

Hatfield Peverel

Review

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I'd rather be the one in the chair! The team from the Mighty Oaks Nursery - runners-up in the 'Great Hatty Pev Pram Race 2016' which took place on Saturday 30th April on the rec. Perhaps not quite as great as the last one held in the village in 1976, but it's a start, and has put the event back on the map. See report on page 13



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Nature corner

Moorhens on the march....

Balls of shaggy black wool on long thin legs and large green feet always appear in our garden during April/May, bundling along behind their mother who is shepherding them to rich pickings under the bird feeders. First day may be four little-uns, by the end of the week one. But this year, joy and excitement, from two families six have



Stop Press - Stonepath Meadow update

An unforgettable day - on Wednesday 25th May, the BDC Local Plan Sub-Committee, in a unanimous vote, agreed **not** at this stage to allocate HATF314 Stonepath Meadow for the list of sites to be included in the draft Local Development Plan (there are fifteen potential sites put forward for consideration in our village). The decision followed excellent presentations made by parish councillors and the Stonepath Meadow action group. Members of the sub-committee commended the hard work and dedication put in over a long period by Hatfield Peverel's Neighbourhood Development Plan group. We should also commend the sterling efforts put in since March this year by the action group in briefing residents and getting them to respond to the Stonepath Meadow planning applications and the BDC Local Development Plan consultation with their views.

During the meeting district councillor David Bebb reported that regrettably Arla Dairy has now made a decision to close the Hatfield Peverel site and is already embarked on an application for planning approval for development. The possibility that this, as a brownfield site, would provide a more suitable location for the Hatfield Peverel allocation than Stonepath Meadow was a strong influence in the sub-committee's decision. By the time of BDC's local plan review in the autumn it is likely the Arla situation will be clearer. The sub-committee further voted not to put forward the other two Vineyards sites, HATF311/312 for inclusion in the plan.*

Whilst this is good news, it does not mean that the threat to the meadow is over. A current application by a developer for 80 houses on Stonepath Meadow (16/00545/OUT) is still ongoing and will be decided by the Planning Committee during the summer. **The deadline for objections is the 16th June.** All who have responded will be notified of the date of the meeting by letter.

To everyone who took the time over the past few months to write in with their comments and objections (there were around 150 letters of objection from residents posted on the BDC website) a massive thank you. With friends and neighbours old and new, it made a difference showing the strength of public opinion about the future of our beautiful village. For the latest information and guidance about plans for Stonepath Meadow please register your email address with stonepathmeadow@yahoo.com or check the Facebook pages for Hatfield Peverel and the village notice boards.

A series of exhibitions on the BDC Draft Local Plan, staffed by BDC officers, will take place during July to enable members of the public to discuss the proposals directly with officers. **It will be in Hatfield Peverel on the 21st July, 2.30pm -7.30pm.**

*View a webcast of the meeting at http://www.braintree.public-i.tv/core/portal/webcast_interactive/226789
The item on Hatfield Peverel starts at around 4:58:15 and lasts just under 8½ minutes.

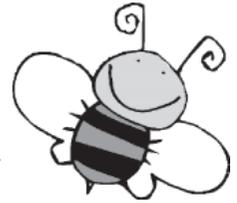
Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan progress

Huge progress has been made since the first draft in February. At a meeting on 10th May with BDC and our consultant only a few tweaks were suggested before Strategic Environmental Assessment screening and public consultation. It is anticipated that the draft Plan will be ready for the consultation very shortly.

The bees are coming...

Allotment and growing news - Sean Pettit HPAA Chairman www.hpaa.org.uk

Regular readers of my Review pieces may remember I did a bit on growing for bees; those who know me well will know I am passionate about helping these little marvels because they are the cornerstones of successful growing for many of our flowers and vegetables. We need their free pollination services!



Back to the allotments and I am really excited because the Dengie 100 and Maldon Beepers Association has kindly created a new apiary at the new site. First they built a very good enclosure and this week have delivered their hives and hopefully by the time this article appears the bees will be in their new homes. So why am I so excited you ask? In other locations where the Dengie Beepers have placed their bee hives pollination levels have increased dramatically as the bees have gone about their work, and this has resulted in increased yields of fruit and vegetables that are dependent on these little wonders doing their job.

I would personally like to thank Carly Mayes and Darren Burge and the team from the Dengie 100 for their hard work in creating the enclosure and making all this possible. I know many of the allotmenters at the new site are as thrilled as I am and can't wait either! Like me they are keen to try some of the fresh honey the bees will produce. Keep up the good work and remember Grow for Bees!

On another note, it is nearly the courgette season. An amazing plant the courgette, it delivers fruit after fruit for an absolute age, so if you haven't got an allotment and have a fairly sunny spot in your garden going spare I urge you to grow a plant or two, they need about 70-100cm of space in fertile ground and will reward you for many weeks with fruits. On the allotment web site we have loads of great recipes from members and friends of the association, so if any readers would like to share their favourite recipe please email it to chairman@hpaa.org.uk and I will add it to our growing number of recipes

We have one plot available on the old site: this will be snapped up, if you are interested give Simon Reed a call on 01245 382696 - he will be happy to show you round. Happy growing and healthy life.

See page 7 for an update on the waterlogged areas on the allotments and nearby footpath.

What a morning - plant sale breaks all records

Horticultural Society

The sun shone, the plants were snapped up in their hundreds - and the cakes were wonderful. Over £700 was raised on Saturday 7th May, a most successful day for the society: the money will be used to stage the Spring and Autumn shows. Without these contributions the shows could not take place. The hard working committee would like to thank everyone for their support - and hope the plants are taking root in their new homes!

Afternoon garden walk, Sunday 19th June

Not far from home, a local walk to Elwy Lodge in Woodham Walter, a location with lovely views blending in with its rural setting - roses,

herbaceous and shrub borders, trees, wildlife pond and meadow leading to a vegetable and fruit garden.

Meet at the garden at 2pm for a short talk before exploring at your will. Admission £4.50, refreshments extra. Details and directions from Clive Emberson (01245 381704) - transport can be arranged if required.

Summer tea party, Saturday 24th July

Tudor Lodge, The Street, is the venue for this mid summer celebration. Afternoon tea will be served at 3.30pm interspersed with various games and competitions. Tickets, £3.50 each, are on sale now from Clive Emberson, 62 New Road. Reserve your tickets on 01245 381704 or 07771 536938 to avoid disappointment as spaces will be limited.



‘What is this life if, full of care, we have no time to stand and stare?’*

To be able to take time out, to enjoy our beautiful and wonderful countryside, such things are worth fighting for in the frantic world we find ourselves in today. Read these heartfelt words from Lesley Wild, someone who has lived in this village for many years and feels strongly about changes that will affect us all.

Stonepath Meadow – have you ever been there?



Have you ever been there? And instantly felt calm and relaxed in the peace and quiet of this open space. Seen birds soaring across the sky, heard their songs, the haunting sound of the cuckoo. Seen carpets of buttercups, their heads reaching for the sun; a patch of purple flowers in the moistness of the shade of the trees, suddenly sparkling like jewels when the sun breaks through the clouds. Seen a sea of waving grasses that rustle in the breeze, the varieties too many to count. Seen a hedgerow of dazzling white blackthorn blossom; the creamy flowers of the damson, bramble and the elderflower with an intoxicating scent, all promising a bounteous harvest of fruit, their goodness to be preserved to fill our larders and share with friends.

Have you ever been there? And watched families of rabbits bobbing about; a shy field mouse scuttle for shelter. A beetle, black and shiny, crossing your path; the electric blue dragonflies darting swiftly over the grass. Seen children playing, exploring the natural world, flying kites; seen dogs running with delight in the tall grass and frolicking like lambs in the deep snow.

Have you ever been there? And met someone you’ve not met before, who becomes a new friend. With an old friend, talking, sharing thoughts and ideas, confidences. With the family or a group of friends, enjoying their closeness, comradeship, exercise and nature.

Have you ever been there? In the Spring and marvelled at the wonder of new life and growth; In the Summer, enjoying the cool shade of the hedgerows before emerging to meet the heat of the sun. In the Autumn, when the countryside begins to prepare for its long sleep, where trees stand silhouetted, dark and stark against a blazing red sunset. In the winter when breath puffs out grey and eyes are dazzled by acres of deep, virgin, snow.

Have you ever been there? And been stunned by the beauty of this open space, to know how special these meadows are and how desperately important it is to protect and preserve the habitat of the flora and fauna for generations to come and maintain the character and vitality of the village.

Have you NOT been there? I urge you to go and see this special place called Stonepath Meadow.

*The title is from ‘Leisure’ by William Henry Davies (1870 - 1940). A report of the NDP’s progress against the application for development of Stonepath Meadow is on page 3.

Thank you to Dan Power for the photographs on this page and page 3.

And finally folks, please note, it’s **Stonepath - not Stoney Path - Meadow.**

Parish Council news

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West Hanningfield, Chelmsford, Essex CM2 8UJ. Tel 01245 403071
Email: parishclerk@hatfieldpeverelpc.co.uk**



Vacancies on the council

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

Planning - all planning meetings are open to the public. Notification will be erected in the village notice boards three clear days prior to each meeting.

The following applications have recently been made

Provision of holiday accommodation in the form of 1 two bedroom luxury mobile home, 1 one bedroom luxury mobile home, 2 fisherman lodges, 4 Mongolian yurts and 1 toilet/shower/kitchen pod at Lakeland Fishery, Wickham Bishops Road. Erection of single storey side extension, extended ground floor areas under existing rear cantilevers, change of all existing windows and new window to dining area at Barns and Gate Farmhouse, Nounsley Road.

Outline planning application permission for up to 80 dwellings (including up to 40% affordable housing), introduction of structural planting and landscaping, informal public open space and children's play area, surface water flood mitigation and attenuation, primary vehicular access off Stonepath Drive, emergency vehicular access off Crabbs Hill and associated ancillary works. All matters to be reserved with the exception of the site access on land south of Stonepath Drive.

Demolition of Mayfield Cottage and Willsbury Cottage and replacement with two single storey bungalows on site of Mayfield Cottage at land adjacent to Wood End Farm, Hatfield Road, Witham. Erection of replacement single storey rear extension at 40 Baker Avenue. Replacement of four front facing windows with replicate timber casement windows; strip existing render, treat exposed timber and insert insulation and re-render to match the existing render at Ann Cottage, The Green. Erection of single storey front extension, loft conversion including catslide dormer to front and Velux roof lights to rear, reroofing existing roof with slate and rendering/colour washing the existing brick walls at 7 Glebefield Road. Erection of single storey rear extension at 15 Laburnum Way. Erection of bungalow at Acres Down, Station Road (revised plans). Erection of first floor side extension above existing extension and provision of render to front elevation of existing at first floor level at Glendale, Nounsley Road.

The following applications have recently been granted

Erection of single storey rear extension at 5 Glebefield Road. Demolition/site clearance of agricultural building and attached timber lean-to within curtilage of listed barn at The Wick Farm, Terling Hall Road. Erection of single storey rear extension. Extension will extend beyond rear wall of the original house to the eaves of the extension at 33 Willow Crescent. Demolition of existing garage/single storey rear extensions and erection of rear extension, to front at St Andrews, Ulting Road. Erection of detached garage at Rose Cottage, Ulting Road. Erection of rear extension at Gretna, Manor Road.

The following applications have been withdrawn

Change of use of land for keeping of horses and erection of stable block with hard standing, fencing/access track at land south of Stonepath Drive. Erection of ground floor rear extension at 17 Hawthorn Road.

The following applications have been refused

Construction of new front facing dormer window at 103 Church Road. Erection of two storey side extension and single storey rear extension at 25 New Road.

Tree Preservation Orders granted - work to trees at 1 The Pines and trees at Sunningdale Fall.

Local Development Plan

The Parish Council recently submitted comments to Braintree District Council on the sites that have been put in under the Call for Sites in the Local Development Plan as follows:

- HATF 310** Land adjacent Walnut Tree Cottage, The Street - not supported.
HATF 311 The Vineyards – not supported.
HATF 312 Part of The Vineyards – supported subject to emerging NDP.
HATF 313 Sorrel’s Field – supported subject to the emerging NDP and the provision of an access road to Arla Dairy site.
HATF 314 Land South of The Street (Stonepath Drive) – not supported.
HATF 315 Land at Woodend Farm, London Road – not supported.
HATF 316 Land at Woodend Farm (including Mayfield Nursery) London Road – not supported.
HATF 317 Land off Gleneagles Way – not supported.
HATF 318. Land South East of Sportsmans Arms – not supported.
HATF 319. Land South of London Road (east of Ambleside) – not supported.
HATF 320. Land adjacent to Badgers Oak, Nounsley Road – not supported.
HATF 321. Land between Hatfield Peverel and Witham South of A12 – not supported.
HATF 322 Land at Nounsley Road, south of Oakford Farm, Nounsley – not supported.
HATF 514 Adjacent to Casa Feliz, Manor Road, Nounsley - not supported.
HATF 515. Adjacent to Hawthorns, Peverel Avenue, Nounsley – not supported.

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

Council meetings - 7.30pm village hall first Monday in month unless otherwise stated 4th July, 1st August.

Recent flooding on New Site allotments and adjacent footpath

Ken Earney, Parish Paths Partnership, Hatfield Peverel, 01245 381235, keneaney@hotmail.com

Waterlogged ground continues to affect the allotments on the New Site and adjacent Footpath 7 leading down away from the Scout and Guide HQ, so New Site Letting Officer Drew Price asked if, wearing my footpaths hat, I could assist in throwing any light on the problems. There seems to me to be a number of possible contributory causes, most of which prompt further questions. Some thoughts.

- Effect on the water table of about three years-worth of wetter than normal winters and summers - in spring and summer the ground has not had the chance to dry out as in earlier years, allied to...
- ...after-effects of a lengthy period of water leakage from the former business at Shepherds Cottage, under control since November? Land slopes away from there towards the compost heap, and nearby, site of an earlier pond. How long would all that water take to percolate down to the bottom of the site?
- Existence of a pond at the bottom end of the allotment site, currently its wettest area. Shown on OS maps between 1919 and 1976 when the site was taken on by the Allotment Association.
- Footpath flooding mid-way between the two kissing gates and boggy conditions immediately before the lower gate. Effects of the earlier existence of a field ditch to the left of the footpath going away from Church Road? Piped before filling? Has the pipe run since failed? Also possibly another former surface water drainage run away from Church Road, a little way into the field from this ditch?
- Surface water drainage from the Scout and Guide HQ - it passes under the fence beside the kissing-gate and heads downhill beside the allotment fence? Another ditch run subsequently filled in?

Enquiries ongoing. Need to talk to Anglian Water, Essex and Suffolk Water, Environment Agency. Contact me, Drew Price, 01376 503299, Sean Pettit, 07966 662556, chairman@hpaa.org.uk if you can assist.

Round and about with the Scout Group

1st Hatfield Peverel Scout Group

(For boys and girls 6 - 18 years)

Suzanne Evans - Publicity

Celebrating a special occasion or running a club/society?

Why not hire our centrally located HQ? Our HQ boasts a large main hall, a well equipped, newly refurbished kitchen, new toilet facilities and on-site car parking. Our very competitive hire rate is £10 per hour.

Please contact our bookings clerk, Louise Ware, on 01245-381 753 for details.

Beavers regretfully have said goodbye to their long-standing leader, Irene Price. Irene started out in Scouting as a parent helper and then, thirteen years ago, made the commitment to take on leadership of our Beaver Colony. The Beavers are the youngest group in Scouting and the unit where the majority of youngsters join the movement; and on behalf of all the children (and their parents) who have passed through the unit on their way to Cubs, we would like to thank Irene for her many years service and wish her well for the future (Irene will remain with 1st Hatfield Peverel Scouts as member of our adult support group the SASU).

At a recent meeting Beavers were reminded how to cross the road in a safe manner and were thrilled when PC Alan Marks arrived at the HQ in his police car. PC Marks gave a very interesting talk, including demonstrations, before taking the Beavers outside to look at his vehicle and all its equipment. Many thanks PC Marks. *(See top two photographs)*

Help, help, help - we need additional help with the Beaver Colony. Currently, adult members of the Group have stepped in to assist on a temporary basis. However the colony may have to close if Beaver parents, grandparents, former Scouts/Guides or anyone else with time on their hands do not come forward. Please contact GSL, Nick, on 07841-597 977 if you can spare time on a Monday evening 5 - 6.15pm. Thank you.

Cubs recently visited the Tesco store in Maldon where they learned about the journey our food takes from 'Farm to Fork'. They tried different cheeses, found out where our fruit and vegetables come from and looked at different types of fish. Before leaving, they briefly entered the walk-in freezers - set at a chilly minus 19 degrees, and then returned home with fresh bread and fruit. Many thanks to Tesco for their hospitality. *(See lower two photographs on right)*

The term's badge work is well under way, with a busy few weeks learning knots in readiness for the completion of the Pioneer badge.



The recently introduced photographers badge will be attempted in the coming weeks. An evening on St George, involved making swords and ships; the Cubs played a new game, in French, which was great fun.

Scouts have been busy working toward their badges. In May they took part in a hike organised by the Chelmsford Scouts; some walked eighteen miles over two days, others joined the group on the Sunday and completed six miles (*see photos right*). They are looking forward to summer camp in June and the Essex Jamboree in August.

Explorers have several activities to look forward to throughout the summer; Gilwell 24 (24 hours of non-stop action), a paint balling evening and a hike in Hylands Park. They will also be starting work on their Duke of Edinburgh Award and are looking forward to joining the Scouts at the Essex Jamboree.

Useful Contacts: Website: www.hpscouts.org.uk

Membership enquiries: Michelle Spicer, hpscoutgroup@gmail.com, 01245-380 630

HQ Bookings: Louise Ware, 01245-381 753

Monthly newspaper collection: Jonathan Dormon, 01245 -382 981, jonathan.dormon@btinternet.com

Publicity: Suzanne Evans, 01245-382 397, boons-holidays@talktalk.net



'Blooming Great Tea Party' for Marie Curie Cancer Care

Our annual tea party to raise funds for Marie Curie Cancer Care is on Thursday 7th July between 2pm and 4pm at 35 New Road, Hatfield Peverel. Please join us.

We will have tea /coffee and cakes along with the usual raffle, also plants and books for sale. **Five years of teas have raised over £2,000!**



We look forward to seeing you. For more information contact Wendy Doe 01245 381276.

Ride for Helen

A record-breaking £40,000 has been raised by cyclists taking part in the annual Helen Rollason Cancer Charity (HRCC) 'Ride for Helen' event in May. Over 1,100 cyclists left Crix in Hatfield Peverel on routes designed for riders of

all ages and all degrees of fitness on country lanes through Terling, Cressing, Earls Colne, Great Tey, Tiptree, Tolleshunt D'Arcy and Great Totham.

Congratulations to everyone who took part and a big thank you from HRCC to Ian Twinley for allowing the charity to use Crix as its base. And thank you to staff and volunteers who helped to make this a happy and successful day.

Traditional barbecue at Willowmead

As part of the National Care Home open day on Friday 17th June (12 noon - 2pm), we invite you for a look round - and a barbecue!

Everyone is welcome to our barbecue - starts 12 noon - when hot dogs and burgers will be sizzling on the fire for you to enjoy, as well as punch and lemonade!. There will be games for adults and children, hopefully in the sunshine.

For information ring Carrie on 01245 381787

Walking the red carpet, playing at the Stade de France and strolling beside the Chelmer!

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

www.peverelwineclub.co.uk or email peverelwineclub@hotmail.co.uk

April's meeting, entitled Our Oldest Allies, was a tasting of Portuguese wines, and covered a little bit of the background as to why the UK and Portugal have been such good buddies for so long – in fact the Anglo-Portuguese Alliance is the oldest alliance in the world still in force, dating back to a treaty in 1373! We tasted excellent wines (and some Mateus Rosé for old times sake) and sampled the latest fashion in port-drinking: chilled white port with ice and tonic water, served with mint and lemon. The wines were all rated excellent value with 2 outstanding reds, both from Majestic – Porta 6 from Lisbon, with a lovely cartoon label, and Ramos Reserva from the Alentejo.

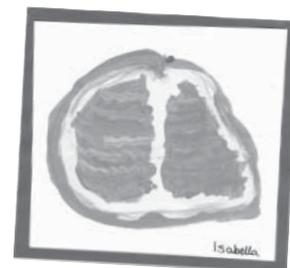
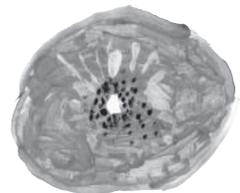
In May, our first summer evening out, twenty-eight members went to the Prince's Room at Chelmsford College for one of the College's regular evening dinners. As it was the start of the Cannes Film Festival, we asked beforehand whether Chef could come up with a menu on a film - or French - theme. What we were given surpassed all expectations – everything was superb, every course beautifully cooked and served and tasting truly delicious, as well as being incredible value for money. The students provided a gala ambience – from the red carpet treatment (literally) to the hordes of paparazzi (a photographer) plus film posters and a risqué French film going on in the background!

We will mark the start of the European Cup at our meeting on 8th June in the village hall, with a tasting of wines from some of the final 24 countries competing in the Cup. Twenty four wines would be a challenge, but only about 10 of the 24 are serious producers of wine; interesting to see how many of these figure in actual quarter and semi-finals of the championship. It could be evidence that wine-drinking is actually good for football players and their followers.

July sees us out and about in Essex, with the traditional walking Treasure Hunt in one of Essex's beautiful villages – this year, on Wednesday 13th July, we shall be invading Little Waltham, followed by the traditional supper at a local pub. **Do look out for our stall at the Peverel Party in the Park on Saturday 9th July**, where we shall be featuring summer punches and a bottle tombola. If you'd like to join us for the Treasure Hunt, or for a light-hearted evening, you would be very welcome, but please give Vee a ring beforehand to confirm attendance on 01245 355723. The Club meets normally on the second Wednesday of the month at 8pm in the village hall, but with some exceptions, so it is always worth phoning first.

Our own website, courtesy Fred Brown; can be accessed via the Hatfield Peverel community site at www.essexinfo.net/hatfieldpeverel/clubs-and-societies/ or direct via www.peverelwineclub.co.uk

Thank you to Infant School children for their drawings. Reception were looking at food and Year 2 Pole to Pole, Antarctica. From the top, Finlay, Cloe, Millicent, Emmie, Isabella



Guides busy with handicraft skills

Julie Down, Rainbow Leader

This year 1st Hatfield Peverel Guides have been busy with their handicraft skills, taking part in the Witham Division Handicraft Competition. The theme was Springtime and Easter and the girls made felt hanging decorations, miniature scarecrows, decorated pencil cases, fruit and veg flavoured cupcakes, decorated poems, and a gnome! They worked together to produce a huge allotment as a unit entry, which won a first. The girls gained a respectable number of 1st and 2nd places, and overall Lucy won best Guide within the Division and as a whole, the unit won the Guide Shield for the second time in a row. Very well done girls! Come have a look at the entries in the library.

We have also been practising our cooking skills, with a chopping and slicing night, pancakes, scones and Welsh cakes. We enjoyed a fun sleepover in February which included a chilly walk and train ride to Riverside in Chelmsford where the 'professional' ice skaters amongst us helped those of us less able to gain a new skill - even if it's just for the day!

This term, as well as enjoying the District Sleepover with the Rainbows and Brownies, we have had a visit from The Owl Lady and three of her feathered friends. Now that the weather



is improving we will be spending as much time outside as possible, cooking on open fires, tracking, scavenger hunts and hikes. The girls are currently working on their Team Player and Team Leader badges, and it's hoped that as many girls as possible will be able to gain their Cook and Outdoor Cook badges over the coming months. The highlight of the summer undoubtedly has to be the Essex International Jamboree in August. We can't wait!



'Silk from China to Essex'

Hadfelda WI

At our May meeting we were delighted to welcome Frances Harper whose talk was entitled 'Silk from China to Essex' and what an interesting speaker she was! Silk was apparently discovered by a Chinese princess when a cocoon dropped into her cup of hot tea and she was able to unwind the silk used to spin the cocoon.

The worms are fed on white mulberry leaves as this produces the finest white silk. In the 17th century the Huguenots fled persecution in France and settled in England, many moving to Norwich to set up their weaving looms. The weavers kept canaries in cages to sing to them while they worked, and this is why Norwich football team are called 'The Canaries'. In 19th century Joseph Jacquard produces his 'cards' to help with designs. Due to the very high taxes charged in London, Samuel Courtauld moved out to Bocking to built a mill, where weaving continued for many years. Today, Humphries Weaving is the last remaining company. They are based in Sudbury where they still produce wonderful fabrics for many Royal palaces and great houses.

A vote was taken on this years resolution which asked HM Government to remove the distinction between nursing and personal care when assessing the needs of individuals. The meeting voted in favour. We were reminded about the **Book Club held in the Library every other Tuesday, the next meeting is on 23rd June.**

The WI meets in the village hall on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7.45pm. Our speaker in June is Rita Jennings on British Folk Traditions. Do join us, you can be sure of a warm welcome!

Essex Knitters and Stitchers

Monday 11th July 2 - 4pm
Boreham village hall

Charity knitting 'open' afternoon to find out what we do
Wendy Morrisey 01245 233482

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- Apply for Universal Credit
- Apply for jobs, using sites like Universal Job Match
- Do your banking
- Keep in touch with family and friends
- Find out what's happening in your community
- Meet like-minded people who share your interests
- Shop for food, clothes or anything else!



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For an informal chat, please call:

Val Thompstone on 01376 535400 ext. 5678

The Hadfelda Choir invite you to their annual Songs on a Summer Evening

Thursday 7 July 2016 at 8pm
St Andrew's Church Hall
Wine and nibbles served
during the interval

No admission charge, a collection
for the Salvation Army Charity

The Great Hatty Pev Pram Race

Emma Cook, Party in the Park committee

Eleven years ago, as a Hatfield Peverel newbie, I was told about the pram race by Liz Prior. That conversation planted a seed in my mind to resurrect it one day - it has been a constant with me ever since. This year that idea came to fruition with the help of members of the Party in the Park Working Party.

The Great Hatty Pev Pram Race returned to Hatfield Peverel on Saturday 30th April, with teams of three using prams and wheelchairs to guide their way around the 6-lap course of the recreation ground.

Locals galore turned out to cheer everyone on, and the kids got involved with the aid of buckets and sponges and water guns. Everyone was in fancy dress, the Mighty Oaks Nursery ladies in nappies, Environtec in Hi-de-Hi outfits and the eventual winners of the annual shield, Super Mario's Heroes, who kindly donated their winnings to Environtec's Charity for Mesothelioma. Brownies and Guides proffered tea and delicious home-made cakes and the photographic competition was under way in the village hall. Under 12s had opportunity to take part in real egg and spoon races, and also had a fun time on the bouncy castle.

If you would like to take part next year - as a team, marshalling, helping on the committee please let us know via our Facebook page – Party in the Park, or via email Mark Weale at herbertweale@aol.com, any suggestions welcome. *(Thank you to Dan Power for the photographs including the one on the cover)*



Only weeks to go before Party in the Park!

Mark Weale - Chairman, 01245 381726, or Herbertweale@aol.com

Make sure you put the 9th of July in your diary - we start at 2pm till 11 pm.

The theme for the day is music through the ages.

And what a great line up we have for you, the bands are second to none!

We have Uprising! Blazing Aces, Half a Whooper, The Barclays Bank Brass band, Natasha Corringham, Lara George and her young superstars - **and headline act this year is Scarmite**

Other attractions

Dog grooming displays and Zumba, glitter tattoos and in the hall Abbi Wrigley. There is face painting, amusements, vintage cars and lorries, tug of war, football displays, stalls and stands, climbing walls, the police fast car simulator and lot of other things to see and do on the field.

Come and see NDP's policy writing team in their tent to catch up with progress so far and find out where the draft plan can be looked at in different locations around the village during the public consultation.

Hope to see you there - Saturday 9th of July Hatfield Peverel recreation ground 2pm

If you can help on the day or be part of the committee please contact me on number/email above or find me on Facebook. Don't forget to bring a rubbishy bag with you to save time collecting rubbish after the event.

News from St Andrews

These last few weeks have been almost reckless. Not through anything I have done, but because of the weather. Last week it felt like summer; in fact the temperature next to the Vicarage wall went up sufficiently to distort the track on the railway. Recklessly I abandoned my coat and wore my jacket. I even felt comfortable in shirt-sleeves in St Andrews and was heard to say that it was cosy in All Saints, Ulting! What a difference a week makes. All my winter clothes have had to be brought back into use. Pommery, my now ancient cat, has lost a lot of fur for the summer, and now wishes he had it back!



Cold or warm, the grass in the churchyard has got going and to the casual observer it might look as if we are haymaking. Thanks to the team for keeping on top of it, and for Gretta Clarke who supplies tea and biscuits to re-energize us.

When you read this, we will be past Pentecost and well into the Trinity season. This year we are following Year C readings which is largely based on St Luke.

Dates for your diary

Saturday 4th June Coffee morning; 10am in the Church hall.

Sunday 12th June The All-Age Service at 10.15am will be a celebration of our Queen's birthday. We will be using as a basis a special Order of Service approved by the Queen herself. This short service will be followed by refreshments. Join with us in celebrating this wonderful occasion.

Saturday 2nd July Coffee morning 10am in the Church hall.

Saturday 9th July 'Party in the Park'. We hope to have a presence there, hopefully to meet old friends and make new ones. Sunday

Sunday 10th July Family Service outdoors in the Vicarage garden. No definite theme as yet; watch for posters.

'Abide with me'

Mothers Union - Jean Ashby

The theme of Father Stephen's talk in April was 'Abide with me', the words of a hymn written circa 1820 by Henry Francis Lyte who born in Scotland and educated at Trinity College Dublin. He was ordained and served as curate at churches in Ireland and the West of England.

In 1823 he became incumbent of the fishing village of Lower Brixham in Devon, remaining there for the rest of his life. He wrote 'Abide with me' in 1820 for a friend who was dying. It was not published in his lifetime but when he himself was dying, he remembered the lines and gave them to a relative, who had them published. The words are very appropriate to sing at funerals, but the hymn is actually based on the incident in St Lukes Gospel where two disciples



of Jesus were sadly making their way home to Emmaus after the first Easter, grieving for their crucified Lord, when a stranger joined them. When they reached their home they said 'Abide with us for it is towards evening and the day is far spent'. He shared their meal and as he broke bread they recognised him as Jesus.

'Abide with me' is a very appropriate hymn to sing at Eastertide also in the evening, not just of the day but also of one's life. It is still a favourite at the Royal British Legion's Festival of Remembrance in the Royal Albert Hall, and was played by a Salvation Army band at Ground Zero in New York after the attack on the World Trade Centre in September 2001.

It is interesting to find out the background to our favourite hymns and we thanked Fr Stephen for his talk.

May 2006

This month Fr Stephen played excerpts from some of his favourite music from Handel's English Oratorios. Born in 1685 Handel was one of the most famous composers of his day. Passionate about music he learnt to play the organ, oboe and violin.

At 18 he began his career as a violinist and in 1705 was composing operas. In Vienna he met opera lovers from London and was persuaded to come to England. In 1710 he was commissioned to write an Italian opera: 'Rinaldo' was completed in 1710-11, the breakthrough he needed. It gained him widespread recognition for the rest of his life.

In 1726 he made London his permanent home and became a British citizen. From Italian operas he changed to composing English oratorios, hugely popular and soon a feature of the London Opera season. In 1741 the Lord Lieutenant of

Dublin commissioned him to write an oratorio based on a biblical libretto assembled by art patron Charles Jennings. His most famous work 'Messiah' made its debut in Dublin in April 1742. Handel continued writing oratorios for the rest of his life and we heard excerpts from some of them this afternoon.

Diary dates

27th and 28th June Retreat at Pleshey

As the MU celebrates its 140th anniversary this year, there will be a Deanery get-together on 9th August at St Mary's Church in Tollesbury at 2pm. If you would like to go please let Pat know.

The MU summer appeal is requesting that each branch either arrange a fund-raising activity of some sort or make a donation. As our branch is so small, Pat thinks a donation will be the simpler option. Say what you think at the next meeting.

Hatfield Peveler Methodist Church

There have been many studies undertaken which have resulted in the observation that people that go to Church regularly live longer, and a recent study of 75000 women over a period of 16 years by the American Harvard university has just confirmed the same conclusions. Reasons given for these results are put down to the social support received by being part of a community, and the encouragement to live with better lifestyle choices. It was suggested that the message of hope and support given in Churches reduced depression and increased optimism. A Church of England spokesperson has said that for some people, the fact that there is a greater power whom we are confident loves us and has our best interests at heart, must remove the daily stresses and worries of those who do not believe.

This latest report coincides with a preaching series that Methodist Churches in the Chelmsford area have been studying in their individual Churches over the past five weeks whereby we have been thinking of ways we can expand our outreach to people. The sessions have been based on the writings of an American Methodist Minister who has written about the five core practices of Church life and how it should challenge us, help us to grow in faith and introduce more people to the benefits of following our Christian faith

The five practices are

Radical hospitality - how to demonstrate a desire to invite, welcome and receive newcomers to our Church and help them to feel at home by going the second mile to offer God's love to others.

Passionate worship - to listen to God, and allow him to shape our thoughts and actions to make our faith the most important part of our lives.

Intentional faith development - to help us to grow our own faith and give opportunities to others to learn in our community and help people at all stages in their faith journey.

Risk taking Mission and Service - to undertake projects, efforts and work which expose us to people, needs and situations which arise which take us out of our comfort zone but gives us the opportunity to make a difference.

Extravagant generosity - to have a willingness to give time, money and effort to support causes which can transform lives and relieve suffering.

These are all challenging concepts to think about as we decide what new practices we can develop within our church. As a first step we are having a stall at the village Party in the Park on Saturday 9th July where one of our members is planning to bring along some animals (livestock carrying regulations permitting) and welcome you to come and experience our hospitality and share your views.

Regular events

Every Sunday 11am morning service - everyone welcome
Every Thursday 10am - 12 noon Open Door - come and join us for tea/coffee and friendly chat
2nd Saturday in month 10am - 12 noon Coffee morning and cake stall.

Looking forward to a busy bowling season outside

Rita Thomson, Club Captain (380038), www.hatfieldpeverelbowling.org

The green opened on 18th April and sixteen bowlers had a good afternoon ready for a busy summer bowling outside. The club finals were held on 22nd April: in the singles Chrissie Harris won over Roger Hoare 6 shots to 4. The pairs saw Chrissie and her partner Fred Brown win over Derek Wallis and John Franklin.

Presentation of winners and runners up in both outside and inside competitions were made at the club dinner on 7th May. Forty five members and friends attended and the meal was served by the committee. Rita Thomson, Club Captain, thanked everyone for their help and support, and presented over forty awards to winners and runners-up in the twelve competitions played for. John Franklin was compere for the evening.

The Chelmer Ladies League started on 6th May when we entertained ladies from Danbury. We lost on both rinks. The Tuesday mid-week league started on 19th May when we were at home to RHP. The first friendly match was on 5th May away to Silver End: we won on one rink, drew another and lost on the other three rinks. On 14th May we are away to Stock and Buttsbury.

Table Tennis Club update

Andy Simmonds

We are a friendly club established nearly 35 years ago. We entered five teams in last season's Chelmsford League and we are looking for additional experienced players to maintain this number next year.

Our home playing night is Tuesday and we have around 30 members of all ages from thirties to over 70. We play league matches in the village hall in Maldon Road, with a bar, excellent playing conditions and top class equipment.

League match evenings are friendly and good fun with three players from each team in a match playing three singles and one doubles game.

The 2015/16 playing season just finished, with our teams entered in the Chelmsford League from Division 2 down to Division 5 and in cup

competitions throughout the season. There will be practice tables at the start of the next league season 2016/17 in September when new members may come along and get to know us.

Our AGM is taking place as we go to print.

Congratulations to our Club competition winners

Handicap Singles	Dave Fiddeman
Handicap Doubles	Dave Carter/ Barry Evans
Open Singles	Gary Ward

Congratulations also to John Gagg's team who won the 'Two Down' Chelmsford League Cup.

Anyone wishing to play or to re-start their playing career would be welcome, please contact us. Leave your details with either Neil Freeman on 01245 382249 or myself Andy Simmonds on 01245 381020 or 07932 057 205.



Junior School raises £2,000 for Cancer Research and new playground games

St Andrews Juniors recently held a sponsored event to raise funds for charity and the school. The children's reps on the School Council asked everyone what they would like to raise money for and what they would like to do. After suggestions, discussion and debate, they all voted. They chose to do a sponsored fun-run, three-legged and skipping challenge raising money for Cancer Research, and some new games for the playground at lunchtimes.

After postponing the event on two occasions due to poor weather everything finally came together on a gloriously sunny, Friday afternoon.



Everyone took part and there was a lot of fun and laughter – especially from those doing the three-legged as they tried to co-ordinate the walking! A massive thank you to all the children and to the parents and friends who sponsored them. We are still collecting but the children hope to raise around £2,000. Well done everyone!

Welcome to the village hall

Yearly membership £5

Come and enjoy a drink and a warm welcome in a friendly atmosphere. Summer is here, take your drink out into the sunshine, relax and watch the children play.

**Opening times Monday to Saturday 7 - 11pm;
Sunday 12 noon - 4.30pm**

Regular happenings

Bingo (first and third Thursday in month)
16th June, 7th/21st July, 4th/18th August

Brag (first Friday in month)
1st July, 5th August

Poker (third Saturday in month)
18th June, 16th July, 20th August

Pool (second Friday in month)
10th June, 8th July, 12th August

Darts Monday nights
Ladies team Tuesdays

Booking for hall/meeting rooms
HPCA bookings@mail.com
Phone Allan on 07741 140732

Village hall (before 12 noon and after 7pm)
01245 381481

Facebook
Hatfield Peverel village hall

Celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday...

As part of the National Care Home open day on Friday 17th June, Hatfield Peverel Lodge welcomes you to celebrate with them from 2pm

A royal theme on this special occasion. The Mayor of Witham will open the afternoon at 2pm, and at 3pm on the patio, with tables decorated with Union Jack table cloths and balloons, tea and cakes will be served. Everyone is welcome to join in (a small donation towards the cost gratefully received).

Entertainment includes singer Robert Jerome and Hadfelda WI choir from the village. Father Stephen will take a short thanksgiving service for the Queen. Please come and join us, we would love to see you.

Willowmead also welcomes you on Friday, 17th June, from 12noon - 2pm. See page 9 for details.

...and Summer Fete

Saturday 16th July from 2 - 5 pm

Ray and Rita will be singing and co-ordinating for us. Attractions include a magician, Marion Snook School of Dance, Carole and her belly dancers as well as various stalls, ice cream van .

Come along and enjoy a fun filled afternoon. We extend a very warm welcome and invitation to you all. Hope to see you.

For further details on both events please contact Nicki, Activity Co-ordinator, Hatfield Peverel Lodge, Crabbs Hill, Hatfield Peverel, 01245 380750 or nmwallace4@aol.com

Diary dates



Autumn course - September 2016
Language and Lore of English with tutor Graham Platts

Spring course - January, 2017
The First World War with tutor Roger Cook

Both are 9-week courses and will be held in the Scout and Guide HQ in Church Road.

Please contact Lesley Naish on 01245 380837.

The Big Friendly Read

Summer reading challenge 2016



Calling young readers of books. Libraries everywhere are celebrating 100 years of the world's favourite story teller - Roald Dahl. **The Big Friendly Read** is your chance to join in the celebrations.

When does it start? 16th July to 3rd September

Who can join? Under 10s and 10 plus

What do I do? Go to the library and they will help you to get started

For under 10s there are six books to read and exciting special collector cards with art work by Quintin Blake, each card shows one of Roald Dahl's best loved stories - some have scratch and sniff smells which really pong!

For older children as well as reading six books and sharing thoughts and best bits with library staff, there are arts and crafts to be made.

National Book Week (6th - 11th June)

Children - look out for the Big Blue Bear and shark hats!

Fashion portraits displayed

Visit the library for an exciting show of fashion portraits by local photographer Brittony Gilbert who lives in the village. Brittony has recently completed a two year photographic course and her subjects in this exhibition, which is on for a month starting 30th May, are male and female, fashion, tattoos. Everyone is welcome.

Library opening times

Tuesday, Thursday	1 - 5pm
Wednesday, Saturday	9am - 1pm

Hatfield Peverel Walkers

Graham Bushby (380472)

Walkers meet on the last Thursday in the month in the village hall car park at 10am. Further dates are 30th June and 28th July.

New members are always welcome, information from Graham on number above.

Useful telephone numbers

Please contact the editors for additions/errors.

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

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 01702 290250
Catholic Church, Witham, priest 01376 512219

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

Doctors, health services

Hatfield Peverel doctors' surgery 01245 380324
Boreham doctors' surgery 01245 467364
NHS - non-emergency helpline 111
Pharmacy, Hadfelda Square 01245 380130

Electricity - emergency 0800 7838838

Essex County Council 01245 492211

Essex & Suffolk Water 24 hours 0845 7820999

First Essex Buses Ltd 01245 293400

Gas - emergency 0800 111999

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

Hospitals

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

Libraries

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

Police Non-emergency calls 101

Use 101 also for the local officer

Emergency calls 999

Witham Police Station opening hours
Monday - Saturday 12 noon to 6pm

Post Office 01245 382787

Railway Information

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

Both lists updated May 2016

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
Mighty Oaks Nursery 07580 834417

Social Services 0845 6037630

Village Agent Richard Ould 0800 9775858

Village hall (after 7pm) 01245 381481

Let us know of useful services to add to this list

Hatfield Peverel Parish Council

Committees and working parties

Burial Ground Working Party (B)
Country Park Focus Group (CP)
External Audit Review (A)
Football Pavilion (F)
Keith Bigden Memorial Ground User Group (KB)
Neighbourhood Development Plan (N)
Planning (P), Traffic (T)
Village Environment (E)

Councillors (and their working parties)

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parishclerk@hatfieldpeverelpc.co.uk

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(P/KB/CP/A)

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George Boyd Ratcliff (T/P) 01245 380496

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Bernie Heard 01245 380370

Suzanne Morris 01245 382940

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Mike Sayer

Linda Shaw (T/N/P/CP) 01245 382669

Diane Wallace (P/CP/PiP/B?N) 01245 381485

Mark Weale (PiP) 01245 381726

District Councillors

David Bebb 01245 381065

Daryn Hufton-Rees 07729 458757

County Councillor

Derrick Louis 07918 752526



Prompted by the photo in the April edition of the construction work of the A12 bypass in the early 60s, Ian Mahoney, the current owner of Highcliffe, the house in the background, wanted to know if we had another view which showed more of the front of his house. We can't help at present, but in exchange he offered some views of the station, circa 1959, when the bridge was undergoing a rebuild in preparation for the electrification of the line. The signal box and siding into the dairy have long gone. The photo has the number E30120 pencilled on the back - it hasn't been possible from that to identify the copyright owner - can anyone help?

Speaking of the station, a reminder - the booking office currently opens Monday to Friday, 06.30 to 20.00, Saturday 06.30 to 13.00. Buying your tickets there rather than the self-service machine outside may make it quicker, and possibly cheaper. Use it or lose it!

Your paper and cardboard is worth money to the Scouts

Monthly paper and cardboard collections helps raise much needed funds for the youngsters

For many years the Scouts have collected waste paper and cardboard on the first Saturday of the month (papers out by 9am please) in order to raise much needed funds for the Group. We accept newspapers, large cardboard boxes (please flatten), office paper, magazines (please remove plastic wrapping), shredded paper and cereal boxes.

Please do not put your paper and cardboard items out for the refuse collectors, either let us collect it or put it in our skip in the HQ car park in Church Road. Thank you. Help is required to collect the paper and cardboard; we currently have a full complement of collectors but no one to cover holidays and sickness. Please call Jonathan Dormon, 01245 382981, jonathan.dormon@btinternet.com if you can help us. Thank you.