

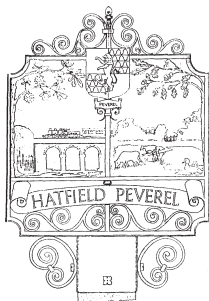
*Hatfield Peverel*

# *Review*

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*Farming - this photo by Les Brann was awarded first place in the class at the Horticultural Society's autumn show on Saturday 28 September*



## Hatfield Peverel Review

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### October

- 19 Coffee morning Helen Rollason
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### November

- 2 St Andrews coffee morning 10am
- 4 Parish Council meeting
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### December

- 2 Parish Council meeting
- 4 Flower Club
- 8 Christmas in the park

### Flu clinics, Sydney House Surgery and The Laurels Surgery

Saturday 12 October 9.00 - 12.00 The Laurels  
Monday 14 October 9.00 - 17.00 The Laurels  
Thursday 17 October 8.00 - 18.00 Sydney House  
**No appointment necessary**

## Success for our NDP plan

**Congratulations to our Neighbourhood Development Plan team for their hard work in achieving this result**

You may have seen the press release from Braintree District Council following the meeting of Cabinet on Monday 9 September when the NDP was approved to progress to referendum.

Referendum is anticipated to take place in November, and provided 50% or more of those who vote in the parish agree the plan, then it will be made by BDC at their meeting in December. BDC do not anticipate a delay due to a possible election that may happen, unless it is deemed too politically sensitive then the position could change.

A hard copy of the Examiner's Report can be found in the library if you are unable to access this on line, from which you will see that some changes were deemed necessary, and some policies removed. However, the NDP team was pleased the plan passed Examination, and that BDC have accepted the changes for the plan to progress.

**The Plan now carries considerable weight in the determination of planning applications, and once made will become part of BDC's Development Plan.**

It has taken a number of years to reach this stage, and of course many changes have taken place during this time from when we started out back in January 2015. It is therefore considered that a review will be necessary to take into account these changes, suggestions by the Examiner, and to revisit the policies that have been removed including Heritage, and the green wedges.

**BDC will arrange the referendum and advise you of the date and where the polling station will be. Details will also be published on the Parish Council notice boards, website and social media.**

**It is important you get your views over on future plans for the development of our village. Your support is important, please use your vote.**

## Change of time for Remembrance Day service

This year's Remembrance Day service will be held on Sunday 10 November at 10.30am at St Andrews Church, instead of in the afternoon.



*Photo lineup - our NDP team- Margaret Freeman, Stella Scrivener, Cllr Diane Wallace, Cllr Mike Renow, Cllr Gabrielle Spray, Helen Peter and Mark East*

A warm welcome to all the family to this special morning. Tea and coffee will be served in the hall after the service.

There will be a collection for the Poppy Appeal at the conclusion of the service: this helps support disabled veterans and their families. Thank you.

Peter Archer

## Seasonal weather - this phrase does not really exist in the UK!

Allotment and growing news, Drew Price, new site letting officer

Look at our weather, beginning with a cold wet and late spring, followed by some normal weather, add in hot dry weather followed by torrential rain, this is what we on the allotments live for. The mystery of mother nature.

Improvise, adapt and overcome: critical skills for gardening success. I know many of our members have had a great year despite initial concerns. How is your garden looking? Our allotmenters succeed because of their unique ability to improvise, adapt and overcome to any and all challenges nature throws at us. I suspect the same to be true for you home gardeners that do well.

**Fall clean-up:** In planning your fall clean-up, see what is available to use for spring preparation. The ground is now softer for digging over, leaves are falling for composting or use as leaf mould or mulch, and cut your lawns a bit shorter for winter's approach. When cold weather stops sap flowing, trim back trees and bushes.

**Fall planting:** You **can** plant now. For example, onions, garlic, winter cabbages, brassicas and broad beans will overwinter. Plant winter potatoes in a bag or bin now for new potatoes at Christmas. Or plant bulbs, raspberry canes or fruit trees or any new trees and bushes while the soil is warm.

**Seed Orders:** Our allotment holders are now sitting down ordering seeds for next year. If you or family or friends want in on our seed discount scheme, contact me [newsite@hpaa.org.uk](mailto:newsite@hpaa.org.uk) for access to our catalogues and choose what you want to plant next year. Or contact me if you or someone you know might be interested in getting an allotment plot of your own. We do have a few plots available.

*If a year was tucked inside of a clock, then autumn would be the magic hour - Victoria Erickson*

*How beautiful the leaves grow old. How full of light and colour are their last days - John Burroughs*

*Fall has always been my favourite season. The time when everything bursts with its last beauty, as if nature had been saving up all year for the grand finale - Lauren DeStefano*

And from our home-grown poet and allotmenter, an overview on the declining year

### The allotment battle

*We have moles and we have rabbits, we have pigeons, snails and slugs,*

*We have club root on the cabbage, and a wide array of bugs.*

*We carry on with planting and sowing of our seed,*

*We will not get downhearted for we are a hardy breed.*

*We carry on with watering because the weather is so dry*

*And if we weren't a happy bunch I think we all would cry.*

*But when it comes to harvesting our fruit and veg, with joy of heart*

*We know from our allotment, we never want to part.*



*Drew sent his article in whilst on holiday in the States. He also sent this beautiful photo of Fall in Connecticut. Our monochrome version can't do justice to the the colour original*

## Entries up, visitors up - happy to welcome you to our Autumn Show Horticultural Society, Publicity Trina Butcher 01245 380532

It has been a strange year, hot and dry, cold and windy, but still the end result has produced good vegetables and flowers - for some! But have you noticed, in spite of a shortage of rain, the shrubs and trees have carried on and on producing more and more branches and leaves - they made the most of it in the earlier wet spells.

### Autumn Show results

A good number of visitors came to see what we all get up to twice a year when we hold our Spring and Autumn shows. **How about joining us next Spring with some entries of your own? Especially the children.** There are prizes to be won and you would be amazed at what you can turn your hand to when you try!

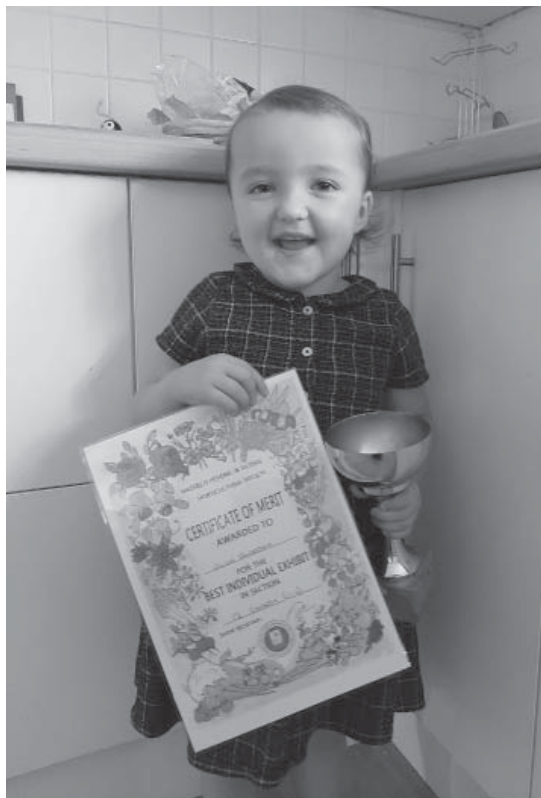
Prizes were presented to this year's winners by John Upson, President of the Society.

Beddoe Cup (vegetables and fruit) Alan Butcher; The Society Cup (chrysanthemums) and the Roy Turner Cup ((dahlias) Dennis Wakefield. Society Cup (dahlias), Banksian Medal and Best Tray Dennis Dawson. Best exhibit (mixed dahlias) Irene Dawson. Rose Plaque (other flowers) Mary Brann. Jaques Vinall Cup (begonia competition) Hedley Janes. Bowl Trophy (cookery) Susan Clements. Special apple desert cake Janet Roberts. Kynaston Trophy (handicrafts) Pam Warren. Gilder Cup (children's) Olivia Emberson. Shutter Trophy (photography) Les Brann. Best vase (mixed flowering stems) Trina Butcher.

### Lets talk potatoes

Many of us, at our March and April meetings, went home with a potato tuber and a large plastic bag in which to grow the same.

After love and cherishing by some - and little love and not enough water by others, potatoes were weighed in September and from 28 entries Hedley Janes was the winner with 5.679 kg, closely followed by David Platts (last years winner), with 5.524 kg. A close thing.



*Congratulations to Olivia Emberson, winner of the Gilder Cup (children's section under 6) with her cup and Certificate of Merit*

### More potatoes

Young growers from the Infant and Junior Schools were invited by the society to take part in the Autumn Show. Elaine Harvey shared out the potatoes - 2 for each child - and they were in charge, watering, weeding, watching them grow. The schools competed against each other and there was great excitement when the bags were tipped out and the spuds weighed. **Class winners: Infants Diamond class 1187g, Juniors Base 4 896g.** Overall totals Infants 4954g, Juniors 5853g.

**AGM Wednesday 6 November St Andrews Church hall 8pm.** Start watering now to fatten your pumpkins and marrows and after the business of the evening, see whose is the heaviest!

You can then celebrate - or drown your sorrows with cheese and a glass or two.

## Parish Council news

Sarah Gaeta, Clerk to the Parish Council, Parish Council office,  
Community Association Village Hall, Maldon Road,  
Hatfield Peverel, CM3 2HP

### To make an appointment to see the Clerk in person

Please telephone 01245 382865 or email [parishclerk@hatfieldpeverelpc.com](mailto:parishclerk@hatfieldpeverelpc.com) between the hours of 9am and 2pm Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

### Parish Council vacancies

There are currently three vacancies on the Council. If you would like further information on what being a Parish Councillor involves, please contact the Clerk Alternatively, if you feel you have an area of expertise the Parish Council would benefit from and are interested in joining an advisory group or working party, please get in touch.

We are currently looking for volunteers to be part of the **Sport and Recreation advisory group** and **Communication Strategy working party**.

**Committees** undertake work for and on behalf of the Council with delegated powers.

**Advisory groups** are informal groups that meet regularly to discuss issues that arise and make recommendations to full Council.

**Working parties** are informal groups that meet for a short-term aim, for example, to co-ordinate a project.

### 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.**

**Planning decisions are made by Braintree District Council** following consultation with residents, the Parish Council and other agencies where necessary. For information on what planning applications have been received, granted and refused by Braintree District Council, please see the weekly and/or monthly planning lists which are updated daily and available to view here:

[https://www.braintree.gov.uk/info/200225/search\\_and\\_track\\_planning\\_applications/592/weekly\\_lists](https://www.braintree.gov.uk/info/200225/search_and_track_planning_applications/592/weekly_lists)

**Details of all planning applications discussed by the Parish Council** can be found on the monthly full council meeting minutes (published on the website and copies held in the library). Whilst this does not detail Braintree District Council's decisions, it will indicate what applications have been received during the preceding month.

### The following applications were considered in full council on 2 September

19/01395/HH – Erection of single storey rear extension at Hawthorn Lodge, 17 Hawthorn Road.

19/01420/HH – Erection of single storey side and rear extension and replacement garage at The Cottage, Nounsley Road. 19/01520/HH – Two storey rear extension and replacement two storey garage and side extension at The Cottage, Nounsley Road.

19/01507/HH – two storey rear extension and new build cart lodge at Waverley, Maldon Road.

19/01504/REM – Approval of reserved matters following outline approval

15/01103/OUT – approval of landscaping for the erection of 9 dwellings at Cowards Garage, The Street. It was felt that the site should be for mixed use. Cllrs Renow and Wallace to put comments together.

### The following applications were noted (no action required by parish council)

19/01466/HHPA – Erection of single storey rear extension at 69 Priory Farm Road.

19/00212/TPO – Tree works at land adjacent to 1 Woodham Drive. Noted and passed to tree warden



**The following applications were to be considered at the meeting on 7 October:**

19/01651/ 9 Mortimer Road

19/01690/ Glebe Field Road

19/016441/ 1 Berewood Terrace, Nounsley Road

19/00237/TPO Tree works, 7 The Pines, to be passed to Tree Warden

**Social Media**

Please follow the Parish Council on social media for news and updates:

Facebook: @hatfieldpeverelpc Twitter: @HatPevPC

**Website**

Don't forget you can view all Parish Council news on the website: <http://www.essex.info.net/hatfieldpeverel/>

**The next Parish Council monthly meetings** will be held on Monday 4 November, Monday 2 December, and Monday 13 January 2020 (please note, this is the second Monday in January).

**Your Village Needs You!**

The Parish Council is working in partnership with Essex Police to recruit two Special Constables. If you are interested in applying to be a voluntary Police Officer for the village, please follow this link or see the Parish Council website for further information:

<https://www.essex.police.uk/join-the-police/special-constabulary/hatfield-peverel-community-special-constables/>



**Look no further for a good film!**

**Maldon Film Club**

[www.maldonfilmclub.info](http://www.maldonfilmclub.info) or visit Maldon Tourist Office 01621 869340

Maldon Film Club aims to screen the best of recently released British, independent and foreign language films that have not had a wide general release, are less than 3 years old and create a mixed programme of different genres.

**Films begin at 8pm. Fortnightly films are on Tuesdays in 2019 and Wednesdays in 2020.**

**Tuesday 22 October**

Danish - Crime, drama

*Copenhagen cop working in emergency call centre receives a call from a frightened woman who has been abducted by her ex-husband. Asger (cop) takes matters into his own hands.*

**The Guilty**

**Tuesday 5 November**

English - Biography, comedy

*Lee Israel (Melissa McCarthy) makes her living in the 70s profiling celebs. She has a publishing problem and turns to deception. McCarthy and Richard E Grant enjoy a comedy chemistry.*

**Forgive Me?**

**Tuesday 19 November**

Polish/French - Drama, romance

*A tale of destructive love between two musicians forced to play into the Soviet propaganda machine seeking to escape to the West.*

**Cold War**

**Tuesday 3 December**

English drama

*Iraq War veteran suffering PTSD and his teenage daughter live in the forests of Oregon but are put into social services where they clash with their new surroundings.*

**Leave No Trace**

## Hatfield Peverel Nursery



This term is a very busy one for Nursery. Our new children have now settled and our older children have moved into Pre-School. We have been talking and drawing some pictures about our families and getting to know each other.

The children have been learning about Harvest and Autumn. They have picked apples from our apple tree and made some delicious apple pies. We have also collected autumn objects for our interest table, painted some wonderful apple printing pictures and some beautiful collages with different coloured leaves. We have also been talking about the Harvest and the children have been kind enough to bring us some food which we are donating to Witham Food Bank.

At the end of October we will be celebrating the Hindu festival of Divali. The children will be making Divali Diva pictures and doing some glittery handprints. In November we will be inviting our Grandparents into play.

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

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## St Andrews Lunch Club

Belinda Hull, 01376 512540

### Lunch Club

Winter is coming, it gets harder to go on journeys and meet friends. St Andrews lunch club extends a warm welcome to new members. Do you have an elderly friend or relative who would enjoy a meal and chat on the **second Tuesday of every month?**

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

## Paper Mill Lock and the Chelmer Hatfield Peverel Walkers - Chris Johnson

The August walk (suggested by Ken Earney but led by Gerald when Ken couldn't make it!) started at Paper Mill Lock. On a warm, sunny day, from the lock we headed east along the bank of the Chelmer before turning onto a footpath on the left. We took a sweep round Little Baddow before looping back to a busy Paper Mill Lock Tearoom.

In September, we decided on an old favourite, Catherine Voysey's 'Two Rivers Walk'. From the car park, we crossed the rec to the footpath beside the Scout and Guide HQ and headed along footpaths across the fields until we reached Worlds End Cottage. In contrast to the sunny August walk everyone was attired in waterproofs. Just as well as it poured down as we approached Paper Mill Lock Tearoom which was fairly quiet. By the time we had refreshed ourselves the rain had stopped. The return journey took us along the Chelmer, over the footbridge and along the lane passed Cardfields and then the Sportsmans Arms before returning to our start point.

The walk, on Thursday 31 October, will be led by Leslie Naish. The plan is to meet at the village hall car park slightly later than usual to catch the 10.40am 73 bus opposite the village hall (don't forget bus passes or money for fares - and food and drink!) This will take us to Langford where we will walk back along the old railway line taking in Peartree Pantry on the way.

Belinda a ring on the number above.

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

### Home visitors

A small group of friends who take chat and friendship to anyone living on their own or recently bereaved. We would like to reach anyone who may feel isolated or on their own who would like more contact with the outside world.

We would love to see you, it's good to talk and friendships can be made this way.



## Welcome - our doors are open!

A cheer for Helen Rollason - we are pleased to announce the Helen Rollason Cancer Charity Mid Essex Cancer Support Centre in Hatfield Peverel is officially open!

Building work commenced in January 2019 with the ground floor being converted into a purpose-built Cancer Support Centre. The first floor continues to accommodate the Finance, Fundraising and Administrative teams. To save on costs the teams and our loyal volunteers have continued to come into the office and have remained on site putting up with the noise, dust and disruption of a building site.

Pat Hume, Support Centre Manager, said 'We are very proud of our new Support Centre which provides complementary therapies including reflexology and aromatherapy, as well as counselling and support groups to those affected by cancer. Our objective has always been to provide a calming oasis for our clients, a place where you can have enjoyable, relaxing and calming treatments in the knowledge that you are not alone – that everyone who comes through our door is experiencing the same feelings as you and facing the same difficulties.

During the first week of October the Fundraising team was busy organising a series of open days to welcome the local community. **The Review was not out in time for these open days (I had a sneak preview on Friday afternoon: what a transformation, such a change and a friendly, welcoming atmosphere - ed )** If you have any questions you would like answered, please ring 01245 380719 or email fundraising@helenrollason.org.uk



*Photo shoot - Helen Rollason staff and volunteers taking a well-earned break. Below the newly furnished waiting room and lounge*

### **Saturday coffee morning 19 October 10am to 12 noon**

Helen Rollason coffee mornings will now take place on the third Saturday of the month. Take a break, come and enjoy a cuppa, refreshments and a friendly chat. We look forward to welcoming you and showing you round our new premises.

**Venue: Mid Essex Support Centre; Yvonne Stewart House, The Street, Hatfield Peverel, Essex, CM3 2EH**

**Mind, Body, Spirit event Marks Tey hall Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 October 10am - 4pm**  
A weekend of complimentary therapies and advice supporting the Helen Rollason Cancer Support Centre

## Hadfelda ladies put through their paces!

Hadfelda WI - Marel Elliston



Keeping Fit in Later Life was the subject of our August meeting and Karen Lawrie certainly put us through our paces! The afternoon was great fun and everyone joined in, exercising to the music and singing with great enthusiasm.

Members were delighted to hear that Hadfelda WI had won the competition at the Mildmay Group Meeting the previous day, and that we had been presented with a cheque for £25. This is the second year running that our WI has come first; hopefully we can make it a hat trick next year! The National Federation of WI's Annual Meeting in 2020 will be held in The Royal Albert Hall, a fantastic venue.



In September we had an 'open meeting' and were happy to welcome several visitors, including one gentleman. The subject was 'The Ups and Downs of Ballooning,' and our two speakers, Edward and Sue, kept us entertained with their stories about flying hot air balloons and some of the mishaps that can occur - not for the faint hearted.

On Wednesday 23 October Debbie Hart will be demonstrating Christmas decorations. Yes, scary thought that December is not that far away.

Our meetings on the fourth Wednesday of the month - start at 2pm - are held in St. Andrew's Church Hall. Look forward to seeing you there.

## Development of our towns and villages



Our Autumn term, with Lucy Rawlinson, started at the end of September. 'Footsteps through the History of our Streets' is looking at our ancestors, the people who lived and died in these streets between 60AD to the 1950s. Our second lecture took us on a fascinating tour of Winchester, built around 70AD and protected by

ditch and earth ramparts. We could now spend our further eight weeks investigating what comes next in this ancient town!

**Autumn Evening talk** 5 November 8pm start. Adrian Wright will lecture on Essex Earthquakes. £5 including refreshments

**Venue** will be The Little Bears Nursery, Maldon Road, CM3 2HS (formerly Salvation Army hall). Parking available. For information please contact Lesley Naish 380837

**Spring term** (further details December Review) 'The Jazz Century' 14 January 2020. 10 week course without a break.

**There is an Autumn one-day school at Feering 23 November 10.45 - 3.30pm**

Courses are

**Mixing with Music**, Quintus Benziger  
**Renaissance Venice, Art and Culture of Ceremonial City**, D Jola Pellumbi

**The Treaty of Versailles and its Fallout**, Roger Cooke

**To book for one of these course go online: [enrolonline.wea.org.uk](http://enrolonline.wea.org.uk) or by telephone 0300 303 3464: enrolment**

## A big cheer for Pam

**Leader - and founder member - of the Folk Dance Club for 53 years! She writes**

There are many of the original members of the Folk Dance Club in the village who will remember all the happy times we had back in the 60s, 70s and 80s. Thank you.

I very much regret that owing to age of members, illness and falling number of dancers attending club evenings I have decided, after leading the club for half a century plus, it is time to close.

We will end with our Grand Christmas Dance in the village hall on Saturday 7 December 2019. If you are a dancer and would like to come Sue has tickets - please call 01376 571 059.

Meantime, if your toes are still twinkling, we meet on the second and fourth Thursday of the month in the village hall at 8pm. See you there.



## **You belong to me!**

### **Hadfelda Square car park under new ownership**

**T**owards the end of September, the Parish Council completed the acquisition of the car park from Braintree District Council. This is the culmination of over four year's work, starting when BDC took the decision to dispose of 'rural' car parks in its ownership, of which the final one was in Hatfield Peverel.

The only part of the car park not now in the PC's ownership is the strip inside the series of metal studs at the back of the flats and shops. This area remains entirely within BDC's control, and parking in this area is reserved for BDC/Greenfields tenants.

One of the reasons for acquiring the car park was to protect the 'two hour free parking' facility currently available. Had the PC not taken ownership, there was every possibility that BDC would have introduced their standard parking charge of 90p an hour. It was felt this would adversely affect not only members of the public but also local shops and other businesses whose staff and customers make use of the free short term parking – adding 90p to the cost of fish and chips or a newspaper would not, it was thought, be welcomed!

There are no plans to make any further changes to the layout of the car park following the recent 'pre-acquisition' work by BDC, which was undertaken at no cost to the Parish. Residents will note that a 'blue light' bay has been provided for emergency vehicles attending the surgery, and a small bay for motorcycles has also been created.

New signage will be put in place over the coming weeks. There are also no plans to alter the two hour limit on parking, which will continue to be enforced by North Essex Parking Partnership – a percentage of any parking fines will accrue to the Parish.

The relocation of the glass recycling area proved unworkable and it has therefore been moved back to its original location. However, the PC will now receive an annual rent from BDC in compensation for the loss of the three parking spaces which were to have been put there.

The Parish Council believes it has acted in the interests of residents and business owners in taking over control of the car park which is expected to operate with no negative impact on the parish precept.

If anyone has questions or comments relating to this article, please contact the Parish Clerk – see page 6.

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

**N**otice 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

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

Applications must be sent **in writing by Friday 1st November 2019** 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 Feoffees, c/o Diane Wallace, Woolsmore, Maldon Road, Hatfield Peverel, Chelmsford, CM3 2JP.

## News from St Andrews

The temperature at night has dropped into single figures and darkness is closing in. Summer is well and truly turning into Autumn. Some would say that we haven't really had a summer as such, just a serious lack of rainfall. I hope wherever you were, summer was a time of rest and refreshment.

Traditionally, in Church of England circles, August is seen as a fallow season, where not much happens. Try finding a bishop during August! However life returns with a vengeance in September. At St Andrews we have had Harvest Festival, where we focused our giving on the foodbank. Following this, 25 people enjoyed Harvest Supper, which followed our usual pattern of 'bring and share'.

We also enjoyed a concert 'Summer Magik' which raised approximately £400.00 for Church funds. Our thanks to John Strange and helpers for organizing it.

### Over the next few weeks we can look forward to

**Wednesday 16 October** Junior School Harvest Service at 9.30am

**Sunday 20 October** Witham Deanery Evensong at St Luke, Tiptree 6pm  
No service at St Andrews this evening

**Saturday 2 November** Coffee morning 10am to 12 noon

**Sunday 10 November** Service of Remembrance and Dedication 10.30am (Note change of time)

For information on activities at St Andrews or All Saints, refer to the Parish Magazine. If you would like a copy, they are 50p per month. Contact the Vicar 380958 or John Strange 381004, delivery can be arranged.

## Autumn communion service

Mothers Union - Jean Ashby <jeanashby62@gmail.com



### The Lord is my Shepherd or Bless the Lord, O my soul

This afternoon, 3 September, we held our Autumn communion service conducted by Fr Stephen. His talk partly related to the story behind two of our well-known and much-loved hymns - Psalms 23 and 103. We sing so many lovely songs in Church without giving a thought to the lives of the people who wrote them that it was good to find out so many interesting things about their lives.

On a personal level, we have come to realise that during the next year we shall have to make serious decisions regarding our small MU group. For a long time we have struggled along doing our best to keep our group going on an informal basis as we have no official Enrolling member, Leader or Secretary. Andrea our Treasurer, despite illness, and Elizabeth, the mainstay of our committee, gamely carry on but the question remains -for how long? We need to have a serious discussion to find what options there are for us. One suggestion is we might investigate amalgamation with another local group, perhaps Terling, to boost the numbers and to make us more viable. In the meantime our members will join forces to share the various tasks that keep us going month by month - leading the opening prayers, meeting and greeting the speaker, putting out the hymn books etc. Most of all we give our grateful thanks to the ladies who provide our welcome refreshments every month. Please pray that we may find a satisfactory solution to our problems.

At our meeting on 1 October at 2.30pm we had a talk by the Chaplain of Broomfield Hospital. She had some interesting stories to tell.

## Hatfield Peverel Methodist and Reality Church

### Saying goodbye to Gill Songer

In August we said goodbye to Gill Songer as she begins a 2 year full-time training course in Birmingham to become an authorised Methodist Minister.

Gill has been one of our local preachers since 2007 and we always enjoyed her services which would be down to earth but very meaningful. Since 2016 she became a lay worker with responsibility for our Church and three others, in South Woodham Ferrers, Maldon and Witham so we were pleased to see more of her. She has been a popular leader for our annual Carol Service which Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and their parents attend – many in our village will remember her lively services and enjoyable telling of the Nativity story.



For our Church she led our Prayer Group with in-depth discussion of Bible readings and supported our Open Door meetings on a Thursday morning. She instigated our Vintage Messy Church meetings which gave us encouragement to do things differently – and helped us to start our new venture of Reality Church which is now established in the village.

At our last service Gill was presented with a gift from us all and best wishes for success in her new mission.

### Harvest celebrations

We have just celebrated Harvest at our sister Church in Maldon and joined with the three other Methodist Churches in this area in a service led by our Minister, Barry. He reminded us that in the world today 150 million people are displaced, through war, famine, lost of work or lack of food. To bring it closer to home in the UK 400,000 people have no permanent home – and 36 people a day are added to that number.

We were each given a stone to represent the cold heartlessness of the world in allowing this to happen and we prayed for the people who are suffering and the organisations that support them and give out aid. Our stones were piled high on the altar as an acknowledgement of our failure to share food and shelter. In exchange we were all give an autumn potato to plant – as a symbol of new shoots and a willingness to do better- which should produce new potatoes at Christmas to be a reminder of our commitment. Our gifts of money and food supplies on the day was given to St Peter's hospital café where food is prepared and sold economically to outpatients, families and those in need.

### Looking ahead

As autumn approaches we will be collecting gifts of clothing and toys to fill shoeboxes which are transported to poorer European and African countries to be delivered to children who would not otherwise get a present at Christmas. The scheme, which can be researched under [Samaritans-purse.org.uk](http://Samaritans-purse.org.uk), collected 511200 boxes in 2018 which were distributed in 11 countries.

A small shoebox can make a big impression- what goes into making up a box is fun but what comes out of it is a child knowing that across the world others care.

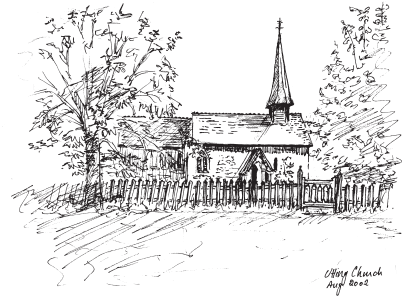
Help us to add to that total in 2019 and continue the impact which a gift, packed and sent with love, can have on an individual child.

### Regular events

<b>Every Sunday</b> 9.15am	Reality Church services at Little Bears Nursery, Maldon Road
<b>Every Thursday</b> 10 –12 noon	Open Door - come and join us for tea/coffee and friendly chat at our Church in the Street
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in month</b> 10 -12 noon	Coffee morning and cake stall at our Church in The Street

## All Saints Church, Ulting

On a warm September afternoon, the Confirmation Service at All Saints, Ulting, was blessed with not just one Bishop, but two! Bishop Roger of Colchester took the Service when three members of the congregation at All Saints were confirmed and he introduced Bishop David Ireri of St. Paul's Cathedral in Embu, East Mount Kenya, who took part in the Service. All Saints also gave a warm welcome to Archdeacon Ruth Patten on her first visit to the Church. After the Service the congregation gathered in the Church grounds to enjoy cakes and refreshments in the Autumn sunshine.



The weather forecast for the Pet Service definitely did not include Autumn sunshine but the rain held off while pets and their owners sat under the marquee in the Church grounds. The pets joined in with the hymns and members of the congregation also brought photographs and spoke of their experiences with pets in the past. All creatures great and small were mentioned and blessed - dogs, cats, chickens, tortoises, squirrels and even a pet grasshopper! Sue and Janet from the Remus Horse Sanctuary came and Sue spoke about their work there over the past 35 years providing a home for distressed and unwanted animals. There are currently 200 animals being cared for, not just horses but also ponies, donkeys, goats, sheep, stable cats, a cow called Amber and a mule. Sue mentioned their Open Days when the Sanctuary is well worth a visit.

The forecast for the Harvest Festival was even more daunting and the 'soft refreshing rain' mentioned in the harvest hymn 'We plough the fields and scatter' didn't quite describe the downpours earlier in the day. However that did not deter the congregation that filled the Church which had been wonderfully decorated for the occasion, thanks to the Harvest Angels! During his talk, guest speaker John Upson also referred to this well-known harvest hymn and said that although we plough the fields and scatter it is 'God's almighty hand' which brings the harvest. John gave a most illuminating talk on harvests through the ages.

The Upson family has farmed in Hatfield Peverel and Ulting for four generations and he compared the solitude of the modern day farmer sitting in an air-conditioned, computer driven combine harvester with the way that villagers used to come together as a community to help gather the harvest in years gone by. He also spoke of his unending wonder at the cycle of life and how tiny seeds grow into fields of corn, something which was also mentioned by Carole Hodgkins in her Harvest poem which she read to the congregation. John's illuminating and uplifting talk about the importance of getting together as a community as the harvesters did in the past was brought home afterwards when everyone got together to enjoy refreshments after the Service.

On Sunday 20 October at 9am All Saints will be welcoming Elaine Clarke, Manager of Cardfields, to speak about the work there with children from the Inner London Boroughs. A Remembrance Day Service will be held at All Saints on Sunday 10 November with a Service at 10.30am after which the congregation will walk to the Memorial for two minutes' silence at 11am. There will be no Morning Prayer on that morning.

Although you may think it is too early to say the word Christmas it is worth mentioning that the All Saints Candlelit Carol Service will be on Sunday 8 December at 4pm. The Hadfelda Singers will be leading the carol singing for this very popular occasion.

I will be at All Saints Church on Wednesday mornings at 9am for Morning Office and I welcome anyone to join me at this time.

Prayers and blessings, Revd Derek Clark

## A fascinating glimpse into communications, then and now

Our Library has had an exhibition of changing times in communication, from hand print paintings on cave walls through printed books, rudimentary computers to the smartphone.

Where now with books - why read a paper book when you can have gratification on a screen with your ipad or mobile phone and speak to someone instantly? Books are becoming old hat - turn a page, read a chapter - we want an answer **now**, instant communication.

But the exhibition is wonderful. A mixture of ancient documents, manuscripts and old books. Above is a copy of 'The Children's Prize' published in 1866. What a wonderful cover, and if you can read the print just one penny, that's 1d, not 1p. To the right is Mickey Mouse - bright technicolour outside but drab inside. All set against a background display of the timeline from early cave handprints to the smartphone.



You never know what you might find in a library, keep an eye on it. There is a craft and chat group on Thursdays, a popular Family History Group on Wednesdays, a monthly book reading group. and latest in the line of happenings, **a regular weekly coffee morning on Wednesdays, 9.30 to 12.30**. I have heard there may be biscuits! See you there?

## Stone curry anyone?

### The Tale of the Traveller

It just goes to show how the obvious passes us by,' sighed the guard. 'Yes, indeed,' the merchant mused. 'And how beautiful the obvious seems to be on reflection, like the pristine purity of a jewel' He paused to chew on a clove. After offering some to his companion he continued. 'I overlooked the obvious once, you know'. 'Really?' asked the guard, his eyebrows raised half hopefully, half in surprise.

'Oh yes. But it was a long time ago now. I had just set up shop in a small village. One day, just before dusk, three travellers arrived. Straight away they made a fire, fetched water from the village well and took out a large metal pot. Nothing unusual about that, you might say. Some villagers had gathered to watch, attracted by the cries of their children, and they were amazed to see one of the travellers take some large, well-worn pebbles from a bag, wash them carefully and drop them into the pot. On enquiry, the travellers assured them that they were masters at making Stone Curry, all they needed was a little ghee and a few vegetables to give body to the flavour.

Immediately the villagers ran to their houses and returned with onions, carrots, potatoes and greens. The cook took the onions and ghee and began to fry them in the pot, asking if some kind person should have a little chilli and spices, just to bring out the full flavour of the wonderful stones. These were then added to the pot, the other vegetables were chopped nicely and thrown in and finally a bowl of pure water was added. By now a crowd had gathered and they sat down to watch and wait. Soon the cook announced that the curry was ready and with a long ladle he carefully extracted the wonderful stones, washed them and put them back in the bag.

'Come', said the travellers, 'join us in a meal'. At this a quantity of cooked rice and lentils was made available by the villagers and all who partook of the curry pronounced it the best they had ever tasted. It is said that Stone Curry is still made in the area. *From 'Indian Vegetarian Cookery' by Jack Santa Maria*

## The wines that came in from the cold

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

[www.peverelwineclub.co.uk/email peverelwineclub@hotmail.co.uk](http://www.peverelwineclub.co.uk/email%20peverelwineclub@hotmail.co.uk)

The summer has flown with various ‘Out and About’ activities – In the Pink In the Rain in June, a cruise down the Blackwater in July and finally our annual walking Treasure Hunt in August, around the highways and byways of Maldon, ending up with a splendid Italian supper at Intimo’s on the High Street. The Treasure Hunt was won (as expected) by Jill and Nick Shakespear, who choose next year’s venue.



We returned to the Village Hall on 11 September for our first autumn meeting, The Wines Which Came in from The Cold, looking at the history and recent troubled past of Eastern European wine-making, also whether these wines (which have suffering a low reputation since their heyday in the 1980s and 1990s) are now ready to make a comeback.

The wines were introduced by speakers from within the Club – Ann Riddleston, Chris Green, Jill Shakespear, Linda Fisher, Steve Spearman and Vee Green, who had been taking a crash course in Eastern European wine terms. Our guides led us through a selection of 3 whites from Slovenia, Hungary and Austria plus 3 reds from Romania, Macedonia and Bulgaria. The favourite white was the Grüner Veltliner from Austria, the favourite red a Cabernet Sauvignon/Merlot blend – made with Macedonian grapes but bottled in Slovenia. All the reds were excellent, the surprise of the evening being the Romanian Incanta Pinot Noir from Majestic, a real find at under £6, which we agreed surpassed some French and New Zealand Pinot Noirs at twice the price. The wine washed down a selection of European cheeses very nicely, and the tasting was completed with a glass of sweet Tokay accompanied by Hungarian biscuits. We had a map of Eastern Europe which enlightened us on the whereabouts of Moldova, and a quiz which exposed our ignorance of most things Eastern European.

In October the serious business of the Annual General Meeting, reviewing a successful programme and seeing whether the Club has succeeded in its struggle against rising wine prices of wine.

Back to frivolity and enjoyment in November, when we look forward to a selection of good value wines from Asda, a supermarket which has impressed with its excellent range of not-too-expensive wines.

If you’d like to join us for a light-hearted, inexpensive evening, you would be very welcome. Give Vee a ring to confirm attendance on 01245 355723, or Graham on 01245 380472. Date and topic of the month’s meeting is on our website. We meet normally on the second Wednesday of the month at 8pm in the Village hall.

## Over £800 raised

Great support for the tea party for Macmillan Cancer Support held in our Scout and Guide HQ in September. £800 so far. and still coming - wow!

## Sunday cinema in Witham

Near home and if you like a bit of nostalgia, Witham library shows ‘golden oldies’ on the last Sunday of the month. Doors open 2pm, film starts 2.30pm. No booking necessary but seating limited. **Operation Petticoat**, 27 October. **High Society**, 24 November.

## Tree Re-cycling 11 and 12 January 2020

Farleigh Hospice are recycling our unwanted Christmas trees again this year. Trees will be collected from supporters over the weekend of 11/12 January 2020. Register your trees online and make adonation from the 15 November to the 8 January at 12 noon. Addresses are collated into fuel efficient routes and volunteers collect the trees which are chipped and used in local parks and cemeteries or sold as biomass fuel to Eddie Stobbart. Last year Farleigh raised £28,000. Contact <Maz.Keenan@farleighhospice.org or ring her on 01245 455473.

## Toenail cutting

AGE UK Essex has a toenail cutting service in our village hall. If you are interested, for details please ring 01245 423333





### **Debbie the Post says goodbye!**

**D**ebbie has been a much loved friend to those on her beat. She cheered you up, picked you up, made you laugh, offered good advice when asked.

After 22 years with the Post Office, the first 6 behind the counter, the last 16 on the road, she has hung up her hat - and her red umbrella, a trademark used in rain and sun. She has been a friend to many, we shall miss her very much!

Her feet and her trolley have borne our postie along these highways and byways for many years, who can guess at the number of miles - kilometres - she has travelled to get our letters, parcels, sad news, glorious news to us.

### **Debbie's pathways through our lives**

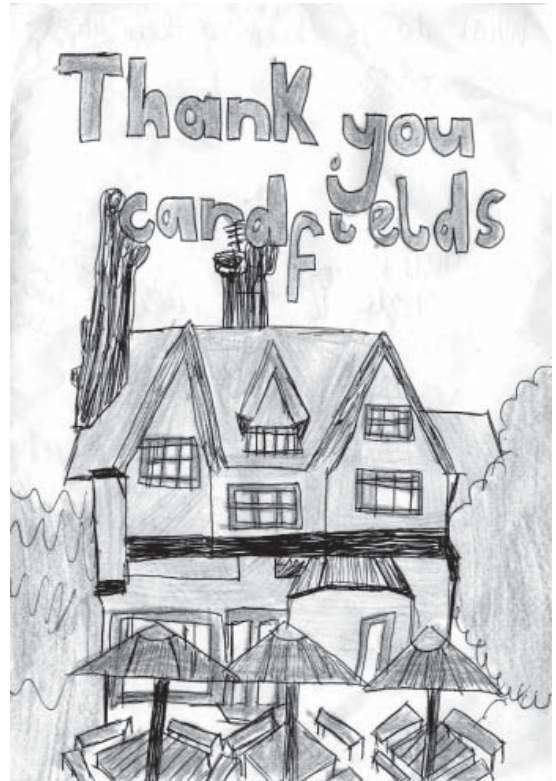
Willow Crescent is the longest road and in its entirety the oldest. But here comes shorty, Rye Close, Chestnut Avenue and Rowan, Laburnum and Beech - with ducks, moorhens, fish - and sometimes herons (and ratsss).

Baker Avenue was first, not a crescent, not a road, not a way, nor a rise but the forerunner to another avenue.

Oldest of all, with dappled trees and pathways leading through fields to places unknown - fewer houses then, Church Road. From the church, via paths the youngsters, Elisabeth Way and Prospect Close (both off Remembrance). And Church Road, our joining up road and still (whisper) with a view across the fields of Stone Path meadow to Danbury. Happy times to come Debbie!

### **How many days to Christmas?**

**T**he invitation to Christmas lunch at Cardfields went out in June. What a wonderful surprise, no cooking, no washing up - and a feast to enjoy. The date is Thursday 12 December, the number restricted to 50. At present my total is around 25, but Elaine at Cardfields (01245 380371) and I are going to get together for a final check. It's not too late to book if you have not already done so. All the names with telephone numbers can expect a call from me soon! If you don't hear, give me a ring - Jackie 01245 381235.



### **Thank you Cardfields**

A lovely thank you drawing of Cardfields designed by Ceren (year 6 pupil) one of the children who visited over the summer (the umbrellas, garden chairs and tables are out).

*A young visitor wrote 'thank you for the food and activities, and being helpful - I liked feeding the chickens and riding the bikes. Hope you will want us back next year!'*

## Village hall happenings

Facebook: Hatfield Pevel village hall

Yearly membership £5

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

### Opening times

Monday to Saturday 7 - 11pm

Sunday 12 noon - 4.30pm

### Special events

**Saturday 19 October 4 - 7pm**

**Celebrating the life of Kay Wilkinson**

Join us to celebrate together and share memories

**Saturday 19 October from 7.30pm**

Fish and chip supper

**Sunday 24 November between 3 - 6.30pm**

**Hatty Pev's Got Talent.** All acts will get a chance to perform their act (sing/dance/tell jokes/play an instrument etc) on stage at the Village Hall. **See back page for further details**

**Sunday 8 December 3.30pm onwards**

**Christmas in the Park** - early reminder!

### Regular happenings

**Badminton Club** (every Monday 7pm to 10pm (excl Bank Holidays) Free to join and either £4 pay and play or £3.50 per game should you join. Contact Nick Wright on njwrighty@yahoo.com Tel : 07774 649899

**Bingo** (third Thursday in month)

17 October, 21 November

**Brag** (first Friday in month)

1 November, 6 December

**Poker** (third Saturday in month)

19 October, 16 November

**Darts** (Tuesday - Ladies team)

**Booking for hall/meeting rooms**

HPCA bookings@g.com

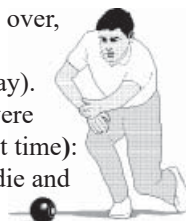
**Village hall 01245 381481**

Leave a message if there is no reply and this will be answered as soon as possible.

## Our outside season has ended

**Rita Thomson, Bowls captain 01245 380038**

The outside bowling season is over, the last game was played on Saturday 21 September (finals day). This year the pairs and singles were played on a knock-out basis (first time): the pairs were won by Matt Waldie and Sandra Briun, and Ann Nicholls won the singles.



In the last friendlies we lost the match against Writtle but won against RHB. On the first away league game (promoted to Division 2) on 3 October we played Woodlands and gained two points.

We finished third in the Mid Week League, a very good result as we played some strong teams - we were unlucky not to be in the KO Shield (we won last year) but well done to the bowlers, we did our best.

Inside we will play in the 2nd Division of the SE Short Matt League after finishing in second place. There will be new clubs to go visit!

The club is holding a Quiz Night on Saturday 19 October 7 for 7.30pm. Bring nibbles and drinks .£4 per person, raffle.

## Can you help?

**John Strange, Churchwarden**

Your Church Parish Magazine needs someone to co-ordinate the magazine advertising. This voluntary job entails writing to existing advertisers, inviting them to continue advertising with us, also to seek new advertising. It is intended that the magazine should break even with regard to cost, not necessarily to make a profit.

It is part of God's mission to the wider parish that is important, to maintain publication we need your help. If you think you can help in this way please give me a call on 01245 381004; email johnstrange32@btinternet.com; or see me in church for further information.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

## Useful telephone numbers

Please contact the editors for additions/errors.

**Age UK Essex** 01245 346106

**Anglian Water**, 24 hours 0800 919 155

**Braintree District Council** 01376 552525

Clean Team ring number above and ask for

Customer Services

Witham Area Office in Witham Library

- for walk-in enquiries only

### Churches

St Andrew's (C of E), vicar 01245 380958

Methodist Church, minister 01621 853423

Catholic Church, Witham, priest 01376 512219

All Saints Church, Ulting 01245 380627

**Citizens Advice Bureau** Witham 0344 4994719

Monday to Friday 10am - 4pm

### Doctors, health services

Hatfield Peverel doctors' surgery 01245 380324

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

**Gas - emergency** 0800 111999

**Harlequin Children's Centre** 0300 2470014

Free support and services for children under 5

### Hospitals

Broomfield (A&E); 01245 362000

St Peters, Maldon 01621 725323

**Libraries (enquiry line)** 0345 6037628

Hatfield Peverel

Tuesday, Thursday 1 - 5pm

Wednesday, Saturday 9am - 1pm

Witham - use enquiry line above

**Police** Non-emergency calls 101

Use 101 also for the local officer

Emergency calls 999

Police Stations, Braintree, Chelmsford

Opening hours, Monday - Saturday, 12.00 to 6pm

**Post Office** 01245 382787

Open 7am - 10pm, last collection 4.30pm

### Railway Information

Greater Anglia 03456 007245

National Rail Enquiries (24 hrs) 03457 484950

### Registrar of Births, Marriages & Deaths

Witham, by appointment only 03456 037632

Braintree, by appointment only 03456 037632

**The Change Project** 01245 258680

Personnel well-being through 08453 727701

positive change

**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

Tiger Tots Toddler Group 07886 021048

Charlotte Greaves 07527 763038

**Social Services** 0345 6037630

**Community Agent** for Hatfield Peverel

Jan Hawkins 07540 720605

Office 01376 574330

**Village hall** 01245 381481

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

## Hatfield Peverel Parish Council

### Committees and advisory groups

Community Events (C)

Community Park (CP), Environment (E)

Finance/General purposes (FGP),

Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP),

Personnel (P), Sport and Recreation (SR)

Traffic (T)

**Councillors (and their advisory groups)**

**Planning matters are discussed at full Council**

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**Linda Shaw** (CP) 01245 382669

**Diane Wallace** (C/CP/E/NDP/P) 01245 381485

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### County Councillor

**Derrick Louis** 07967 830277

## The last harvest?

Ron Elliston

This picture was taken on 22 August 2019 and records the last operation of what is expected to be the final harvest, with the collection of wheat-straw bales from the field off Gleneagles Way prior to the planned development of 120 dwellings there.

A sad day indeed for such fertile soil that is recognised as Grade 1 BMVAL (Best and Most Versatile Agricultural Land) and which, over the years, has variously supported orchards, a soft fruit farm and a range of arable crops including potatoes, wheat, field beans, oilseed rape and linseed.

The view looks north over the site with the southernmost tip of Gleneagles Way on the extreme left of the picture and the A12 trunk road running just beyond the hedgerow in the distance.

The operation to collect the bales was most impressive to watch as they were automatically aligned, picked up and stacked on the trailer whilst the tractor remained on the move.

*We had another photo of harvest time in the field behind Gleneagles Way on the front cover of the October 2015 edition, taken by Margaret Jex. The caption read 'The field behind Gleneagles Way being harvested in September. How many more harvests? Will this year's be the last?' As it turned out, it wasn't, but this year's will almost certainly be so.*



## Pirate Hat wins the treasure hunt!

Emma Cook, Events Committee

On a very sunny Sunday in September we held this year's Treasure Hunt. About an hour and a half long and a lovely walk around our beautiful village, this year's hunt was a triumph for Pirate Hat with a massive 32 points from a possible 34. All in good fun, there were swashbuckling questions to answer and painted rocks to be found and swapped back at the village hall for pirate treasure. Thanks to all who took part and enjoyed themselves.

### Upcoming events include

**Hatty Pev's Got Talent** Sunday 24 November. Between 3-6.30pm all acts will get a chance to perform their act (sing/dance/tell jokes/ play an instrument etc) on stage at the Village Hall. Please register your interest by emailing [amc0374@aol.com](mailto:amc0374@aol.com) by 1 November. Winner will perform at next

year's Party in the Park. Four local judges will decide your fate - bribes are most welcome!

### Christmas in the Park Sunday 8 December

From 3.30pm onwards at the Village Hall there will be our annual carol concert with extras. A piper to lead you outside for the switching on of the lights on the Vic Olley tree, kindly sponsored again this year by Paul Mason, and then mince pies and mulled wine on your return. Christmas jumpers most welcome. We may even have a 'special guest'. Hope to see you all there.

### Next year's Party in the Park Saturday 4 July

A likely American theme, but as always planning is in its infancy. We'll keep you posted.

**Any volunteers to join the committee or help on the day gladly accepted!! Fresh ideas are always welcomed. Please email your interest to [herbertweale@aol.com](mailto:herbertweale@aol.com).**