

*Hatfield Peverel*

# *Review*

*250 - October 2015*



*The field behind Gleneagles Way being harvested in September. How many more harvests? Will this year's be the last? (Photo by Margaret Jex). Another harvesting photo on page 3*



## Hatfield Peverel Review

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Friday, 13th November please.  
Christmas ideas would be good.**

# Local events and happenings round and about

## Diary Dates

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### October

- 10 Methodist Church coffee morning 10am
- 14 Wine Club
- 17 Helen Rollason coffee morning 10am
- 22 Folk Dance Club
- 24 Salvation Army coffee morning 10am
- 28 Hadfelda WI
- 29 Hatfield Walkers

### November

- 2 Parish Council meeting, village hall 7.30pm
- 3 WEA Autumn talk in Methodist Church,  
see page 16
- 4 Flower Club
- 5 Folk Dance Club
- 7 St Andrews coffee morning 10am
- 7 Village quiz, see page 20
- 8 Remembrance Day Service 10am
- 11 Wine Club AGM
- 11 Horticultural Society AGM and pumpkin  
competition
- 14 Methodist Church coffee morning 10am
- 17 Allotment Association AGM - 7.30pm  
St Andrew's Church hall
- 21 Helen Rollason coffee morning
- 26 Hatfield Peverel Walkers
- 28 Salvation Army coffee morning 10am

### Correction to August edition

The report concerning Lord Rayleigh's Farms' road beside the railway on page 3 of the August Review names Dancing Dick's Wood in the first paragraph. This should have read Job's Wood.

## You can help plan the future of our village...

This is important. The survey that has come through your door with the October Review is for you to fill in. Its not long but could change the way our village looks forever. Progress has to come, but we as residents want some say in the way that change takes place. Who knows our village better than we do, we live here!

The survey has been completed by the NDP Steering Group after much hard work - thank you to everyone who has taken part - the report on page 5 will update you with progress so far.

### Goodbye to our Post Office as we know it

An unwelcome change is saying goodbye to Jan, our Post Mistress, and her husband Wolf. They have been with us for twelve years and we shall miss them behind the counter for their helpfulness and good humour. Happiness and good luck to them both. *(See letter on page 5)*

Post Office Counters hope to open in the Co-op stores towards the end of October.

## Do you qualify for help from the Hatfield Peverel Feoffees?

Notice is hereby given that applications are again invited from those who might qualify for help from the Feoffees Charity. In view of the desire of the Feoffees to help where there is real need, attention is drawn to the following.

The Feoffees cannot apply its income to:

- a The relief of taxes or rates, or use the monies where Social Security Benefits would apply
- b The giving of recurrent grants



*From grandad's allotment near the church Peter Hughes' daughter Georgina and his niece Alexandra watch as John Upson harvests his field*

c Any applicant who is not in genuine need, or is undeserving of help.

Applications must be sent **in writing by 7th November 2015** for the annual distribution.

Applicants **must** include:

- a The reason for the request
- b The applicant's age
- c The applicant's residential address.

Applications must be sent to

The Chair of the Feoffees, c/o Quince Lodge, The Street, Hatfield Peverel, Chelmsford, CM3 2DY.

### **Flu vaccination days** The Laurels, Boreham /Sidney House Surgery, Hatfield Peverel

The above clinic will be held on the following dates

Day	Date	Time	Time	Venue
Wednesday	7th October	08.30-12.00pm	14.00-18.00pm	Sidney House
Wednesday	14th October	08:30-12.00pm	14.00-18.00pm	The Laurels
Tuesday	20th October	08:30-12.00pm	14.00-18.00pm	The Laurels
Saturdays	17th & 31st October	08.00-11.30am	—	The Laurels

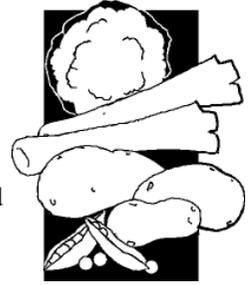
No appointment necessary - you may attend either venue

## Another growing year nears its end

Allotment and growing news

Sean Pettit HPAА Chairman, tel 01621 851929, [www.hpaa.org.uk](http://www.hpaa.org.uk)

I cannot believe it but another growing year is nearly at an end; it seems like only yesterday I was busy typing that on my article last year! Now is the time we growers are beavering away harvesting crops and preparing to put those hard worked beds to rest over the winter months. **Before I go any further I must remind you of the AGM - it's Tuesday 17th November at 7.30pm in St Andrew's Church hall.**



How has it gone this year? Mostly very good: I struggled with my first early potatoes but main crops have been great. I grew a few new ones, some good others not good - the most successful new variety was Apache, reasonable size, tasty and good roasters. The main crop varieties were my two favourites, the ever dependable Cara, I had the best crop ever of these, followed by Roosters, a lovely red skinned potato that is the perfect roaster! I was looking forward to Purple Majesty, as the name suggests they were purple inside and out but these were a disaster, small and not many per plant so I will avoid them next year. That's what gardening is all about, learning through experience and the unpredictability of the seasons fascinates me.

So what else grew well? The runner beans were unbelievable, both in taste and quantity, the freezer is full too! The variety I grew were Polestar runner beans, completely stringless which is a real bonus! If you like French beans then have a go with a variety called Hunter beans, these are similarly in size to runner beans and can be sliced in the same way, but the taste is just so good and they really deliver in great quantities and in my opinion freeze better than runner beans lasting way into next year. Tomatoes were kind to me as well with no blight which was a relief and they are still cropping.

What am I up to on my plots at the moment? Apart from the obvious harvesting I'm preparing for next year and for me that is turning the soil over and covering the beds with compost and manure I have been preparing all year. I usually spread a 2 to 3 inch layer and this suppresses weeds and gets the worms to work over the winter months dragging the goodness into the soil for you, making it lighter and full of vitality to aid growing next year. Projects will be creating new compost bins to give me more of the good stuff to feed the soil, and moving my fruit bushes and strawberries over the coming months plus pruning the gooseberries and raspberry canes, so I will be busy over the winter too!

My last note to you is that if you haven't got an allotment and would like one we have a few plots available. Give me a call or send an email - see information above - and you too could be getting healthier and enjoying the seasons - it's a great adventure! Happy growing and a healthy life.

## Looking forward to next year!

[www.essexinfo.net/hatpevgardens/](http://www.essexinfo.net/hatpevgardens/)

### Judging the annual potato competition

For this annual competition potatoes planted in March were judged in September and winners announced at the Autumn Show. This Review goes to the printers before the show but we had a sneak preview of winners. Trina Butcher was first with 4.791kg, Hedley Janes second, 4.312kg, Dennis Dawson third, 2.993kg. That's pretty good.



11th November at 8pm in the village hall.

There's pumpkins to weigh and cheese and wine to enjoy. The heaviest pumpkin wins the cup.

Last year Hedley's giant weighed in at 264lbs - you've a lot of feeding to do to beat that!

### Gardens of Hampshire 2016

South next year to explore Hampshire and the New Forest for those interested in the society's annual break to gardens new - and a visit to Jane Austin's home - between 10th - 14th July.

### AGM and pumpkin competition

Come and support us at the AGM on Wednesday

**Information and bookings to Clive Emberson  
01245 381704/07771536938..**

## Your village needs you...

### Neighbourhood Development Plan takes shape

After much hard work and many hours slog the engagement team has completed their Awareness Campaign for the NDP. During the summer/autumn months they have visited the WI on the 26th August, Essex Dog Day on the 30th August, and lastly the Wine Club on the 9th September. It's good to talk - thank you to everyone who made the team feel very welcome when they visited your club or event over the last year. We certainly met a lot of people, and hope you all found the visits informative. The Steering Group has this last month been busy preparing both the Resident's and Business Surveys from the evidence gathered so far.

A copy of the Resident's Survey comes with this issue of the Review. **If not please contact Diane 381485 or Les 380404 or email [hatfieldpeverelplan@gmail.com](mailto:hatfieldpeverelplan@gmail.com)** You can also download a copy from the Parish Council website at [www.essexinfo.net/hatfieldpeverel](http://www.essexinfo.net/hatfieldpeverel)

Please do take the time (which should only be a few minutes) to complete the survey. It really is important to have your views which will help the Topic Groups to create Policies for the Plan, and the future of the village.

**Post boxes for returning the NDP surveys - the deadline date is 31st October 2015 -** are located around the village at Upson's Farm Shop, Library, Hadfelda Hair, Co-op, Maharaj, Dentist, Community Association Lounge Bar, and St Andrews Church.

Otherwise you can complete **the Resident's Survey on line at: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/Hatfield\\_Peverel2015](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Hatfield_Peverel2015)** or the **Business Survey on line at: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/Hatfield\\_peverel\\_Business](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Hatfield_peverel_Business)**

Thank you to all the volunteers for your help in delivering the Surveys along with the Review.

Unfortunately the Developers Exhibition event planned for the 18th August had to be postponed until a later date. We hope to reschedule this when BDC's preferred sites are known.

### Interactive workshop

On Saturday 31st October RCCE are holding an interactive workshop for the Steering Group to document the character of our built environment. This will be in the Church hall from 10am until 1pm. It should be a very interesting workshop.

**If you are not on the Steering Group but this is of a particular interest to you,** please email [hatfieldpeverelplan@gmail.com](mailto:hatfieldpeverelplan@gmail.com) or ring Diane 381485 or Les 380404 to reserve your place. Refreshments will be provided. There will be no Steering Group meeting for October.

### Diary Dates

#### Make a note in your diaries now!

**Saturday 31st October** Design and Character Workshop by RCCE at 10am church hall

**Wednesday 18th November** - Steering Group meeting 7.30pm, meeting room 2, village hall

**Tuesday 15th December** - Steering Group meeting 7.30pm, meeting room 2, village hall.

## Time to say goodbye

After nearly twelve years running the village Post Office sadly, with mixed feeling, Jan and Wolf - not to forget Bracken and Butler - are saying goodbye.

Jan writes:

*'We have worked hard in challenging times to keep the office viable but now, due to many reasons, not least the 'internet', footfall is dwindling and so like many small Post Offices up and down the country we have to move on and change.*

*So chance has inevitably come: looking on the bright side the village retains a Post Office counter open seven days a week with longer hours, so hopefully queues and parking will not be an issue! (Ah, the good old days when there was a queue at the Post Office, and best of all no one minded).*

*And so I would just like to take the opportunity here to thank most sincerely you, our customers, for your support and loyalty over the years, we will miss you, and wish you all good health and happiness.*

## **Parish Council news**

**Lisa Miller, Clerk to the Parish Council, Chestnut House, Church Road,  
West Hanningfield, Chelmsford, Essex CM2 8UJ. Tel 01245 403071  
Email: parishclerk@hatfieldpeverelpc.co.uk**



**Website** - don't forget you can view all Parish Council news on the new website which can be found at: <http://www.essex.info.net/hatfieldpeverel/>

### **Vacancies on the Council**

The Parish Council has co-opted three new members on to the council recently but there still remains a couple of 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 of these meetings will be posted in the village notice boards three clear days prior to each meeting.

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

Erection of 3-bed dwelling on land rear of 1 The Limes, The Street. Demolition of existing properties and erection of seven 1-bed flats, twelve 2-bed houses and six 2-bed flats on land at St Andrews Road. Demolish workshop and vehicle sales buildings, cease vehicle sales use, erection of seven two storey terrace dwellings and two detached dwellings, formation of new vehicular access on The Street, layout parking spaces and form private amenity areas at Cowards Garage (Universal Garage), The Street. Erection of single storey rear extension at The Bourne, Nounsley - extension will extend beyond rear wall of original house by 5.3m, with max height of 4.3m and 2.3m to eaves of extension. Proposed front and rear dormer at 105 Church Road. Erection of 60-bed care home development and associated car parking and landscape gardens plus the demolition of existing care home at Willowmead Nursing Home, Wickham Bishops Road.

### **The following application has recently been withdrawn**

Demolition of existing garage and single storey rear extensions, erection of side extension incorporating internal garage, adapt existing roof to incorporate new pitched roof to side extension and new dormers to front and rear of main roof to serve new bedroom accommodation in roof space at St Andrews, Ulting Road.

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

Erection of single storey rear/side extension at 21 Woodham Drive; erection of a single storey rear extension at 5 Larch Walk; proposed new entrance gates to front and rear at Rainbirds, Paper Mill Bridge; erection of two storey side extension at 33 New Road.

### **The following application has been refused by the District Council**

Partial demolition of existing rear extension and erection of part single and two storey extension to the rear of the property at Dagmar, Nounsley Road.

**Tree Preservation Orders granted** - work to trees at Thornwood, The Pines and at 49 Willow Crescent.

**Neighbourhood Plan.** Residents and businesses, please support your Neighbourhood Plan Committee by completing and returning the survey by the end of October. More details can be found on page 5.

**Garden vegetation.** There have been several complaints recently about vegetation overgrowing pavements and roads making it difficult for pedestrians and vehicles to pass safely. Please can residents check and if necessary ensure their garden vegetation is trimmed and pavement surfaces cleared back to their boundary.

**Parish Council meetings** - village hall 7.30pm on the first Monday of the month unless otherwise stated.  
**2nd November, 7th December.**

## Centenary year ahead for the Cubs

1st Hatfield Peverel Scout Group  
Group Secretary Suzanne Evans  
01245 382397



In 1916, Robert Baden-Powell, having already founded the Scouting Movement back in 1907, recognised the need to expand the organisation to include younger boys. Hence, the Wolf Cub Section for 8 to 11 year-olds was formed. Baden-Powell used Rudyard Kipling's Jungle Book stories as a theme for the new group, and today, almost 100 years on, Cub leaders are still named Akela, Raksha, Baloo, Shere-Khan etc after the main characters from the book.

To mark the Cubs centenary, 2016 will be a year of national and local celebrations and our Cubs will be actively taking part.

**The Cubs will be learning about the history of the 1st Hatfield Peverel Cub Pack and would love to know if anyone has memories that they would like to share.** Were you, or was someone in your family, a Cub Leader? Do you have any photos that we could borrow? Can anyone say what date Cubs started in the village? If you have anything, or any information, that would be of interest to our Cubs, we would be very grateful if you could contact Jo Jarvis, Cub Leader, 19, Willow Crescent on 01245-381113 (all items borrowed will be returned). Thank you.

### Fund-raising

**Co-op tokens** - many thanks to everyone who placed the tokens handed out by the Hatfield Peverel Co-op in our collection box. Your support for our Group meant that we were awarded a cheque for the sum of £200 to put toward phase II of our HQ refurbishment.

### Monthly paper/cardboard collection

We are still collecting waste paper and cardboard on the first Saturday of the month. We accept newspapers, large cardboard boxes (please flatten), office paper, magazines (please remove plastic wrapping), shredded paper and cereal boxes etc. 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.

### We desperately need more volunteers

An appeal to parents, grandparents, and anyone with a car and spare time: we need you to collect paper and cardboard once a month. If you can help, please let us know. The money for waste paper is a considerable amount and contributes toward the maintenance of our HQ. If we cannot continue collecting due to lack of help, unfortunately, the youngster's subscriptions will have to increase to cover the shortfall. Thank you.

### Useful Contacts

**Website:** [www.hpscouts.org.uk](http://www.hpscouts.org.uk)

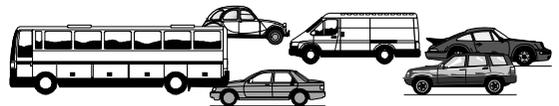
**Membership enquiries:** Michelle Spicer,  
[hpscoutgroup@gmail.com](mailto:hpscoutgroup@gmail.com), 01245 380630 HQ

**Bookings:** Louise Ware, 01245 381753

### Monthly newspaper collection:

Jonathan Dormon, 01245 382981,  
[jonathan.dormon@btinternet.com](mailto:jonathan.dormon@btinternet.com)

**Secretary:** Suzanne Evans, 01245 382397,  
[boons-holidays@talktalk.net](mailto:boons-holidays@talktalk.net)



## Speeding traffic through our village

The Parish Council receives many complaints about the speed traffic comes through the village. The deterrents already in place are not enough and we would welcome help from residents to become **Community Speedwatch volunteers**. The commitment would be a couple of hours a month after a half day training with Essex Police.

Come and help keep Hatfield Peverel a safe place, your time would be well spent on an important cause.

Please contact the Parish Clerk, [parishclerk@hatfieldpeverelpc.com](mailto:parishclerk@hatfieldpeverelpc.com) or call 01245 403071 for further information.

## Cop-out of the month...

The 73 bus service contract has been relet by Essex County Council to First Bus, reinstating it as it was before September when Stephenson's took over the contract. To get out of the hole created by removing a lengthy piece on the 73 bus issue at the point of going to press, we return to another of Nounsley's problems, the peacocks!

**So now, from Bob Mountfort, a Tongue in Beak article on how to resolve the peacock nuisance in Nounsley (It was good enough for King Henry the VIIIth)**

How handsome on a silver serving platter! Peacock can be cooked very like turkey, except that it tends to be dry-fleshed and requires frequent basting with butter.

### Roast Young Peacock

Pluck, saving the magnificent tail feathers, singe, draw, and stuff a peacock with forcemeat. Truss it for roasting and roast it in a moderate oven (350° F) for about 20 minutes per pound, or until well browned and tender, basting very frequently with melted butter.

To make the forcemeat, soak 1 pound of bread crumbs in milk and press out the moisture. Combine it with 1 pound of chopped beef marrow, the peacock liver, finely chopped, 10 shallots or 1 onion, chopped and stewed in butter until tender, 1 tablespoon each chopped green celery leaf and parsley, and a little sage, marjoram, and thyme. Season with cayenne, nutmeg, salt, and pepper to taste.

Serve hot with pan gravy or cold with chopped jelly and cold sauce poivrade and dressed in its own iridescent blue feathers (which were plucked, then replaced after the bird had been cooked), with its beak gilded in gold leaf.

For those who can translate medieval English here is the genuine article:

### *Pecok Rosted*

*Take a Pecok, breke his necke, and kutte his throte, And fle him, the skyn and the ffethurs togidre, and the hede still to the skyn of the nekke, And kepe the skyn and the ffethurs hole togiders; drawe him as an hen, And kepe the bone to the necke hole, and roste him, And set the bone of the necke aboue the broche, as he was wonte to sitte a-lyve, And abowe the legges to the body, as he was wonte to sitte a-lyve; And when he is rosted ynowe, take him of, And lete him kele; And then wynde the skyn wit the ffethurs and the taile abought the body, And serue him forthe as he were a-live; or elle pull him dry, And roste him, and serue him as thou doest a henne.*

## Charity biker Oliver Wingrave reaches his goals!

Well I made it, 100 miles. My two goals were to finish it within the cut off time - 5.30pm (I finished at 3.49) and make it round riding the whole route, in other words not to walk the bike up the hills. Managed to do both. The weather was great, nice atmosphere and people.

Thanks to everyone for your fantastic support, family, friends, neighbours, villagers, colleagues, 'lammies' - supporters for LAM action. Your encouragement has been great and much appreciated. At present I have raised over £1,200

## A welcome from Edward Bear

Nicky Shelley  
01245 380814  
nickyshelley@icloud.com



Last term we said goodbye to our older children, we wish them well in their new schools.

Edward Bear is open every Thursday from 10am till 11.15am. The first and third week we have a short service in the church with stories read by Jean, and a chance for the children to play some music and sing songs followed by tea/coffee, juice and biscuits. We would love to see some new faces so please come along.

## Ink cartridge recycling

The Infant School is collecting small domestic printer ink cartridges for recycling. Whenever you replace an ink cartridge at home, please hand the old one in at the office. Thank you!

## Remus Horse Sanctuary offers hope to neglected animals

Hadfelda WI - Chris Marks

Our speaker in August was Mrs Fran Smith from the Remus Horse Sanctuary who gave us a slide show of horses brought into the stables in a bad condition and showing how they recovered a few months later. Sue Burton started the Sanctuary with a horse she took in called Remus who had been tied to a lamp post and left to starve. Although he had a lot of care once he was at the stables he did not recover and this made her more determined to rescue other horses.



Most have been ill treated but once they gain confidence in people again and are fully recovered many are fostered out to those who want to look after a horse and ride but cannot afford to buy one. The places they go to are inspected and feeding and grooming is monitored and an inspection of the new home is given regularly. Several have gone on to be good show horses in jumping and dressage. Through donations they have moved to bigger premises and now have a solarium and weighing machine to help with the health of the horses.

To raise the money to feed their twenty animals which include donkeys - it costs £400,000 per year in vets fees, shoeing and feeding - they hold six open days when you can see the horses and have a cup of tea or coffee and cake, and pony days when visitors can ride the animals as well as groom, feed and maybe muck them out.

In September Peter Regelous, who was standing in for his wife Eve, told us about his time in Show Biz as an extra and the different productions he had been in - The Darling Buds of May, The Bill and Silent Witness - and about the people he has worked with.

During September we also enjoyed a ploughman's lunch in Hilary's garden, computers, coffee and cake at the WI Centre, and a craft open door day also at WI Centre in early October. We will meet in the church hall for the meeting on 28th October.



## Essex Dog Day's village champion

Congratulations to Fergus who came away with four awards at the Essex Dog Day at Crix at the end of August. On this glorious day he won 1st place Best Male Pedigree; 5th place Judge's Choice; commendation Most Handsome Male; 2nd place Overall Best in Show.

Fergus, a three year old Havanese, belongs to Margaret Freeman of Nounsley. He outdid his uncle, Oisin, who is four, in the ring as well.

As well as giving enjoyment to many thousands of visitors and their families, Essex Dog Day raised a fantastic £63,000 which the Essex Community Foundation will distribute to local charities in Essex. Five Dog Days have been held so far, raising a total of £280,000, a magnificent sum.

## Infant School hall for hire

If you are looking for somewhere local to hold a function on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6.30pm onwards during term time you can hire the Infant School hall.

Contact Jane Rodwell on 01245 380220 during school hours for information.

## **Maldon promenades, Bavarian Prosits and AGM proceedings!**

Peverel Wine Club – Vee Green, Secretary (01245 355723) [www.peverelwineclub.co.uk](http://www.peverelwineclub.co.uk) or email [peverelwineclub@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:peverelwineclub@hotmail.co.uk)

The last of our summer outings in August was a walking treasure hunt around Maldon beautifully organized by last year's winners, John and Judy Lea. We scanned shop windows, inspected door-knockers, scoured the streets for Corinthian pillars and counted the buttons on the Fat Man of Maldon's coat before finishing at the Oak House for supper and the results. The quiz was won once again by champion treasure hunters, Nick and Jill Shakespear, who have the challenge of finding a new venue for next year's quiz!



In September we were in the village hall for a Bavarian-themed Septemberfest. Most members played it safe in Bavarian colours of pale blue and white, while a few brave souls sported dirndls and lederhosen, and one member stunned us with her beautiful blond plaits! We raised our glasses of German wine or beer for a Prosit and swayed along to a selection of Oktoberfest songs; we tackled a tricky Bavarian wall quiz - which Oktoberfest favourite has been voted the world's most annoying song? (See below)\*. We also heard a thoughtful presentation by the Peverel Neighbourhood Development Plan action group before tucking into pretzels, lentil soup with wurst, Bavarian cold meats, potato salad, coleslaw, green salad, pumpernickel bread and Bavarian cheeses. The meal finished with a Black Forest Gateau accompanied by a glass of Beerenauselese wine - good value for £3 per person! Thanks to all who made the evening a great success.

A more sober evening to look forward to in October when our 38th AGM takes place. We shall review the highlights of 2014/2015 club and look forward to what we can do in 2015/2016, as well as voting for our new committee - all are happy to stay with Graham Bushby (Chairman), Linda Fisher (Treasurer) and Alan Porter (Membership Secretary) all standing for re-election. Sadly Jean and Bernard Prayel are moving to the wilds of Norfolk - we wish them all the very best in their new life, and thank them for all their hard work on the committee previously.

If you'd like to join us for a light-hearted evening, you are very welcome, but please give Vee a ring beforehand to confirm attendance on 01245 355723. The AGM is not the most exciting evening for prospective new members, but the meeting on Wednesday 11th November will certainly be well worth putting in your diaries. We meet normally on the second Wednesday of the month at 8pm in the village hall, but with some exceptions, so that it is always worth phoning first, especially during the summer months.

The Wine Club has its own website, courtesy of Fred Brown, and this can be accessed either direct via [www.peverelwineclub.co.uk](http://www.peverelwineclub.co.uk) or via the Hatfield Peverel site at [www.essexinfo.net/hatfieldpeverel/clubs-and-societies/](http://www.essexinfo.net/hatfieldpeverel/clubs-and-societies/) Find out a bit more about the club, its activities and its history before you come along!

\*The Birdie Song was not surprisingly voted the world's most annoying song!

## **Fairstead Church wall paintings** **Hatfield Peverel Walkers - Graham Bushby**

The August walk commenced with a car share journey to Terling followed by a four mile circular walk, utilising parts of the Essex Way and taking in the church at Fairstead where some 13th Century wall paintings are on display.

Nine of us took part in the walk and, despite a heavy rain shower on the drive over, the weather stayed dry. Unfortunately the planned tea and

cakes at the Owl Hill tea rooms was not possible as it was closed on the day!

A select group in September, perhaps put off by the heavy rain earlier in the morning, caught the bus to Langford and enjoyed an excellent, if rather muddy, walk back to the village with a stop for refreshments at Peartree Pantry.

Walkers are welcome to join us on the last Thursday in the month starting from the village hall at 10am. Contact Graham on 01245 380472.

## Party in the Park looks ahead to 2016

Mark Weale, Chairman Party in the Park,  
tel 07860 305580, herbertweale@aol.com

Many thanks again to the entertainers and stall holders who helped make the 2015 PIP event such a success, and to everyone who came along to support the day and to enjoy themselves. Without you, we wouldn't be able to hold these types of events.

Because of the enormous support we received, we will be presenting the EMC and St Andrews Church Luncheon Club with a cheque to help with all the hard work they do in providing special meals, outings and events. I will include a piece on the presentation in the December edition of the Review.

### OK, dates for your diary!

**Next year's PIP event will be on 9th July 2016.** We already have some of the entertainers booked as well as some new ideas and features which will hopefully build on the success of what is now an annual even.

The PIP working party has been asked to put on two other events for the community. The first, on **Sunday 13th December, is a Christmas Carol service** with mulled wine and mince pies at the Community Centre (village hall). A Christmas tree kindly donated by Upson's Farm Shop will be installed in front of the Community Centre for the village to enjoy over the festive season, and for everyone to come along and sing Christmas Carols on the 13th.

The second event which we are hoping to hold in **late Spring or early Summer is the Hatfield Peverel Pram Race.** Yes, we would like to bring back this event which in the 60s and 70s was a world famous event for our village. Some of you may remember or have even taken part back then! The working party will need a huge amount of help to hold this event both in the planning and on the day with marshalling etc. Please watch out for further details.

If you would like to join the working party to help out with any of these events, please get in touch via email or telephone or look out for me on Facebook or the Community Hub. We are a friendly bunch, and meet up once a month in the lounge bar of the Community Centre.

Thanks again for all your support, and a big thanks to all the working party members who give up their time to put on events for the village, and so brilliantly too!

## Photographs of PIP 2015

**The actual link to the photos is <http://www.essexinfo.net/hatfieldpeverel/photos/>**

Photographs of the day are now on the Hatfield Peverel Parish Council website and Ted Munt would be grateful for your help with the captions. Could you please email Ted on [tjmatpc@outlook.com](mailto:tjmatpc@outlook.com) with the missing information as listed below.

- 1 The missing names!
- 2 A little more publicity to those stall holders who came to the PIP.
- 3 Keep the PIP in peoples' minds and maybe encourage more to come next year.



*A dip in the ford at Terling in a 1960's pram race for Carol Robinson, Carol Letch and, in the pram, Brenda Smith.  
(Thank you Brenda for this photo)*

## Outside bowling comes to an end after mixed bag of weather

Rita Thomson, Club Captain, 01245 380038  
www.hatfieldpeverelbowling.org

The summer outside season has finished with everyone enjoying the friendly matches, although the weather wasn't too good in August and several games were cancelled.

Outside finals day was on 15th September: the Trevor Matthams triples winners were Sheila Fullbrook and Catherine Hood with Dennis Partridge, Geoff Blackburn and Maureen Stokes runners up. A lovely lunch for thirty six was served - help from Chrissy Harris, Sandra Tolphrey and Daphne Hoare was much appreciated. In the afternoon the singles was won by Iain McCready who, with his partner Dennis Partridge, won over Catherine Hood and Derrek Wallis.

The friendly matches have been enjoyed. In the Mid Essex League we have been demoted, having got promotion last year. The bowling was very strong but we did our best. In the Chelmer Ladies we finished 7th. On 7th September Pat Wallis and Ann Holliday played in the Chelmer Ladies Plate at Great Baddow and were runners-up. They played great bowls - well done girls.

The Hatfield Peverel green has played very well. Many thanks to Geoff Blackburn and all the helpers for making it so. Short mat Tuesday league is going well and the summer singles and pairs are in the semi-final stage: the indoor finals will be in October. We have several new members, I'm sure they will enjoy it.

The outside green was put to bed at the end of September and we shall be inside on the short mats. How time flies!

## Table Tennis Club

We are a well run, friendly club established over 30 years ago playing in the Chelmsford League, and are looking for more experienced players to reinforce our numbers. Home playing night is Tuesday and we have around 30 members of all



ages covering a wide range of skills. We play league matches in the village hall in Maldon Road, with a bar, excellent playing conditions and top class equipment and this coming year we will be using the newly introduced plastic balls. League match evenings are friendly and good fun.

The 2015/16 playing season is just under way, and we have five teams entered in the Chelmsford League from Division 2 down to Division 5. There will be regular practice tables during the league season starting from 7.30pm when new members may come along and get to know us.

We have booked 26th March 2016 for our club quiz, and our traditional annual meal out will be on 27th February at The Lion Inn Boreham.

Anyone wishing to play or to re-start their playing career would be welcome, so please give us a call. Please leave your contact details with either **Neil Freeman on 01245 382249 or myself Andy Simmonds on 01245 381020 or 07932 057205**

## A new season for young players

Hatfield Peverel Football Club  
Terry Lingley



In July, Hatfield Peverel U7 Sharks were invited to attend the Colchester United vs Ipswich pre-season friendly game. As well as meeting the club mascot, Eddie the Eagle (*see photo below and group photo opposite*), they formed the guard of honour to welcome the



players onto the pitch and were able to meet of the players and management team after the game.

### Hatfield Peverel welcomes Eddie the Eagle

Hatfield Peverel was very pleased to welcome popular Colchester United mascot Eddie the Eagle to training recently. To further cement the growing relationship between the two clubs, following the U7 Sharks guard of honour at Colchester in pre-season, Eddie joined in with our Saturday morning training. The children, and some parents, were very excited to see Eddie lead the children through a series of stretches before showing his skills as a goalkeeper in a penalty shoot out. Eddie was able to tour the facility, meeting various youth teams before enjoying our hospitality and helping

to serve in our clubhouse. Eddie took time to pose for plenty of photos and made a great impression on everyone at HPFC.

The club has made an excellent start to the season, with several of our new teams, including our U10 girls team, taking to the field for the first time. We just hope that reports of an Indian Summer are correct allowing us to enjoy as many more sunny mornings at the club as possible before the winter truly arrives.

Please visit our website (google Hatfield Peverel FC) or contact Terry Lingley at [terryhey@sky.com](mailto:terryhey@sky.com) for more information. New players and supporters welcome.

*Below, Hatfield Peverel youngsters enjoyed a visit to Colchester United*



## News from St Andrews

A very big 'thank you' to everyone who supported our two Harvest Festival initiatives; collecting money for the charity Water Aid in the plastic water bottles, and for contributions to the Braintree and Witham Food Bank. Water Aid raised over £350, and the Food Bank particularly asked me to thank the people of Hatfield Peverel for their generosity and commitment. Also thanks to Mary Daw for putting together and leading the Thanksgiving Service on Sunday 13th September.



'Ride and Stride' (formerly known as the Essex Churches sponsored bike ride) took place on 12th September and Owen and Mary Daw bravely set off early that morning. Half of the money raised by sponsorship comes back to us, the other half goes to the Essex Churches Trust.

We now have a Prayer Box affixed to the notice board in the churchyard. If you would like a prayer said for anything and anyone, simply insert it into the box, which will be inspected periodically and prayed for in church. We also run a time of quiet prayer and contemplation entitled 'A Quiet Space' every 2nd Monday of the month. This is in a house, lasts  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an hour and is a peaceful time of listening, silence, prayer and music. Anyone is welcome, there are no beginners; we are all learners.

In November we intend to hold a Prayer Vigil on Sunday 15th November, beginning at 12 noon and ending at 12 midnight. Further details will appear in due course. Before that, continuing the theme of prayer for the community, our Diocesan retreat house at Pleshey will be holding prayers at 9am every Tuesday morning, beginning on 6th October 6th. All are welcome to attend.

As usual we will, along with our two schools, be supporting Samaritan's Purse (the shoe boxes) and a display will appear in St Andrews indicating what this year's initiative is all about.

When we think of the crises that some Christians have to endure, any we might have seem almost irrelevant. There is one potential difficulty looming which requires someone with good computer skills and patience. Our Church magazine relies on the generosity of our advertisers to keep it afloat and costs low. We desperately need someone who can chase the letters sent out to remind our advertisers that it is time to renew. It happens once a year, about now, so advertisements are ready for the printers by December. If anyone can help with this, please have a word with me, the vicar, tel 380958 or email SRNorthfield@aol.com

### Dates for your diary

**Monday 12th October 6pm to 6.45pm** 'A Quiet Space' at Windmill Lodge, Ulting Road, CM3 2LU.

**Monday 2nd November 9.30am** Samaritan's Purse box filling in Church hall.

**Saturday 7th November 10am** Coffee morning in the Church hall.

**Sunday 8th November** **Remembrance Sunday:** A Service of Remembrance and Dedication will be held at 3pm including an Act of Remembrance, and there will be an Act of Remembrance at the Family Service at 10.15am.

**Sunday 15th November** Prayer Vigil at St Andrews Church at 12 noon ending at 12 midnight

**Carol Songs of Praise** - We hope to have another of these, probably on Sunday 6th December, monies raised to the Children's Society. Just come along; it's good fun as well as making a merry noise to the Lord. Watch for further details.

**Please remember in your prayers** those living in Terling Hall Road, Terling Road, Toulmin Road, Ulting Road, Vicarage Crescent, The Vineyards, Wickham Bishops Road, Willow Crescent, Witham Road, Woodfield Way, Woodham Drive, Yew Tree Close.

## The founding of St Barts

Mother's Union - Jean Ashby



Our September meeting was our Autumn Communion service taken by Fr Stephen. As 24th. August was the saint's day of St Bartholomew, the Apostle of Jesus associated with the ministry of healing, Fr Stephen told us of the founding of the famous hospital in London dedicated to his name, known today as St Barts.

In 12th Century England, Henry I had a court jester called Rahere, a young man of humble birth who kept the Court amused with his wit and charm. When everyone was plunged into grief when the king's son was lost in at sea Rahere saw the vanity of pomp and idleness and became a monk. He made a pilgrimage to Rome, only to find an epidemic raging and falling victim to it.

The chief place of healing was the shrine of St Bartholomew. There Rahere prayed for a cure, vowing if he were healed he would return to London and build a hospital for the poor and needy sick. His prayers were answered and he made his way home. As a penniless monk he was daunted by his huge task. St Bartholomew appeared to him in a vision instructing him to build a church on land at Smithfield. He told

Rahere to have faith and he would be his master and patron. Smithfield was then a marsh outside the new gate to the City of London, but it was Crown property and he obtained the site from the king. Inspired by the penniless monk, city people worked together to dig the foundations and build the hospital and church, one of the glories of Norman England.

Good and bad fortune have befallen both church and hospital, but they have survived and St Barts hospital is the oldest and one of the most successful in London. For centuries monasteries were the only providers of health care and, as much as we admire hi-tech. developments of modern medicine, there is a place for healing prayers providing comfort to patients who request them. Christian prayers are not in competition with health care professionals. Surely the two should work together for the good of people in every neighbourhood. We think St. Bartholomew would agree.

We thanked our Vicar for an enthralling talk. We have accepted his kind offer to come to our meeting on 6th October to play us some of the music which has had special significance for him at different moments in his life. Everyone is welcome.

## Hatfield Peveler Methodist Church

In our August report we mentioned the embroidered tablecloth handed back to us by Rev Beard's wife showing the church and signatures of the congregation from 1961. We were contacted by Margaret Joslin and Pauline Edwards whose families were shown on the cloth (the Childs and Jennings families). Margaret gave us memories of some of the other names shown – including Gatford, Doe, Richards, Lewin, Shelley and Richardson families. Pauline confirmed that he was a very popular Minister who did a lot of work with the children and organised concerts and plays.

We contacted his wife Katie Sagain who said that Rev Beard was Minister from 1955 to 1962, lived in Witham and in addition had responsibility for the churches at Witham, Hall Street in Chelmsford and Broomfield. He was also chaplain for Chelmsford prison, and travelled around by motorbike. Katie taught at Terling School for two years and their children were born at our Chelmsford and Maldon hospitals. She particularly remembers Sunday school treats to Clacton or Walton by double-decker buses and being very involved in raising funds to build the Church at Witham. Following the end of their appointment here, they moved to the Clacton circuit. It was great to learn more about the tablecloth and people from our past Church times.

In July we joined our friends at Maldon for a Sunday Service where a representative from the Tearfund charity talked about their work trying to provide sanitary conditions in poor countries. A film showed two

young girls, Doreen and Jouvlet aged 13 and 11 years from Kigezi in Southwest Uganda, collecting water twice a day in 20 litre cans. Each journey to a river and back up a mountain side for 3km took two hours. We tried to lift a similar weight ourselves – it was very heavy. Every day 1800 children under five die due to unclean water and 40% of the world’s population don’t have access to a safe, private or hygienic toilet. For every £1 spent on water and sanitation programmes £8 is returned in saved time, reduced health costs, increased productivity and in this case enabled children to attend school rather than do this arduous task.

**We decided to make this our fund raising event for Autumn and to use the toilet twinning project operated by Tearfund** - funds are raised to cover the cost of a toilet hut to twin with your own toilet. We have received donations to twin our first toilet to replace a very rough and insanitary hut in Bamba, Kenya, and our congregation was presented with a certificate with a picture of our first site at our harvest service.

At this Harvest Service we thanked God for our abundance of the necessities of life, food, water, clothes and shelter and compared this with the situation in Europe where we see daily on our television screens the desperate plight of the refugees who have none of these things.

We’re aiming to twin all our Church toilets and **our next fund-raising event is a lunch and games with a water theme on 28th October at 1pm.** Join us for an enjoyable lunch and support this worthwhile cause.

### Special events

**28th October 1pm** Lunch and games to raise funds for our toilet twinning project for Tearfund  
**15th November 11am** Sunday service with a presentation by the Chelmsford Street pastors

### Regular events

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

## Challenging Autumn course

**‘Islam and Muslims in the UK and The Modern World’**, our Autumn course with Muhammad Manwar Ali, began on 29th September in the Scout and Guide HQ. If you missed the start you are still welcome to join us.

This is a frank, outspoken and critically interactive course that is both introductory and explores controversial and sensitive issues.

### Autumn evening talks

All talks in the Methodist Church Hall at 8pm, £5 per person including refreshments.  
**Tuesday 6th October** Jim Page - ‘And the Consequence Was...’: 2000 years of change in Mid-Essex  
**Tuesday 3rd November** Mark Lewis - History of Lighthouses  
**Tuesday 1st December** Robert Long - Maldon’s Place in English History

### January 2016 Spring term

**Conflict in the 19th Century Essex Countryside** with Ted Woodgate, 13th Janury 2016, Scout and Guide HQ, Church Road.

How were Essex farmworkers, perceived as potential revolutionaries in 1830, transformed into enfranchised citizens within two generations? Using contemporary source materials we attempt to construct a local context.



**Tuesday 1st March 2016** Brian Bourn  
 - The Rebuilding of the Harrison Clock.

We hope you will be able to join us at some or all of these events. Please contact me for more information, or if you wish to confirm attendance. Lesley Naish 01245 380837.

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From Charlie Croker’s ‘Lost in translation’  
 On a luggage trolley at Singapore Airport  
*Not to be removed from Crewe station*

## After a restful summer Girlguiding Group gets busy

Julie Down - Rainbow Leader

Back to unit meetings after a catch-up on what went on before the holidays.

**Party in the Park** was a great success, lots of hard work and a long day but we raised over £1000 for our unit and headquarters refurbishment fund.

**Rainbows** ended the term with a family campfire with singing and a picnic. We all had a wonderful time singing songs with actions. We have returned to Rainbows and the wonderful news that our Leader Denyse Simpkin has achieved her Adult Leadership Qualification. District Commissioner Barbara Walker came along to our meeting and presented Denyse with her certificate and badge. The Rainbows toasted Denyse with fizzy lemonade! (*see photos right*). Well done Denyse.



We were treated to a Zumba dance session from Steph Gunn – Hotsteps Dance. Rainbows and Leaders had a wonderful time strutting their stuff (*photo below*). Thank you Steph!

**Brownies** last half term worked on the Out and About badge. The final three meetings included a Keep Fit challenge, a Water challenge and a Teddy Bear's Picnic. This term we are working on the Seasons badge and so far we have made Autumn Vegetable soup and tasted English apples.

**Guides** have been out and about in the lighter nights. Cooking outdoors and walking through Witham Riverside Park, with chips! A campfire with Brownies as our guests was a wonderful excuse to toast marshmallows. They are sooo good between chocolate digestives! Our last meeting of the summer was at Prances Scout campsite in Wickham Bishops for a very energetic evening of pioneering. The girls built

their own obstacle course, which included log walks and seesaw runs. They had a brilliant time using the equipment. Many thanks to the Scout leader who gave up his time for us. What a great way to finish for the summer break.

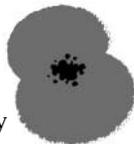
We are now back at Guides and have launched into our programme which is to include an evening of First Aid and a visit from someone who is just back from the World Jamboree in Japan! It must have been very exciting and we look forward to hearing all about that.



## Poppy Appeal 2015

Peter Archer, Branch Secretary 01245 381286

In 2014 our Poppy Appeal raised just over £5,000 - one of the best collections ever. This year the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal will begin on Saturday 24th October to Saturday 7th November for house to house and static collections. If you have a wish for any special item such as a wreath or cross, please let me know.



If you can help with a door to door collection, or with a collecting box at your work place, I shall be happy to supply.

**Remembrance Service - Sunday 8th November**  
3pm at St. Andrews Church, and is open to all.  
**Armistice Day is Wednesday 11th November.**

A trip to the Poppy factory, in conjunction with Calibre Travel, has been arranged for Thursday 22nd October, lunch is included. For further details, and to book your place, telephone Suzanne Evans, 01245 382397. A quiz night has been booked for Saturday 7th November, more details to follow.

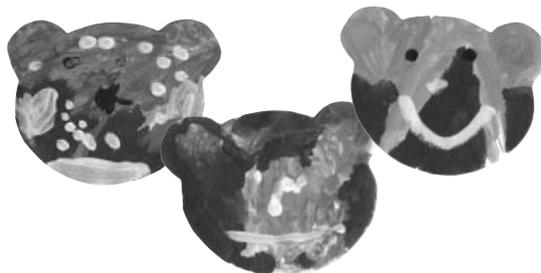
## Knitting for charities at home and abroad

Wendy Morrissey 01245 233482

I am affiliated to the Norfolk Knitters & Stitches at present, but having retired and living in Terling, I would like to start up local knitting groups, meeting perhaps once a month, where people can knit and natter. I am getting in touch with local charities to see what their needs are.

I hope to see you **at the meeting on Thursday 15th October** at 2pm in Hatfield Peverel Library, where we can pool our ideas and see where we go from here. Some people like to knit in a group, others prefer knitting in their own homes.

If anyone is interested but cannot attend, or would prefer to knit in their own home, my contact details are Wendy Morrissey, telephone 01245 233482.



## Teddy Bears picnic

*Thank you to Anna Fairbairn, Isaac Roberts and Issy Webb from Infant School Reception, for their drawings of smiling teddy bears*

### Village hall happenings

Facebook under Hatfield Peverel village hall

Normal opening times 7pm - 11pm

#### Special events

**Saturday 7th November** 7pm - 11.30pm  
Poppy Quiz

**Saturday 14th November** Club Quiz in aid of  
Gt Ormond Street

**21st November** Betty sings in the Club

#### Regular happenings

**Bingo** (third Thursday in month) 15th October,  
19th November

**Brag** (first Friday in month) 6th November

**Poker** (third Saturday in month) 17th October,  
21st November

**Darts** Monday nights  
Ladies team Tuesdays

#### Booking for hall, meeting rooms

HPCA bookings@gmail.com  
Phone Alan on 07741 140732

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

**Witham Choral Society Concert trips 2015/16**  
**Friday 23rd October 2015; Thursday 12th May 2016.** Some Sunday matinees.  
All welcome - pick up Hatfield Peverel Library  
Contact Clare Lager, 01376 513747  
clare.lager@gmx.com

## 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 380201

### Railway Information

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

## Registrar of Births, Marriages & Deaths

Witham, by appointment only 01376 323463

**Braintree, by appointment only 01376 320762**

**Relate** 01245 258680

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

### Schools

St Andrew's Junior School 01245 380131

Hatfield Peverel Infant School 01245 380220

Hatfield Peverel Day Nursery 01245 382450

Acorn Childcare 07580 834417

**Social Services** 0845 6037630

**Village Agent** 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

Internal Audit Review (A)

Burial Ground (B)

Country Park Focus Group (CP)

Village Environment (E), Football Pavilion (F)

Keith Bigden Memorial Ground User Group (KB)

Neighbourhood Development Plan (N)

Party in the Park (PIP), Planning (P), Traffic (T)

### Councillors (and their working parties)

**Lisa Miller, Parish Clerk** 01245 403071

parishclerk@hatfieldpeverelpc.co.uk

**David Broddle - Chaiman** 01245 382829

(A/B/E/KB/P/T)

**George Boyd Ratcliff (P/T)** 01245 380496

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

**Catherine Etheridge** 01245 381553

**Ted Munt (A/B/CP/E/F)** 01245 381135

**Les Priestley (A/E/N/P)** 01245 380404

**Linda Shaw (C/N/P/T)** 01245 382669

**Diane Wallace (B/CP/N/P/PIP)** 01245 381485

## Please note: there are currently parish council vacancies

### District Councillors

**David Bebb** 01245 381065

**Daryn Hufton-Rees** 07729 458757

### County Councillor

**Derrick Louis** 07918 721526

*Both lists updated September 2015*

## The peacocks of Nounsley

What can we do about the peacocks? Who shall we ask? The Review has been around for forty-odd years come January, they must know someone who can help. Let's write a letter...

We have received many letters and phone calls about the growing number of peacocks in and around Nounsley and the problems they cause. (Thank you, we couldn't print all your letters but have used some of your comments and suggestions).



Over the years these exotic birds have grown in number, from a pair to probably eight. In the right place peacocks are magical, especially the males with their brightly-coloured tail feathers gently rustling in the breeze as they check out the ladies. They are neither pets nor garden birds, unless you live on a country estate. They need lots space, not a square of lawn and a few flower beds where they do untold damage.

It would seem these birds, having escaped from their original owners, have bred locally. Until relatively recently they have remained around the Priory Farm Road area, but they have now started roaming further afield and are often found wandering in Ulting Road causing a hazard to motorists. They screech loudly in the early hours and have damaged fences, gardens and vehicles - they are attacking cars because they like to peck at their reflections.

Peacocks are like weeds, they come into our gardens uninvited. And they are notoriously difficult to catch, as other councils have found out. They are not a protected species but we don't want to kill them. The best way to deal with them is to make them unwelcome so they don't return - not into a nearby garden, but out of the area completely. Don't feed them, they soon get to know where they can get a meal, but they don't like getting wet so a water gun - using a hosepipe wastes water - can be bought quite easily and can be filled at the ready if they appear.

**Solutions are being sought** - we have found a couple with a large plot of land in Little Waltham who would be willing to come and collect your peacocks and give them a good home. Martha's telephone number is 01245 631324, mobile 07543 044 025 - she would be more than happy to talk to you.

## Annual Village Quiz

**Saturday 7th November Village Hall 7.30pm**

Clubs and individuals are invited to make up teams for this annual event. This is a good opportunity to meet others in the community, have a great social evening and aid a deserving cause - this year the Royal British Legion. You are welcome to bring your own table food but all drinks must be purchased from the bar. Teams of 6 at £25 per table, individuals at £5 each - we can make up teams on the night. Raffle donations and corporate sponsorship would be welcome.

**Contact - Graham Bushby 01245 380472**

## Hatfield Peverel on Facebook

**A snippet from Susie Blythe -**

She writes:

*I wonder if it might be worth a mention in the Review that there is a Facebook page - 'Hatfield Peverel Community Hub'. It's quite a handy little site for the community I feel, with missing or found cats, questions about toddler groups and all manner of other random posts. It appears to be well regulated, with any inappropriate posts deleted swiftly. It's currently not that well populated, and I only found it quite by chance.*