HATFIELD PEVEREL

VILLAGE VOICE

News and events from Hatfield Peverel Village and surrounding areas



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A NOTE FROM JACKIE AND KEN...



We'd like to welcome this second edition of our Village Voice, the Parish Council's successor to the Hatfield Peverel Review, and its editor Janice Fitzpatrick. We're sorry we missed the first one - when we met Janice in mid-January the deadline for copy had already passed.

We shall support our new editor in whatever way she feels we can. To all our previous contributors, you gave us so many ideas and great stories over 50 years - carry on the good work. Janice

has a tough task ahead and deserves all the help you can give. The first edition may not have carried much material but that will soon build up with your support - and it is great it will be published every month. Go to it! We'll do our bit.

Jackie and Ken Earney

Editors note: Look out for our piece on Jackie and Ken and their freedom of the Parish award in next month's issue

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

March 2024



An update to the budget

On Monday 8th January, Councillors agreed a modest increase of 35p per week for Band D residents of Hatfield Peverel's share of the Council Tax, from April 2024.

This funding will support the Council in continuing to provide and maintain the following services and facilities:

• Open spaces: -

Strutt Memorial Recreation Ground

Nounsley Playing Field

Stone Path Meadows

The Green

Green space at rear of Hadfelda Square shops

- Work towards creating a Community Park
- Burial ground
- Village Hall car park
- Hadfelda Square car park
- Streetlighting (on minor roads major roads are the responsibility of ECC Highways)
- Events: Party in the Park and Christmas in the Park

- Play equipment (Strutt Memorial Recreation Ground and Nounsley Playing Field)
- Outdoor gym
- Tennis courts (subject to planning permission)
- Keith Bigden Memorial Ground
- Defibrillators
- E-magazine
- Wildlife initiatives
- Neighbourhood Development Plan
- Benches, bins, dog waste bins and noticeboards
- Bus shelters
- Speed Indicator Device (SID) and Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) units
- Sole Trustee of the Village Hall charity



Parish Councillors are dedicated to serving the community of Hatfield Peverel and Nounsley and do so on an unpaid basis. We very much appreciate your ongoing support.



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March 2024



HATFIELD PEVEREL METHODIST CHURCH

The Methodist Church is alive and well in Hatfield Peverel!

We meet to share in worship every Sunday at 9.15am in Room 3 of the Village Hall (access via the Coffee Lounge). We enjoy lively worship, songs, prayer and Bible readings with a message from one of our preachers.

Some of us meet with other local friends for Stitch to Enrich in the Coffee Lounge on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays in each month between 2.00 and 4.00pm. It is a great opportunity to make friends and enjoy time together. Stitching is optional!

We are looking forward to an afternoon sharing the Easter story with craft activities on Sunday March 24th from 2.30 to 4.00 pm. Why not join us to learn and create? Refreshments are included!

We would love to meet you at any of the times and days mentioned here. You may also find us enjoying time together in the Coffee Lounge after our Sunday worship – why not come and say hello?

If you have any questions or would like us to pray for you for any reason, you can contact us at <u>hatfield.peverel@chelmsfordcircuit.org.uk</u>.



Stitch to Enrich

Come and make friends as we chat, stitch and relax

1st and 3rd Thursdays each month 2pm – 4pm

The Coffee Lounge Hatfield Peverel Village Hall Maldon Road, CM3 2HP

We share the joy of stitching and friendship. A warm welcome awaits you....

For more information, please contact Jane Cook 07827 594535 or Stitch2enrich@gmail.com

Cary-Anne Hornsey of FORAGE GROW CREATE shares her love of plants and foraging



I was always interested in plants as a child and started working with herbs that I bought as a teenager. However, when I started learning about foraging, I realised that almost everything I needed was growing wild around me for free!

Subsequently, I spent hours every day wandering the local fields, identifying plants and learning all about their medicinal and nutritional uses.

Upon looking at the "weeds" in my garden, I discovered an abundance of wild food and medicine, so decided to rewild my garden and see what grows. I now enjoy watching so many pollinators in my garden and making meals and remedies from what grows naturally there.

Friends and therapy clients started asking me to teach them what I was learning, so I started holding foraging walks locally, in the same fields where I had learnt.





Since then, I've gone on to hold workshops and day retreats all based on foraging, how to use the plants that you harvest, even the folklore surrounding them (which I'm currently writing a book about with all local pictures).

I hold Spring, Summer and Autumn foraging walks, as there are new things



to learn in every season and will be setting up some workshops soon in the village.

You can join a group foraging walk by checking the events on my <u>website</u> or book a private walk for your friends and family by contacting me directly. I also offer home visits to take you on a walk around your own garden or land, to identify plants and explain how you can use them and what their edible and medicinal properties are.

This year I have decided to also add a garden consultancy service to my offerings, so that others can feed and heal their families from their gardens. This is a bespoke service looking at your family's nutritional and medicinal needs, and designing a garden that works for you in the space you have. You really don't need a lot of space to grow what you need!

You can contact me, and make bookings for events and free consultancy call, via my website <u>https://www.foragegrowcreate.co.uk/</u>

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MALDON FILM CLUB – What Next?

Maldon Film Club welcomed in 2024 with the screening of three films in January: *Master Cheng, Close,* and *Where the Crawdads Sing*.

The season continues in March with two films the first of which, on Wednesday 13th March, is the BAFTA nominated **Decision to Leave.** This is followed two weeks later by the Oscar wining **Women Talking.**





Decision to Leave

From a mountain peak in South Korea, a man plummets to his death. Did he jump, or was he pushed?

Haunted by tons of unresolved murder cases that keep him awake at night, detective Jang Hae-Jun (Park Hae-ii) stumbles upon what seems like an accident. However, suspecting foul play, the inquisitive officer follows a faint trail of clues, trying to shed light on the mysterious death of an avid climber Ki Do-soo. Now, the deceased's cryptic wife, Seo-rae, (Tand Wei) comes under suspicion. However, something doesn't add up. Has the dark- eyed widow been toying with Hae-Jun from day one? When forbidden feelings cloud judgement, how far is Hae-Jun willing to go in the name of truth?



Women Talking

Our second film for March, on Wednesday 27th, **Women Talking,** is about the women of an isolated religious community who grapple with reconciling their reality with their faith. As the story progresses, we see a community of women coming together to figure out how they might move forward together to build a better world for themselves and their children. But with fear, religious belief, misogyny and the grave repercussions of rebellion getting in the way of a clear decision, the terrified women find themselves left with no alternative. They can stay and fight or leave. However, doing nothing is not an option! What will the women of this tight knit Mennonite colony decide to do?

The season continues until May 22nd, 2024, with all films being shown on Wednesdays until then. There are four more films to be screened in April and May including the classic

Cinema Paradiso and the highly acclaimed After Love, Living and Official Competition

The cost of membership for this season has been reduced to just £25 and this entitles members to free admission to all the remaining films. In addition, there are a limited number of places for junior members aged 16-18 in full-time education and training and members' guests may attend for just £4 per person per film.

For further details and a membership form please check out the web site <u>www.maldonfilmclub.uk</u>, visit the Maldon Visitor Information Centre (1100 – 1600 Tuesday to Saturday from February 13th) or contact me, John Salisbury, on 07905 971608.

I look forward to meeting you very soon.

GET READY FOR THE SPRING SHOW!

Hatfield Peverel & Ulting Horticultural Society

Next month's event is the Spring Show on Saturday 6th April at the Village Hall, Maldon Road at 2pm.

Entries are invited from members and non-members, with lots of different classes covering topics ranging from flowers, floral arrangement, cookery, handicrafts, photography and children's classes.

More info can be found at <u>e-voice.org.uk/hatpevgardens</u> (click on Village Shows and the Yearbook will appear, then click YEARBOOK 2024 you will find all the information for the whole year. Page 9 is the start of all the classes for the Spring Show)

Entries cost: members 30p, nonmembers 40p. Refreshments available: Homemade Cakes, Tea, Coffee and Squash





NEWS FROM ST ANDREW'S AND ALL SAINTS



We hope you've been enjoying the snowdrops in both our churchyards. Over the years they have spread widely and give so much happiness and uplift in the early days of the year. Our churchyards at St Andrews and by the river at All Saints are havens of quiet enjoyment for all members of our parish but, of course, our churches and church communities are very much available to everyone. If you are interested in joining the churchyard maintenance teams, please let us know!

As a reminder of what happens in our church buildings...

Regular Sunday services – 9am at All Saints and 10.15am at St Andrews – all are welcome.

Our **Edward Bear sessions** are enjoyed by parents and preschool children in St Andrew's Church Hall at 10am on Thursdays.

Coffee & Chat takes place on the first Saturday morning of the month in the hall, (next one on 2nd March, then 6th April)

Soup and Rolls, in aid of chosen charities, takes place at lunchtimes on the 2nd Tuesday of the month (next one, 12th March).

Lent and Easter are approaching fast. Lent groups are meeting on Monday evenings.

Everyone, whether young or old is welcome to help bunch flowers and make Simnel Cake etc in the Church Hall on Saturday 9th March before our special **Mothering Sunday services** at 9am and 10.15 on March 10th when the bunches will be blessed.

Palm Sunday services (24th March) at 9am and 10.15am is where we bless and distribute Palm crosses.

On **Good Friday** (29th March) in both churches 2.00pm to 3.00pm, we remember Jesus' sacrifice on the cross in words and music with "Jesus' Last Hour".

On **Easter Sunday** (31st March) we celebrate Jesus' resurrection at special services of Holy Communion at 9am and 10.15am. We bless the Easter Gardens, we sing joyous hymns, we renew our baptismal vows and because there is a lot happening, we keep the sermon short!

For further details please contact the Vicar: Rev'd Stephen Northfield on 01245 380958. For further details of services at All Saints, Ulting please contact our Associate Priest: Rev'd Derek Clark on 01245 380627. Other contact details: Lay Reader, Charles Cope 01245 382134; Churchwardens: John Strange 01245 381004, John Tomlins 0124538035 Church Hall bookings, Bob Hill 01245 382048

PUTTING THE "FUN" IN FUNDRAISING

Helen Rollason Cancer Charity

Helen Rollason Cancer Charity News & Events



The Helen Rollason Cancer Charity fundraising team here in Hatfield Peverel are busy organising some wonderful events for this year. The first of these is the **Rural Ramble and Trail Run** on **Sunday 14 April**, starting and finishing at the lovely Hatfield Place. There are several routes to choose from: 1 mile, 4 miles, 6 miles and 10 miles. At the end, everyone will return to Hatfield Place for a cream tea. Places must be pre-booked. On **Sunday 12 May**, the popular <u>Ride For Helen</u> cycle event is returning to Hatfield Peverel. This year there are more routes to choose from: 6 miles, 15 miles, 30 miles, 50 miles, 65 miles and an exciting new 100 miles route for keen cyclists. All rides start and end in the grounds of The Crix, in Hatfield Peverel.



For more information, to book the ramble or the cycle event and to check for other events for 2024, go to the website:

Events - Helen Rollason Cancer Charity

On selected dates throughout the year, the charity holds coffee mornings at its centre on <u>The Street in Hatfield</u> <u>Peverel</u> from 10am – 12pm, and it's just £3 for tea or coffee and cake. It is a good way to get to know the centre and the support services on offer. See next page for the date of the next coffee morning.



The team also opens its doors in Hatfield Peverel on certain dates throughout the year so that you can drop off your pre-loved items. By donating good quality items to the charity, you will be reducing waste, helping the environment, and raising funds to support local people living with cancer. They will accept clothing and accessories, toys, books, kitchen and homeware, ornaments, collectables, and any other valuable items. Items to be in new or in good condition and preferably eBay saleable. They cannot take electrical items. You can park at the rear of the building to drop off your items. See below for dates.

Become a volunteer

The charity is looking for volunteers to help with their various events throughout the year so, if you would like to get involved, contact the Helen Rollason Cancer Charity Fundraising Team on 01245 380719 or email <u>fundraising@helenrollason.org.uk</u>. They particularly need marshals for the cycle ride on Sunday 14 May.

If you would like to know more about the services that the charity provides for local people living with cancer, such as counselling, reflexology and massage, you may call the support centre on 01245 382888 or pop in to speak to the support team in the centre on The Street, Hatfield Peverel.



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HELLO FROM YOUR LOCAL WI!

Terling WI meet every fourth Thursday of the month in <u>Terling Village Hall</u> at 7.30pm. Only in our second year, we have a wonderful group of 54 lovely ladies, aged from 23 to 83!

We are now open for new members and membership renewals, so if you're thinking about joining, why not give us a try? Membership is just £48 for the year and includes a total of 11 meetings (that's £4.36 per meeting!). Forms can be emailed or collected from any of the committee. Membership runs from April 2024 to March 2025.

Our meetings range from different speakers, crafts and activities to our annual summer party and theatre trips.



This month (28th March) we hand over to fellow WI member Wendy of Blooms and Bouquets, who will help us make some willow hearts, just in time for us to decorate for Easter!

If you're not sure and want to test the water first, you can attend as a guest for up to three meetings (guest fee applies) before becoming a member. Complimentary tea and cake served as standard at Terling WI meetings, as well as friendly faces, friendships and lots more.

Key dates for Terling WI;

Thursday 28 th March	Monthly meeting (booking required)
Saturday 20 th April	Crafternoon (open to all)
Thursday 25 th April	Monthly meeting
Sunday 19 th May	Terling Open Gardens
Thursday 23 rd May	Monthly meeting

For more information, contact us on <u>terlingwi@outlook.com</u>, or call Lucy on 07926 649669. Check us out on Facebook <u>https://www.facebook.com/terlingwi</u>



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Email - wickhambishopsjazzclub@gmail.com Or Ring Pete on 0754 877 5777

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The Musical

A smash hit NEW musical by Gary **Barlow & Tim Firth**

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For more details on buying ad space in the magazine, email our Communications Officer, Janice on communications@hatfieldpeverelpc.com



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WILDER VILLAGE, TAKING SHAPE

Wildlife Champion, Donna Goddard

Essex Wildlife Trust's Urban Wildlife Champion project aims to reconnect people with nature, inspiring and empowering them to act for wildlife in their local area.

I volunteered to be an Urban Wildlife Champion in Hatfield Peverel and am working with an everincreasing team of volunteers on wildlife projects in the village. I am also working with the Parish Council's Environment Advisory Group who direct the work of the Hatfield Peverel Wildlife Champions and are working on a Wilder Village Plan which will address the objectives set out in the Parish Council's Environmental Policy.

All are welcome to join us working on wildlife-friendly projects around the village. We meet regularly from 9-11am on the second Saturday and the fourth Friday of each month.



I am very grateful to Hannah, Pat and Gareth who helped to remove nine bags full of plastic tree guards from the hedging around the Keith Bigden Memorial Ground on Saturday 10th February. We made a great start but there's a long way to go... to be continued on future volunteer days!

Forthcoming sessions will take place on Saturday 9th and Friday 22nd March. Please get in touch if you would like to join us!

Donna Goddard, Urban Wildlife Champion, Hatfield Peverel wildlife-champion@hatfieldpeverelpc.com 01245 382550

SIDNEY HOUSE & THE LAURELS SURGERY

An update on changes to procedures

"To maintain and if able, improve the health and wellbeing of those Patients for whom we care"



The surgery is looking to make some changes to the way we work which we would like to share with our patients:

Online Bookable Appointments

For many years now we have offered a limited number of GP appointments available for patients to book directly online. We are consistently getting feedback from our patients that when they go online at 6pm, they cannot see any appointments to book (because there was a limited amount to begin with, and they get taken very quickly). The feedback from our GPs, is often the reason for the appointment did not need a GP and would have been more appropriate to book with another colleague.

We have therefore taken the decision to withdraw GP appointments available for direct online booking. Instead, we invite our patients to go to their NHS App, or our website (<u>www.sidneyhouseandthelaurels.nhs.uk</u>) and submit a request for an appointment via eConsult.

eConsult

Available during our opening hours, 8am-6:30pm Monday-Friday, via our website or the NHS app. This is not for booking an appointment, but rather an alternative to contacting us by 'phone. Patients will be able to submit their query by filling out some questions and we will then contact them, on the same working day if the query is of a clinical nature, or within three working days if it is an administration query. These eConsults are handled in the same way as if the enquiry came in over the telephone and so can be more appropriately managed.

Repeat Prescription Requests

In the coming weeks we intend to withdraw email as an option for requesting repeat prescriptions. The only acceptable ways to request 'repeats' will be via online services, the NHS App, or by completing the paper repeats slip and delivering to the surgery (in our post box or via reception).

Patient feedback has shown that emails are often sent to the wrong email address, or they end up in the 'junk folder' meaning the request gets missed and delays occur. Sadly, some patients also try to use this as a route to obtain appointments or medical advice which is not appropriate, or fair to other patients.

Please speak to reception or go to our website to find out how to use online services – we would be happy to help you!

Sidney House Surgery, Strutt Close, Hatfield Peverel, Essex CM3 2HB The Laurels Surgery, Juniper Road, Boreham, Essex CM3 3DX

News and what's on! HPVH – Hatfield Peverel Village Hall

We continue with great music at the hall with **QUO'D** on Saturday, 30th March and **The Glass Onion** play their Tribute to The Beatles on 27th April. Also in April, the Horticultural Society hold their Spring Show at the Hall on Saturday, 6th April.



Tickets for music at the hall are available from <u>http://tinyurl.com/HPVH-Tickets</u> For all events at the hall, go to the events page on our website at <u>www.hatpevvhall.org</u>

Works at the Hall

We remain busy at the hall with repairs, maintenance, and improvements. We've recently replaced the main hall lights with LED equivalents, fixing the broken and obsolete Table Tennis lights and adding light-switches so you can come into the hall and turn lights on at the door rather than find the current lighting panels in the dark. This also gives us dimmable lights for a better experience for our music and theatre shows. We expect this to reduce our electricity bills a little also. The Kitchen in the lounge has been re-fitted and the Café will shortly be offering an expanded range of food as a result. Access ramps are being added to the Lounge and Hall entrance to improve wheelchair access. We've added door-closers to the lounge inner doors to help keep the warmth inside. We're planning to have solar panels and roof insulation fitted later in the year.

Clubs and Activities at the Hall

We're pleased to announce a new children's group to the Hall – **The Allstar Majorettes** are based in Witham but will be rehearsing in the hall on the 4th Sunday morning of the month. Sadly, the Sing club on Monday mornings and the Saturday session for autistic and children with needs have closed their activities at the hall. We still have a fantastic range of activities and clubs for children, including **Hot Steps** dance; **Kazen Kai Karate**; **Tuesday Toddler Time**; **Little City**; **New Naw** children's parties, **Allstar Majorettes** and **Trainmaster**. Clubs and activities for adults include **Bingo**; **Wine Club**; **Flower Club**; **EMC Lunch club**; **Badminton Table Tennis**; **Latin Dance**; **Dog Training**; **Caledonian Dance**; **Everybody Move Bootcamp**; **Stitch to Enrich** and the **Methodist Church. The Coffee Lounge** is open every day from 9-5 and Sundays 10-4 and has some fantastic breakfast and lunch options as well as lovely cakes, tea, coffee, and ice creams. To contact the clubs and find out more, go the clubs page on our website at <u>www.hatpevvhall.org</u>.

Every Members Club: EMC

We noted the **EMC** Lunch club above. The "Every Members Club" is a long-standing group at the hall, that anyone can attend. Run by volunteers at the hall, anyone can come along on a Wednesday lunchtime from 1-3 and for just £3 have a buffet lunch with tea or coffee. This will also feature a variety of entertainment including Bingo, a Quiz, Music, Speaker talks and more. No sign-up is required, just turn up for a lovely lunch, a chat, and meet people from the village. If you'd like to help us run this club, please drop us an email, or come along and have a chat on a Wednesday lunchtime.

Information & Contacts

Stay in touch by signing up to our mailing list (click the link on the website home page or scan the QR code). For event tickets and room bookings email <u>bookings@hatpevvhall.org</u> or call the Box office & room bookings number on **0300 102 0473**





All details on our website (www.HatPevVHall.org), on the village hall noticeboards and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/hatfieldpeverelvillagehall

Celebrations all round

St Andrew's Junior School Hatfield Peverel

Allison Dutaut - Deputy Headteacher

We enjoyed a lovely first two weeks in school in February. We got to see our new school hall being erected on the school field. After half term, we hope to move our furniture and resources into the new hall and cannot wait to be able to use this space for our collective worship, PE, productions and whole school gatherings. It is a long-awaited, exciting addition to our temporary set-up whilst the school building is closed. We await further long-term plans from the DfE now that we are in the School Rebuilding Programme.

Grandparents Day

We were also delighted to welcome 120 grandparents to our new site. Space and somewhere to sit proved difficult but we really hope Grandparents enjoyed the chance to see their grandchildren in school and share some special time looking at their work and classes in action. We thank them all for making the time and effort to come in – we were overwhelmed by how many came.

The children loved having them here and we were delighted to hear so many supportive comments. It really was a wonderful event!



Pancake Fun

Shrove Tuesday meant pancake fun in school with races and pancake flipping in full swing across the classes.

Walk like Egyptians!

On Tuesday 13th February, Year 3 enjoyed their Ancient Egyptian Day! There were some fabulous costumes!

As we write, we are looking forward to a welcome break for half term,

returning to (hopefully) much brighter weather and enjoying the use of our new spaces. Pupils will also be looking forward to their trip to The World of Harry Potter, Viking Day and the everpopular World Book Day.





Coming soon to HPVH











Sunday, June 9th Hatfield Peverel Village Hall Doors: 2:30 Show: 3:00 Tickets: £12-£15 www.ticketsource.co.uk/hatfield-peverel-village-hall



'Totally blown away by your level of musicianship on guitar' Mark LeVang, keyboard player with Neil Diamond's band

SATURDAY **18** MAY ticke

Hatfield Peveral Village Hall Maldon Road, CM3 2HP Doors 7pm Starts 8pm Tickets £13 - £16 Book online at ree co uk/hatfield-peverel-village-ball



Hatfield Peverel Village Hall Saturday, July 27th Doors : 7pm Band : 8pm Tickets :www.ticketsource.co.uk/hatfield-peverel-village-hall

Tickets from:- http://tinyurl.com/HPVH-Tickets