essex.info.net/hatfieldpeverel/>

The next Parish Council meetings are on Monday 4 March, Monday 1 April, and Monday 6 May

Alan, you've done a great job!

The very long serving and excellent litter collector for Nounsley, Alan Porter, has recently retired. We should like to express our gratitude to him for helping to keep this area of the village so neat and tidy. We wish you all the best, Alan.

Now is perhaps an appropriate time for us to express appreciation to parish litter collectors, both past and present. They go about their duties quietly and unobtrusively, but their regular and extremely necessary work makes our village a much more pleasant environment for everyone. We thank them all.

Terry and Thelma Bard.

NDP report February 2019

The anticipated further six week consultation that was due to commence in January was postponed due to the publication of new Basic Conditions on the 28th December 2018.

In early January the NDP group met with their consultant, Braintree District Council and Place Services to discuss the way forward in order that the examination may progress. On the advice of the Examiner, it was agreed to update the Habitat Regulation Assessment (HRA), and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Screening Report, and also the Basic Conditions Statement.

A new HRA/SEA Screening Report, undertaken by Place Services, was sent to the Statutory Consultees, all of whom have now commented enabling a six week public consultation to take place on the amended version of the Plan which includes the three focused changes to Policies FI1 Transport and Access (page 47), HO1 Design of New Developments (page 57) and HO6 Allocation of the former Arla site (page 63) consulted on last May/June. A detailed report on why changes have been made will accompany the Plan along with the new HRA/SEA Screening Report and new Basic Conditions Statement. The consultation commenced on Monday 11 February ending on Monday 25 March. The consultation documents can be found on BDC's consultation portal:

braintree.limehouse.co.uk/portal/

Hard copies will be in the Library for viewing, or online at the Parish Council's website:

www.essexinfo.net/hatfieldpeverel/the-neighbourhood-development/

If you wish to be kept informed of progress for the NDP then please email:

hatfieldpeverelplan@gmail.com

requesting your details are added to the contacts database. If you gave this permission previously, you will need to do so again due to the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) which came into force last year. The contact information you supply will be used solely to keep you informed about the progression of the NDP.



On a bright and crisp morning Parish Council Chairman, Mark Weale, presented this year's Chairman's Allowance to Trevor Lenoir and Paul Thorogood of Hatfield Peverel Cricket Club. Councillor Weale nominated HPCC in recognition of their community engagement through the events they held last year in 2018. Congratulations!

Bowls Club celebrates...

Rita Thomson - Bowls Captain, 01245 380038

The Christmas party in December was a great evening. Winners of the games were Sandra Yolfrey and Ann Nicholls.

The New Year started with the Chrissie Hatfield Plate competition, was won by Steve Spooner. The triples competition for the Trevor Matthams Cup was won by Steve Barry, Dennis Partridge and Val Hudgell and the Jim Cowell Triples was won by Derek Aspinell, Dennis Partridge and Ray Kirby. In the second playing for the Chrissie Harris Memorial Cup Steve Barry was the winner.

Having recovered ourselves, the Tuesday League is going well and in the Essex League we won the away match against Courage. Our home match against Sanquine Reds resulted in another win. We are now in second spot!

On behalf of the players at the Bowling Club, a happy new year to you all.

Mary Sheila Coffin 1933 - 2018

Many of you may have heard the sad news that Mary Coffin passed away on 17 December, 2018. She will be remembered by many who live in the village.

Mary moved to Hatfield Peverel in 1960 with her husband John where she launched herself into village life. She was an active member of the Hatfield Peverel WI and the church, teaching at the Sunday school with Arthur Wagstaff. Together with her friend Pam, she set up the Hatfield Peverel Folk Dance Club. First run in the school canteen, with records played on a redundant record player, the club has gone from strength to strength and continues to thrive. Some of you may remember the rehearsals for WI concerts held at Mary's house, or the ceilidhs she organised to raise funds for the scout hut and school swimming pool.



In 1964 she became a teacher at St Andrews, alongside Joyce Hancock, in the Infant School. She was described as 'loving, firm but fair'. Mary and John's three children were all born during their time in Hatfield Peverel and also attended St Andrews. The family left the village in 1970 and Mary kept in close touch with friends she had made. She welcomed opportunities to visit friends, support events, and to revisit her favourite places - a walk across Stonepath Meadow fishing in the ford, a walk along the river at the bottom of Crabb's Hill. Mary was a keen naturalist, and set up Young Ornithologist Clubs in schools she taught in after leaving St Andrews. She was also a keen volunteer for Essex Naturalist Trust, and could be found volunteering in the shop or chopping down shrub at Fingringhoe Wick in the eighties and nineties.

Mary will be remembered as a great friend, a generous and active member of the communities she lived in, first at Hatfield Peverel and then elsewhere. She lived a good life and faced difficulties with a quiet strength gained through faith and a determination not to make a fuss. Mary had left a note which ended... 'Please be happy...remember love is the most important thing in life...sharing, caring and laughter'

A fun afternoon at Power 75 Club

The club meets between 2pm - 4pm on the 4th Sunday of each month - January to December.

Come and enjoy! Down the road from Hatfield Peverel the Museum of Power is holding an afternoon tea club on the 4th Sunday of the month as part of the Maldon Livewell Campaign. There will be tea/coffee, scrumptious cake and a choice of fun/informative/entertaining activities relating to science, engineering, art, technology and maths and nutritional guidance.

This is a regular face-to-face friendly link every month for people over 75 years of age who have little or no contact with family or friends. Come and enjoy friendship together, take part in the activities on offer or just relax! This is something to look forward to once month.

Why join us?

Museums are well known to be restorative environments - places where people go to relax, recharge, and boost their mental and physical well-being.

Activities will include

Lots of time to drink tea, eat cake and talk to each other. Craft Activities Art Sessions Magic and experiments Games/talks from interesting people.

We look forward to sharing a fun time with you every month

Price £2 per person, per session

To book, please contact Debbie or James on 01621 843183 or email powerof75@museumofpower.org.uk

Christmas Card winner

Hatfield Peverel St
Andrew's Junior School

Our pupil, Jasmine (Base 6) won the Christmas Card constituency competition for schools. Jasmine's card design (illustrated here) will have been posted out to many places in the UK and across the world. Congratulations, Jasmine.



We had a good time in the lead-up to Christmas, our events were successful and appreciated by parents and pupils alike. Thanks to the JSA who paid for the cost of the coaches, the whole school was delighted to be able to travel to the Mercury Theatre, Colchester to enjoy the Pantomime, 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. Everyone had a fabulous time - ('Oh yes, they did!').

We were very pleased with the efforts of our Junior School Association who raised over £4,000 at the Christmas Bazaar. Following the retiring offering from our Year 3-4 Production, the school has been able to send £213 to 'Stand Up To Cancer' and in addition our Base 5 pupil, Emilie, raised a wonderful £84 for the same charity selling 'Kemi' bracelets to pupils which she had made herself. Thank you to everyone, and well done Emilie for your amazing effort. Keep an eye out for future JSA events - every penny raised is put back into the school to benefit all the children.

We have trips coming up this Spring Term. Year 3 will enjoy a 'Caveman Day' at Danbury Park - hope for a warm, dry Spring day! Year 5 will visit BAPS (Bochasanwasi Akshar Purushottam Sanstha) Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, the large Hindu Temple in Neasden, London, Year 4 will study the Romans at Colchester Castle and Year 6 will experience Harry Potter World.

We are sure they will have a great experience at their visits. As ever, thank you to Jackie, one of the Parish Review Editors, who keeps us on our toes and tries her best to make sure that we don't miss the deadlines!

Albeit a little late, may we wish everyone in the Hatfield Peverel community a very Happy New Year 2019.

Exit Library Left?

*The Council's closing the Library
It will happen some day soon
Cut backs have to happen
They tell us with great gloom*

*The books will go completely
Nothing useful will be read
Flickering screens will dominate
Everything written and said*

*No more rhyme times for baby
And helping others through the door
No reference books and craft groups
And choosing from titles galore*

*There'll be the usual consultation
Your opinion is being sought
But you can guess the likely outcome
When the incoming finance is nought*

*So, value the village library
Enjoy it's waning days
Getting eaten up by Google
Is more than a passing phase*

With acknowledgement to Valerie Waite: The Computer Swallowed Grandma

Poems - thank you to

Joyce Dawson. Pip Swallow, Judy Witney. and below, one that got away.
Ring any bells?

The Leader

I wanna be the leader

I wanna be the leader

Can I be the leader?

Can I? I Can?

Promise? Promise?

Yipee, I'm the leader!

I'm the leader

OK, what shall we do?

Roger McGough

Away with Christmas - welcome to Thames sailing barges and lunch at The Wheatsheaf

Hadfelda WI - Marel Elliston



Christmas seems a long time ago and as Hadfelda WI had no meeting in December, the Christmas party was held in November. Members were greeted with wine or a soft drink, each table had a bowl of nibbles and was decorated with holly and ivy, all designed to put everyone in the Christmas spirit!

Our speaker, Ian Davidson, gave an amusing talk entitled 'Christmas Fun', and it was exactly that. He kept us entertained with various anecdotes and stories about his experiences over Christmas - from choosing and buying presents, to selecting and purchasing the right amount of food, often with hilarious results. Everyone then enjoyed a lovely supper supplied by the members, during which they got their 'little grey cells' working trying to complete a quiz compiled by Theresa.

January 2019 was not only our first meeting of the New Year, but also the first when we met in the afternoon rather than the evening. We were delighted to welcome five visitors who, we hope, will become full members. What a brilliant start to the New Year!

David Gibson gave an entertaining and informative talk about Thames sailing barges - living close to Maldon the members are familiar with these lovely old ships, which made the talk even more interesting. What many of us didn't know was that many of the barges were involved in the evacuation at Dunkirk and a number never returned. Without the time and effort put in by volunteers to keep these lovely ships in good condition, they'd be lost forever.

Members were reminded about the lunch in February at The Wheatsheaf and to put their names on the list for the County Annual Meeting in Colchester where the main speaker is the Rev Richard Coles who was a contestant in 'Strictly Come Dancing' and can regularly be heard on BBC Radio 4.

At our February meeting Peter Lazell's talk is 'On the Beat when Policemen had Feet'. The competition is your prettiest cup and saucer or mug.

We meet on the fourth Wednesday of the month; our next meeting is 27 February, 2pm - 4pm in St Andrew's Church Hall. Visitors - men and women - are very welcome and the cost is £5 including tea/coffee and biscuits.

What's happening in the village hall?

Facebook: Hatfield Peverel village hall
Yearly membership £5

Come and enjoy a drink and a chat in a friendly atmosphere, you will be made most welcome

Opening times

Monday to Saturday 7 - 11pm
Sunday 12 noon - 4.30pm

Special date

Saturday 30 March, 8pm

Mark and his band will be playing
Free entry, everybody welcome

Regular happenings

Bingo (third Thursday in month)
21 February, 21 March

Brag (first Friday in month)
1 March, 5 April

Poker (third Saturday in month)
16 February, 16 March

Darts Monday nights
Ladies team Tuesdays

Booking for hall/meeting rooms

HPCA bookings@mail.com
Village hall 01245 381481

Village hall (01245 381481

Poppy Appeal

Royal British Legion

Thank you very much for helping with our appeal. £60.97 was collected by St Andrews Junior School and without your help we would be unable to continue our vital welfare and benevolent work.



Locally we raised almost £6,000

Young Jamie lights up for Christmas!

Christmas in the Park

The Community events committee has run 'Christmas in the Park' annually for the last three years. Last year was rather disrupted by snow, but this year was good bright winter weather. At dusk, everyone assembled in the village hall and was then led outside by a traditional Scottish piper to gather around the Christmas tree. There was a blessing by the Vicar and then a key member of the community turned on the tree lights to cheers from the gathered festive crowd.

This year events committee member, and Parish Council Chairman, Mark Weale asked young Jamie Franks to turn on the lights: the committee knew Jamie loves Christmas and loves lights because of his deafness and the sensory side of it. They said we could raise money and awareness for the National Deaf Children's Society at the same time.

"Jamie was born deaf", his mum Kimmy Jones explains. "He has sensineural bilateral profound hearing loss, which means he had no hearing in either ears due to a problem with their cochleas so he was born deaf. But at 14 months old he had a cochlea implant operation and can now hear at normal speech levels and is slowly catching up with his speech and communication."

Before the switch on Jamie just kept saying Merry Christmas and signing it to everyone, and saying "lights" and "Mark". His communication is a bit delayed due to his deafness. During the event he was very excited and loved all the attention and afterwards just wanted to look at the pretty lights and was so happy.



*A happy Jamie Franks with Mum Kimmi and Dad Lee.
Photo Meloney Dale*

Library happenings

Ms Catherine Etheridge
cathy1etheridge@aol.com

Library opening times

Tuesday, Thursday 1 - 5pm
Wednesday, Saturday 9am - 1pm
Enquiries 0345 603 7628

The Craft and Chat Group continues to meet on **Thursday afternoons from 14.00 onwards**. We are helping each other with our projects along with time for a bit of chat. Come and join us.

Family History

We are going well and members are finding many things out about their family histories. Do come along if you are curious about your ancestors, you might find some surprises. **Third Wednesday of the month from 10am.**

Scrabble Group

Has yet to meet - hopefully we will kick off on the 4th Tuesday in February at 2pm and thereafter each 4th Tuesday afternoon.

New venue for Helen Rollason coffee morning

Due to building work, the Helen Rollason coffee mornings held in The Street on the third Saturday of each month will be held in St Andrews church hall every month until further notice. The time for the coffee morning will be as usual 10.00-11:30am.

Hope to see you all there.

News from St Andrews

Christmas seems a long way past and the New Year feels like an extension of the old year. For the Church, the New Year began with Advent Sunday, 2 December 2018. Christmas at St Andrews went off with a swing, with Carol Songs of Praise, the Christmas coffee morning, a Messy Nativity (thanks John and Anna and helpers) event to which more than 50 people of all ages came along; and the services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. We should not forget the School Carol Services and the Junior School Christmas play.



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 almost as late as it can be; Ash Wednesday being on 6 March. Our Lent group this year will look at the Gospel of Luke, the basis for this year's readings.

Temporary changes to Sunday services

As some of you will know, the Church hall, kitchen and toilets are being refurbished. This has been in the pipeline for a long time, and we finally received the go ahead and start date is Monday 18 February to Friday 8 March. We won't really be in business until later the following week. Meanwhile, as there will be no facilities and no heating, all activities in the Church hall and Church have been cancelled or re-arranged.

Church services on these dates - 24 February, 3 March, 19 March, 17 March will be held as below

10.15am Service will be held in the Junior School hall - no evening service

8am Communion Service will be held in the Vicarage - no evening service

Saturday 2 March - Coffee morning **cancelled**

Sunday 31 March - Mothering Sunday a special service at 10.15am. It seems a long way ahead but time does fly! Details to follow; watch for posters.

Christmas readings and carols

Mothers Union - Jean Ashby

At our annual members meeting Fr Stephen took charge of the CD player for our carol favourites - if the carol wasn't on it, we sang unaccompanied!. We had an enjoyable time and finished with tea and Ann's delicious mince pies.

Tuesday 8 January 2019

We began New Year with our communion service conducted by Fr. Stephen, who reminded us that, at this season of Epiphany (Manifestation), we celebrate the manifestation by God of himself to the world in Jesus. The Magi offered Jesus royal gifts and worship. Not everyone is happy with our Jesus. Herod saw him as a threat to his power and authority and was willing to kill for it. Christians are challenged to be part of God's manifestation, revealing the love of God to the world by living out the example of Jesus in our own lives. God has

a wider embrace than us, there is hope for us all.

We followed the service with our AGM as best we could. We are a small group and some members were unable to be there. We have no formal leader. Pat retired at the grand age of 92, suffering from poor health. We owe her a great debt of gratitude for her years of service. Thank you Pat.

Meanwhile Andrea, Ann and Elizabeth soldier on as our committee. Treasurer Andrea presented the financial statement for 2018 - we have a total of £617.74 in our accounts. She compiled an account of all MU meetings held during 2018 which was read out by Elizabeth as Andrea is visiting relatives in Australia.

The committee has been working out a programme of speakers for 2019. On 5 February we had a good turnout of members and friends (17plus) when Mr Roger Smith gave an interesting talk about the Essex and Herts Air Ambulance.

News from All Saints, Ulting

On Sunday 1 December All Saints celebrated Charles Cope becoming a Reader for the Parish of Hatfield Peverel and Ulting. Charles delivered the Sermon for Advent Sunday, beginning with the traditional Burmese greeting for Advent - Sweet December. He talked not only about the Advent of Christ but how Christians everywhere should be prepared for His Second Coming. The Service was followed by refreshments including a special cake for Charles (in action with Rev Derek in the photograph!) which was shared among those in the congregation.



The pathway leading to the Church porch was lined with candlelit lanterns as a welcome to the Carols by Candlelight Service just as the sun was setting on Sunday 8 December. The church was filled with candles which provided the right atmosphere for the large and enthusiastic congregation. Carols were led by the Hadfelda Singers who also sang Christmas songs. As well as Bible readings, Christmas poems were included and to mark the 100 years anniversary of the First World War Armistice, Charles Cope and Geoff Smith read out the words of two soldiers who witnessed the 'Christmas truce' from the trenches. These poignant words were followed by singing the carol Silent Night. There followed a brisk trade in teas, coffees and home-made mince pies and cakes.

Everyone has been sad to hear the news of the passing of Jim Page. Jim had been an unwavering member of the congregation at St. Andrews and All Saints for many years until illness prevented him attending on a regular basis. He channelled his knowledge of history and his skill for research into finding out as much as he could about All Saints Church but it was not just the cold facts that fascinated him.

His fondness for the Church and its special features was evident in the passion with which he always spoke about it, and it was this passion which he was keen to share with everyone. He could always be relied upon to be available at the Open Days at the Church and to give talks there to organisations when they visited. His research is evident in the current leaflet detailing the features and history of All Saints, a leaflet which he wrote, designed and produced. His wisdom and good humour will be greatly missed.

Prayers and blessings. Rev Derek Clark

Lunch club and home visitors

Belinda Hull, 01376 512540

Lunch Club

St Andrews lunch club extends a warm welcome to new members. Do you have an elderly friend or relative who would enjoy a meal and chat on the **second Tuesday of every month?**

We meet in the Church hall at mid-day for tea/coffee before lunch at 12.30pm. The cost is £4 for a two course meal. You will meet old friends and make new ones. Transport can be arranged.

Soup and sandwiches is served on the fourth Tuesday of the month between 12am and 2pm. Cost is £2.50 including tea/coffee. Bring your friends and neighbours.

Home visitors

A small group of friends who take chat and friendship to anyone living on their own or recently bereaved. We would like to reach anyone who may feel isolated or on their own who would like more contact with the outside world. We would love to meet you, its good to talk and friendships can be made this way.

Methodist Church

Once again we happily welcomed our village Rainbow, Brownies and Guides with their families to join us for our annual carol service. The Church looked pretty bathed in the light of hundreds of candles. A big thank you to Gill Songer who led our service and to our music group of Nathan on piano, Eddie playing guitar and Jane leading our singing - well known carols such as 'Come and join the celebration' but also introducing a new tune for 'Away in a manger' and a newer carol 'Beneath the paper wrapping'

Beneath the paper wrappings, there's an open stable door. Beneath the fir tree trappings, there's a welcome and there's more. Beyond the tinsel fairy is a presence that's divine, there's a child to change the future, turning water into wine.

The three groups took a large part of the service with Rainbows singing and signing for us, Away in a Manger and We wish you a merry Christmas. The Brownies gave us the story of 10 Little Christmas Trees travelling to different places but losing a tree each time. The Guides joined in with a Bible reading telling of the birth of Christ. Gill helped us to make paper candles which illustrated her telling of the Nativity story. Afterwards we enjoyed tea and cakes which were well deserved. Thank you to all the groups for joining in our service and making it such a happy occasion. A great afternoon, enjoyed by all.

Christmas at Reality Church

Our special Christmas celebration for Reality Church was held on 23 December commencing with a breakfast for all our friends – tables were decorated, continental breakfast served and eggs and bacon cooked. After breakfast we were entertained in our service with a duo of puppets which gave a rocking rendition of Joy to the World. With more music from our regular singers we enjoyed singing Christmas carols and Ria, who led our service, reminded us of the wonder of the Christmas story from St Luke's Gospel.

John Clemo led our final Reality service of 2018 with us all taking part by providing the sound effects for the story of the Nativity from the Innkeeper's point of view. In this version he was not amused by having to open up his home to Mary and Joseph – lots of banging up and down stairs – but was finally overcome by the miracle and significance of the birth of the baby Jesus. This was not our final service of the year as we joined our friends at St Andrews to celebrate communion later that morning.

Reality Church Facebook page

Follow our events, information and pictures on our Facebook page Hatfield Peverel Reality Church

Diary dates

8 – 9 March Maldon Methodist Harambee Drama Group production of Jail Break – a musical about St Paul
9 March Coffee morning and cake stall at our Church in the Street, 10am - 12 noon
13 April Coffee morning and cake stall as above

Foodbank - thank you

You have given us an amazing amount of food and our stocks are looking good. However, over Christmas we have seen increased numbers of clients thus distributing more food. We currently need (no baked beans for a while please!)

Fruit juice (1lt Longlife)
Longlife milk
Sugart (500g bags please)*
Cold meats
Hot meats

Instant meals
Coffee (small jars please)*
Tea bags (packs of 80 please)*
Toiletries - toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, toilet rolls

***Please note - we ask for small packs as large packs do not fit our boxes and it is difficult for clients to carry them home. For hygiene reasons we cannot split larger sizes or catering packs**

Farleigh Hospice launches the Hospice Outreach Project(HOP)

HOP is designed to deliver hospice care directly to the community. This new bespoke vehicle will provide accessible information and support to people who are ill, bereaved, or worried about someone who is. The HOP will serve a community of 377,000, including Chelmsford, Braintree, Maldon, South Woodham Ferrers, Witham and the surrounding villages - including Hatfield Peverel.



Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Essex, Mrs Jennifer Tolhurst, cuts the tape at the launch of the new HOP vehicle

The information team of specially trained staff and volunteers will provide much needed information and support for people who have a life-limiting illness, listening to their concerns and worries and sharing information about Farleigh Hospice and other services available to them. The HOP vehicle will be visiting communities across mid Essex. To find out more visit www.farleighhospice.org This service is also offered to support families, carers and people who are bereaved. The team work closely with other national and local charities and Broomfield Hospital to ensure information is up to date, relevant and easily accessible.

New Nursery uniforms for 2019

We have welcomed 2019 in with a new uniform for both practitioners and children. The nursery has been brightened up with cerise pink T-shirts with navy teddy emblem for the adults and navy with a cerise teddy for the children.



We have enjoyed welcoming our new children into the nursery and are looking forward to an exciting term.

Our Preschool children focus on a letter of the week in line with the finger phonic scheme. This week is C week; the children have been counting cookies and drawing things beginning with C.



This term we are Chinese New Year and be eating Chinese food building on the children's things start to grow. Our of the children said. On our Interest Table we have cucumber, an apple, a cheese sandwich and a carrot. The children have observed changes happening to the food as it decays.

looking forward to celebrating the year of the Pig. We will and dancing with a dragon. We are interest in their environment as Amaryllyis is 'like a beanstalk' one



The nursery has an Ofsted rating of Outstanding and is managed by Belinda Wakelin who has a BA Degree in Early Years and holds Early Years Professional Status with a well qualified team. As well as nursery we run a before and after school for children up to the age of 8 years old. For availability of spaces please telephone 01245 382450

Maldon Film Club

Maldon Town Hall

www.maldonfilmclub.info, or visit
Maldon Tourist Office, phone 01621 869340

The Club meets in Maldon Town Hall fortnightly on a Wednesday. Membership is open to all and new members will be made very welcome. Doors open 7.15pm, wine and soft drinks available at a charge from 7.30, films begin 8pm. It screens a programme of the best recently released English and foreign films. The season finishes on Wednesday 29 May.

Wednesday 20 February I am not your Negro
James Baldwin, in 1979, began a personal account of friends who were assassinated. The book was never finished and Raoul Peck's documentary envisions a journey into Black history, connecting the past of the Civil Rights movement to the present

Wednesday 6 March Loveless
Russian drama - two couples embark on new lives when their 12-year-old son disappears

Wednesday 20 March The Shape of Water
English other-worldly fairy tale set against the back drop of Cold War America 1962

Wednesday 3 April The Midwife
French drama

Wednesday 17 April In Between
Hebrew/Arabic - three Palestinian women living in Israel society struggle to be accepted

**Wednesday 1 May Film Stars don't die
AGM/social evening in Liverpool**
English drama/romance set in 1970s and based on the memoirs of Liverpoolian Peter Turner (Jamie Bell). This is his love story with ageing Hollywood star Gloria Grahame (Annette Bening)

Wednesday 15 May Frantz
French/German drama/romance story of discovery and growth set in post WW1 Germany

Wednesday 29 May The Florida Project

Information above for further details and an application form. Or come along on the night, you would be very welcome.

citizens advice
Braintree Halstead & Witham

NEW phone first service
0344 499 4719

As from **14 January 2019**
we are changing
to a 'phone first' service:

Step 1 Phone 0344 499 4719 between 10am and 4pm Monday to Friday to speak to an advisor

Step 2 You will be given an appointment with us if you need face-to-face assistance

If you need help when our helpline is not available you can visit our website
www.citizensadvice.org.uk

Reach us in a way that suits you

Charity Barn Dance

Raising funds for
Helen Rollason Cancer Charity

Saturday 6th April
7.30-11.00pm

Woodham Walter Village Hall

Live music by Maldon group
Metric Foot Band

Tickets £7 - bring your own food & drink

Contact 01621 859202.

James Martin Page

- 1925 - 2018

A man of many talents - and a love for life

Jim had another life before we in Hatfield Peverel got to know and love him - his enthusiasm for everything and everybody, his love of the countryside, walking, cycling, - map reading was a particular passion which stood him in good stead in his career. In his early years he sang in the choir until his voice broke when he took up bell ringing which remained a lifelong passion. His life story reads like an exciting travelogue, filled with friends and colleagues, dogs and family.

His work life included City Surveyor in Gainsborough, town planning in Pontypridd. (*Hence his choice of hymns for his memorial service. 'Guide me O thou great redeemer' the tune of which, Cym Rhondda, was written in Pontypridd where he lived, 'Calon Lan', 'Love divine all loves excelling' to the tune Blaenwern.*) Once he cycled from there to Lincoln – serious long distance cycling! It was here he surveyed the route of the 'head of the valleys' road to prove it could be built.

In 1947 he met Mary Hickson in Hertfordshire's newly created planning department - they married in Hatfield in 1950. They later had three daughters.

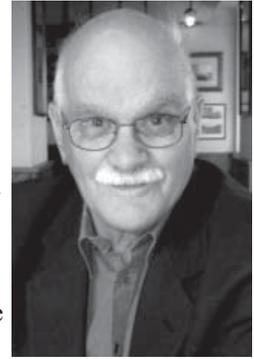
Nearer home, in 1971 he moved into tertiary education as a lecturer at Chelmsford Polytechnic where he remained until he retired. He was in his element teaching as he had an encyclopaedic memory of town history and could give detailed history of many towns. You could not visit a town without him filling you in with a detailed guide of its history. In later years he took parties for town walks explaining what they could see.

He and Mary got involved in the Farleigh Hospice in its early days. And raised over £50,000 by running a coin exchange.

Retirement in 1983 and his long and happy life with Mary at Gleneagles Way began. They lived in this home the longest. They had many friends and were involved in local activities, in

particular St Andrews and Ulting churches (see page 13). In later years he was a member of the Scouts management committee.

He lectured for the WEA all over Essex and was a member of the Hatfield Peverel group - where he also lectured. His extensive knowledge amazed us.



Jim was a compulsive planner, he was ever adapting the house here for Mary and his needs so he could continue independent living. He researched many projects, from wartime air crashes to the analysis of East Anglian carters, tithe maps of this parish. He always had a research project on the go!

After Mary died his daughter Sue came to live with him along with her dog, Orca, so he had companionship in later years.

A family man, in his 80s he would be on his knees playing with his great grandchildren's train set. There were always toys in the lounge at Gleneagles Way for any visiting child to play with. His love of bell ringing stayed with him and at 90 he returned to ring the bells at Willingham.

He remained very active up to a year ago and was able to go out for short trips. He died peacefully in his sleep at home on 28 December, 2018.

Global village on books

The BOOK is a revolutionary breakthrough in technology; no wire, no batteries, nothing to be connected or switched on. It is so easy to use even a child can operate it. Just lift its cover. Compact and portable, it can be used anywhere, yet it is powerful enough to hold as much information as a CD-ROM. Each BOOK is constructed of sequentially numbered sheets of paper (recyclable) each capable of holding thousands of bits of information. The BOOK never crashes and never needs re-booting - need I say more?

Festive food and drink, January geniuses and majestic moments in February!

Peverel Wine Club – Vee Green, Secretary (01245 355723)
www.peverelwineclub.co.uk email peverelwineclub@hotmail.co.uk



As the Gremlins attacked the Wine Club report for December 2018 and replaced it with the report for December 2017, there is quite a lot to cover! The AGM took place in the village hall on 10 October, with Chairman Graham Bushby, Treasurer Linda Fisher and Committee member Henryk Podlesny all safely re-elected. We were also delighted to welcome two new volunteers to the committee – Nick and Jill Shakespear, whom we are sure will bring forward lots of new ideas and suggestions for the Club.

November's meeting was a much jollier affair, the theme being What's Good for Christmas? Six wines were tasted, suggested to accompany canapés, a seafood starter, turkey, beef, cheese and pudding, each with appropriate pick-ups to get us thinking in festive mode. The six presenters also suggested wines and food which DIDN'T go well together, and possible alternatives for those who only drank white or red wine. We were surprised to learn that one particularly murderous marriage of wine and food is a match we make all the time at special occasions – pairing a Brut champagne or sparkling wine with a very sweet iced wedding or Christmas cake! The dryness of the wine and the sugariness of the icing completely clash with each other! The suggestion was either to drink a sweet Asti Spumante, perfect with all sweet puddings and cakes, or to drink the Brut champagne **before** tackling the cake! The wine of the evening was generally agreed to be a very pleasant Porta 6 Portuguese red wine from Majestic, excellent with beef and cheese at a price that wouldn't break the bank!

In December, we enjoyed the Club's annual Christmas Party in the village hall, tucking into a 4-course supper provided by members and committee before dancing the night away once more to the live music of local star Ian Jordan – all for the very modest cost of £5 for members and £10 for visitors. January brought the delights of a brand-new programme for 2019, starting with the now traditional intra-club quiz in the capable hands of question master Graham Bushby. There was a good turnout of members and guests, and the keenly-fought contest ended up being won by Ann and John Riddleston, Dave and Marian Belshaw and their brainy guests. Well done!

We are now eagerly looking forward to our next meeting on 13 February in the village hall, when we shall be welcoming a speaker from Majestic introducing a selection of white and red wines from the Majestic Loves range, an appropriate topic so close to Valentine's Day. If you'd like to join us at any time for a light-hearted and inexpensive evening out, you would be very welcome, but please give Vee a ring beforehand to confirm attendance (and to ensure we have enough of everything to eat and drink!) on 01245 355723, or Graham on 01245 380472. Just have a look to see the date and topic for each month's meeting on our website at www.peverelwineclub.co.uk/ The Club meets normally on the second Wednesday of the month at 8pm in the village hall, but with some exceptions (including Christmas, which is the third Wednesday), so that it is always worth phoning first, especially during the summer months.

More gremlines - apologies to

Vee Green, our reliable and on-time Wine Club correspondent for printing her 2017 report instead of 2018 in the Christmas Review. And Nicky Shelley for acknowledging her lovely field of poppies and its painters to Hatfield Peverel Nursery. instead of Nickey's Childminding.

Tweet, tweet

In March the cuckoo sits upon his perch
In April he tunes his bill.
In May he sing both night and day,
And in June alters his tune.
In July away he fly (*Devon*)

Useful telephone numbers

Please contact the editors for additions/errors.

Age UK Essex	01245 346106
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	

Churches

St Andrew's (C of E), vicar	01245 380958
Methodist Church, minister	01621 853423
Catholic Church, Witham, priest	01376 512219
Citizens Advice Bureau Witham	0344 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
NHS - non-emergency helpline	111
Pharmacy, Hadfelda Square	01245 380130

Electricity - emergency

Essex County Council	01245 492211
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Essex & Suffolk Water 24 hours	0845 7820999
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First In Essex Buses Ltd	01245 293400
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Gas - emergency	0800 111999
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Harlequin Children's Centre	01376 535270
Free support and services for children under 5	

Hospitals

Broomfield (A&E);	01245 362000
St Peters, Maldon	01621 725323

Libraries (enquiry line)	0345 6037628
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Hatfield Peverel	
Tuesday, Thursday 1 - 5pm	
Wednesday, Saturday 9am - 1pm	
Witham - use enquiry line above	

Police Non-emergency calls	101
Use 101 also for the local officer	
Emergency calls	999

Police Stations, Braintree, Chelmsford	
Opening hours, Monday - Saturday, 12.00 to 6pm	

Post Office	01245 382787
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Railway Information

Greater Anglia	03456 007245
National Rail Enquiries (24 hrs)	03457 484950

Registrar of Births, Marriages & Deaths

Witham, by appointment only	03456 037632
Braintree, by appointment only	03456 037632

The Change Project	01245 258680
	08453 727701

Samaritans (24 hours - toll free)	08457 909090
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Schools

St Andrew's Junior School	01245 380131
Hatfield Peverel Infant School	01245 380220
Hatfield Peverel Day Nursery	01245 382450
Tiger Tots Toddler Group	07886 021048
Charlotte Greaves	07527 763038

Social Services	0345 6037630
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Community Agent for Hatfield Peverel

Jan Hawkins	07540 720605
Office	01376 574330

Village hall	01245 381481
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Let us know of useful services to add to this list

Hatfield Peverel Parish Council

Committees and working parties

Community Events (CE)
Employment (Emp),
Finance/General purposes (FG),
Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP),
Planning (P), Traffic (T)
Village Environment (E)
To be notified (TBN)

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Linda Shaw (P)	01245 382669
Diane Wallace (CE/E/NDP/P)	01245 381485

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James Coleridge	07534 275449

County Councillor

Derrick Louis	07918 721526
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New Year's Day Walk with a purpose

Ken Earney

The words more or less flowed for version 1 of this item, but we work offline in Windows XP for the Review then switch to the other drive to go online in Windows 7. I'd had to check emails for something or other and forgot to save before switching. Disaster - when we returned to continue work on another item, this one had vanished, so I'm now attempting to recreate the original literary masterpiece!



The main aim in choosing the route this year was to include Stonepath Meadow, still under threat of development pending a decision by the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government. Can't imagine what's taking him so long, can you? So after gathering at the Scout and Guide HQ, about seventeen of us (and three dogs) set off along Church Road and into the meadow. A short stop to brief those who didn't already know about the saga, and a photo-op (*see above, thanks Andy*) we continued along Stonepath (stones now all but invisible) then onto the footpath under the A12 and beside the Ter (FP34), under the railway viaduct and up the newly diverted section beside the railway embankment to Terling Hall Road.

A brief stop for another couple of photos and a little bit of road walking along Crix Lane to reach the path by field edge and woods - Spixman's Gardens, Brewhouse, Bishop's and Long Woods - to Crabb's Hill (FP13). We had third short stretch of road before the riverside path beside the Ter (FP49), then returning to our starting point via FP8, across Sportsmans Lane, and FP7.

The weather was fine and sunny with a gentle breeze. Unfortunately, no mince pies and mulled wine to finish - Catherine would have been disappointed with us!

Dates for Hatfield Peveler Walkers this year are 28 February, 28 March, 25 April, 30 May, 27 June, 25 July, 29 August, 26 September, 31 October, 28 November, 19 December.

2018 Poppy appeal - £6003.84

Peter Archer, Poppy Appeal organizer

Our best-ever collection - many people and organisations in the village helped to raise this large amount. Special thanks to those who helped to distribute and collect in the trays and boxes, without your assistance the above would not have been possible.



A big thank you also to all who collected, especially door to door - in many cases residents look forward to

seeing the yearly 'Poppy person'. We even had an increase in our morning collections at the station!. So a greater thank you to those who donated.

And thank you too Peter, and those who help you, for a job well done. Don't retire just yet.

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