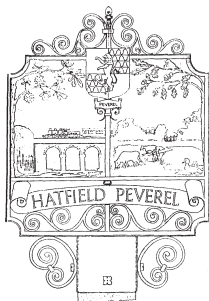


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## Diary dates hopefully by June ....

### Nightingales at Fingringhoe

A favourite spot in the springtime, Fingringhoe Wick is one of the best locations in East Anglia to hear nightingales. And Covid or no Covid, six males took up residence there last Thursday 8 April.

The Essex Wildlife Trust reserve opened on Monday 29 March - five days a week, closed Tuesday and Wednesday. You can visit now and listen out for nightingales, or go on a self-guided evening walk between 5.30pm and 8.30pm on Monday 3 May, Wednesday 5 May, Saturday 8 May or Wednesday 12 May. On these evenings the visitor centre will be available for refreshments and toilet facilities.

For information contact Essex Wildlife Trust, 01206 729678, email: [fingringhoe@essexwt.org.uk](mailto:fingringhoe@essexwt.org.uk)

If you don't want to travel as far as Fingringhoe, Danbury Common is closer to home. When we visited last year around now they were in full song.



*Photo Essex Wildlife Trust, David McGough*

### Cover photograph

*Two youngsters enjoying the view from one of the newly installed seats at the duck pond. The parish council has done a fantastic job in clearing some of the old scrubby vegetation and laid wood chippings down on the pond-side path and a link to the path round the rec*

## **Welcome back and thank you for your kindnesses to everyone**

**I**t is a whole year since all our lives changed with the first lockdown of the pandemic. It was warm and sunny, I remember, we sat in the garden under the trees and thought about what we would do with our time if lockdown carried on. It would all be over by Christmas, with a bit of luck, there was no need to make long lists, a few scraps of paper (our favourite way of reminding ourselves of what was what). It would mean not seeing friends and relatives with a kiss and a hug - and especially grandchildren who live far away. Making do with phone calls or emails, Zoom or Skype, rather than face to face. But wasn't going to last for ever, was it?

Where has the time gone? And what have we all done? Ken has had a go at my hair, I have seen it looking better, but tho' he hasn't got much himself, he is preserving his for the barber - haircuts for both of us on Wednesday 28 April. We have talked a lot, walked a lot and met many friendly people to speak to at a distance - new friendships have been made and there has been much laughter, especially over past memories and 'do you remember...'

There has been great sadness too. None of us know what it is like to lose a loved one unless we have been there ourselves. That's experience for you and these months have been particularly hard.

Thank you to everyone in our village who has been ready with a friendly hand - shopping, running errands, collecting medicines, taking people to hospital appointments and for Covid jabs, calling round for a chat on the doorstep. And also our local shops helping with a smile, our pubs offering ready meals.

But it's great for us to be back amongst you editing the April Review. It has been a hard task - sorry for articles being shortened and left out entirely. But hey, its nearly summer and although life may never be exactly the same again, its got to be better than the last year or so.

Smile, be happy and keep safe.

## **And its goodbye to a very important person**

**Steve Willis, who has got us out of many a sticky corner over the years, is retiring at the end of April**

Many, many thanks Steve Willis of Kempco for all the years of support we have had from you in getting the Review out to our readers.

Steve first became known to us when he was working for Alan South, the owner of Beeleigh Litho, at their works in Stepfield on the industrial estate off Freebournes Road in Witham. In those days the Review was produced by traditional print methods, hot metal typesetting and Linotype press. The firm subsequently moved to a larger premises in Tolleshunt Major and during that time went digital. We later took up the initial stages of the preparation using DTP software at home, then sending the digital file to them for the final print stages. For a while after Alan South's untimely death Steve continued to run the business but then sold out to Kempco in Perry Road, Witham, and stayed with them as an employee up to the present day. 'Gone fishing' is what he will be doing in his spare time!

During the DTP/digital era Steve's assistance has been invaluable to me on many occasions with technical guidance and getting me out of a last minute hole on many occasions.

From the end of the month we will be dealing with David Mears - Dave - and we know we will still be in good hands.

Again, many thanks Steve.



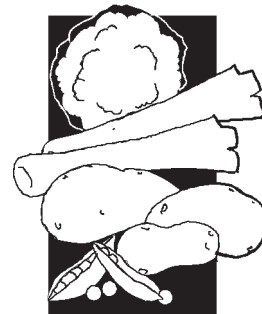
## **'To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow' – Audrey Hepburn**

Allotment and growing news

Drew Price HPAA new site manager and letting officer

www.hpaa.org.uk

Email: [chairman@hpaa.org.uk](mailto:chairman@hpaa.org.uk)



**I**s there any GOOD news? As I believe any day above ground is a good day, then the fact that you're reading this is the best piece of news. Sadly, around the world, 2,209,195 are no longer with us. And this is an unimaginable situation for families and friends who will suffer from these losses for some time.

And while it is horrible, people will ask what can we do? The first positive answer is 'Follow the rules!' Next, take care of yourself and take care of each other. How? Eat and rest properly. Take the initiative to discover for yourself outside exercise in the fresh air and find something that will sustain you physically and mentally. We at the allotments are a community that cares for others and for that we are grateful.

For those of us with an allotment plot, it is all there. We can work our plots which provides fresh air, exercise, social distancing, good mental health, and home-grown untreated food sources. And we are all so very appreciative for those opportunities.

Those of you with gardens at home, probably experience much the same. While many complain, the positive ones are thankful for what they DO have. Remember my last message for you said to say 'I AM' and whatever you CHOOSE to say next becomes your reality. Therefore, we at the allotments and you with your gardens mostly choose to feel privileged and enjoy the benefits our gardens give us beyond the obvious food, fruit, and flowers.

*(If you wish, we can put your name on our waiting list as we are currently full up on both sites. Please call for a look round. 07803 615062)*

As the new year begins, here are some tips for a head start on the coming season for gardeners everywhere.

1. Prepare beds for sowing - preparing beds is one of the most important February jobs (this year March!) to help aerate, drain, and warm the soil. Incorporate plenty of homemade compost or composted manure. Cover beds in black (not clear or white) plastic for a few weeks to reduce weeds and warm the soil
2. Clean and set up cloches
3. Plant rhubarb
4. Prune autumn raspberries
5. Check your equipment: give everything - tools, polytunnels, greenhouses, a once-over. Does anything need fixing or replacing?
6. Weed your plot - dig out any problem weeds, especially perennial weeds - if you get on top of them now, they'll be easier to control for the rest of the year.
7. Sowing suggestions toward mid-March - sow early potatoes, beetroot, broad beans, salads, and Swiss chard into well-prepared soil. Also, make early sowings of carrots, peas, spinach, and radishes if the soil is warm enough. And perhaps start off aubergines, chillies, and peppers, plus tomatoes, under cover.

And check this out: Coronavirus Positive News Stories - Good News Updates (elle.com) - Drew Price

**On behalf of the HPAA, we wish you and your loved ones a safe, healthy, and prosperous 2021!**

## Normal service will be resumed later in the year

Horticultural Society - Trina Butcher

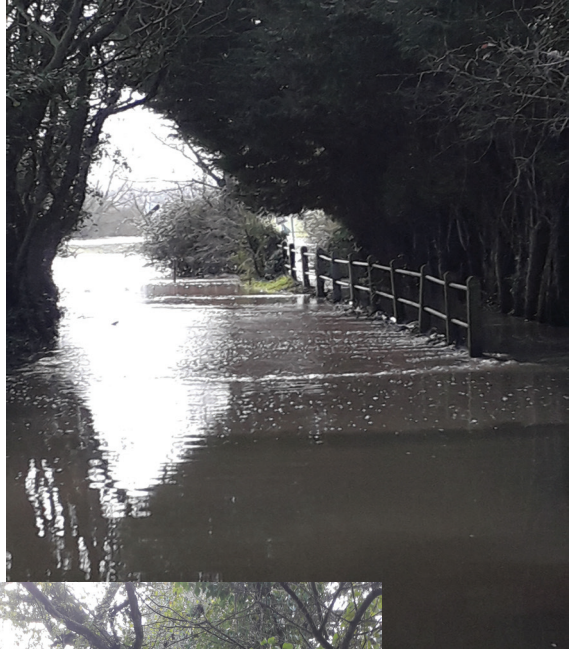
Sadly the society's events had to be cancelled last year and this has continued in 2021. The current situation makes for too many uncertainties and there will be no holiday in 2021 for the same reasons.

Members who paid their 2020 membership do not need to renew this year as it will be carried over to cover this year. For anyone who did not, membership is now due and can be done at Upsons Farm Shop.

On a more positive note the plan is that the Autumn Show will go ahead on Saturday 12 September - show schedules will be made available - and the annual general meeting will take place on Saturday 3 November.

No year books will be printed for 2021 and current memberships will carry forward to April 2022. For info you can contact Clive on 381704

**From the committee. 'Keep safe and be happy'**



## The weather has been wet....

...and residents have been shooting their wettest photographs! Thank you to our busiest 'snapper of Nounsley ford' shots Andy Simmonds (below and middle right), and Sue Warrant who braved a cold morning to take these shining icicles (bottom left) - also at the ford

## 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 1pm Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.



### Make a change, become a Councillor

There are two vacancies for Parish Councillors. Are you passionate about your community? Do you want to help make a long-lasting change? Do you have innovative ideas for the council? Do you have concerns about a specific issue and want to do something about it? If this is you, then we need you. We need people from all backgrounds and experiences who reflect the community to put themselves forward. Make a change and become a Councillor. For further information or to express an interest, please contact the Clerk.

### Tree Warden

The Parish Council is looking to appoint a second Tree Warden on a voluntary basis. A Tree Warden is:

- \* A Parish Council volunteer appointed by the Parish Council
- \* A person who genuinely cares for trees and the environment
- \* Willing to help with local tree matters
- \* Usually knowledgeable or at the very least willing to explore their parish or area
- \* Able to advise on TPO applications and report to the Parish Council as needed.

If you are interested in this position, please contact the Parish Clerk for further information.

### Village Hall

The Parish Council recently became Sole Trustee of the Village Hall. There is now a management committee in place which includes Sole Trustee members (Parish Councillors), the previous management team, and community volunteers. Keep an eye out for further updates – all residents will be welcome once the hall is allowed to re-open following the easing of lockdown restrictions.

### Duck pond, Strutt Memorial Recreation Ground (photographs on opposite page)

The Parish Council is undertaking a refurbishment of the area surrounding the duck pond, to create a place for quiet reflection and a haven for wildlife. Our councillors have been busy planting a variety of wild flowers - primroses, daffodils, cowslips (peggles - as my grandmother called them), a cheering sight in these uncertain times. A big thank you to them all. We have received positive feedback on the changes and look forward to it being completed. If you have any questions or comments, please get in touch. **On page 17 there is advice on feeding the ducks.**

### Crime Concerns

Please remember you can call 101 for crime prevention advice or to report a crime that does not need an emergency response.

**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 see our website for further information and the answers to frequently asked questions: <https://www.hatfieldpeverelpc.com/special-constable-recruitment/>**

### Planning

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 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). Whilst this does not detail Braintree District Council’s decisions, it will indicate what applications have been received during the preceding month.



**Longfield Solar Farm.** On 7 December the Parish Council resolved to approve and submit the Longfield Solar Farm internal consultation response.

**The following applications were considered on 11 January 2021**

20/01987/HH – Erection of a 1.5-storey side and rear extension at 56 St Andrew’s Road.. No comment.

20/01968/HH – Change of use from Children’s Day Nursery (Class E(f)) to Offices (Class E), together

with the erection of a single-storey rear extension, glazed entrance and alterations to fenestration at Highwood House, Maldon Road. No comment.

**The following applications to be noted:**

20/00432/TPOCON – Tree works in conservation area on land near Smuggler Barn, Worlds End, Hatfield Peverel. Noted and passed to Tree Warden.

20/00021/TPO – Tree works on land behind 16 Woodham Drive. Noted and passed to Tree Warden.

It was noted that professional representation was not able to be sourced relating to motion reference 20/128 – planning application 19/02233/FUL (Oakleigh Lodge), within timescales required.

The Planning Committee meeting on 19 January to consider planning application 20/01465/FUL (land to the rear of Heathers and Candletree, The Green) was noted. A statement will be submitted on behalf of the Parish Council.



**The following applications were considered on 1 February 2021**

20/00024/HH – Single-storey rear extension at 15 Chestnut Avenue. No comment.

20/02227/HH – Single-storey side extension at Gables, Church Road. No comment.

20/02214/OUT – Demolition of garage and erection of six double bed, single-storey motel rooms at the Swan Inn Public House, The Street. No comment.

**Re-consultation for application 20/01264/OUT** notified after the agenda was issued. It was agreed the Neighbourhood Development Plan team would review the changes to the application and determine if the Parish Council’s previous submission remained appropriate. If any significant changes are necessary, a Planning Committee meeting will be held during week commencing 7 February.

**The following applications were considered on 1 March 2021**

21/00171/HH – Single-storey side extension at 4 Willow Crescent.. No comment.

21/00437/HH – Single-storey extension to rear with a single-storey infill between house and garage at 7 Yew Tree Close. No comment.

**The following applications were noted**

21/00521/TPO – Tree works at 45 Willow Crescent.

**Website -don’t forget you can view all Parish Council news on the website: <http://www.hatfieldpeverelpc.com>**

**Social Media - please follow the Parish Council on social media for news and updates: <https://www.hatfieldpeverelpc.com/policies-and-procedures/social-media-policy/>**

**Facebook: @hatfieldpeverelpc**

**Twitter: @HatPevPC**

**The next Parish Council meetings** will take place on **Wednesday 5 May and Monday 7 June 2021** and will be held ‘virtually’ via Microsoft teams. Public participation is welcome, please see the agenda (issued on the Wednesday prior to the meeting) for joining information. **The agenda is published on the Parish Council website and on the noticeboard outside the office (Village Hall)**

**Gladman Developments Ltd application 20/01264/OUT - application for outline planning consent for up to 110 dwellings north of Maldon Road).**

The official consultation deadline was 14 April - the date when we expect this edition to be available for distribution. There have already been more than 80 objections and comments. Any received subsequently are still likely to be considered and reported, but there may not be sufficient time to act upon their contents prior to the committee taking place. If you haven’t already submitted an objection, we would strongly urge you to do so.

**Hatfield Peverel Post Office**

**Situated in the Co-op in The Street**

**Times of opening**

Monday 9am - 6pm (lunch 12.30 - 1.30)  
Tuesday 10am - 2pm  
Wednesday 10am - 2pm  
Thursday 10am - 2pm  
Friday 9am - 5.30pm (lunch 12.30 -1.30)

Saturday 10am - 12.30pm  
Sunday No Post Office

**Please note - post is collected from the shop once a day**  
Monday and Friday 4.45pm  
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 1.45pm  
Saturday 12 noon



## The York flagstones on Stonepath Meadow

Last November, some of you will have spotted construction work underway on Stonepath Meadow. About one hundred historic York flagstones were lifted and are now being safely stored by the Parish Council. The aim is to protect the flagstones whilst the new housing estate is being built.

For over a century, the York flagstones lay just below the surface of the field near Church Road. In her book *Nine Walks Around Hatfield Peverel*, Catherine Voysey invites the reader to: ‘... take the path across Stone Path Meadow (so called because the path is paved but now overgrown) to Hatfield Place’.

The York flagstones will be reinstated at a future date. This will be in a manner to be agreed between the developer, district and parish councils.

Margaret Freeman, Heritage Warden for the Parish Council states: ‘It is important to protect and preserve the York flagstones which are a historic feature on the meadow. They were laid in the nineteenth century to provide an all-weather walking pavement between Hatfield Place and Church Road’.



## This has been a learning curve for all of us

Due to the impact of the pandemic the WEA has set up almost overnight many online courses, all over the UK. Our branch’s first toe in this water of learning via Zoom started in January when a tutor known to most of us, Roger Cooke, presented a series of ten weekly sessions on ‘Defending Britain through the centuries’. Strange to be at home talking to our lecturer on the TV screen.



Firstly, Iron Age hill forts - ramparts and pallsades built on naturally defensive features of the landscape - hilltops - which could be defended against an attacking neighbouring force using spears, swords and slingshots - a place of respite for the local community including its livestock, eg Maiden Castle in Dorset.

The Roman occupation brought stone-built forts, some at garrison towns linked by a series of strategic roads. The Anglo-Saxon era, the so-called Dark Ages (anything but dark), a settled agrarian society needed to defend itself and its monastic wealth against marauding Vikings who came to our river estuaries to penetrate deep inland.

Post 1066AD the Norman influence lasted for around four centuries, principally large impressive stone built structures, castles and cathedrals that said ‘we’re here, in charge, we’re staying’. And so on, through centuries up to the 19c dealing with the evolution of a wide variety and sophistication of structures and weaponry which provided defence from attack within the realm and without. The final week touched on the 20c when defence against attack by air was necessary, an example of defensive structure being the Maunsell forts in the Thames estuary and off the Essex coast, essentially offshore anti-aircraft gun platforms.

Future courses for the group could be either online or face-to-face. Watch this space.

## There for parents when they need us most, because childhood can't wait

A huge thank you to Hatfield Peverel and Ulting for your gifts including an amazing £785 in cash and tokens. . . Wow!

Home-Start Essex Coordinators were so grateful for our donations. Helped by our generosity and that of many others they were able to put together food boxes and gifts for many Home-start families to 'give a little love' at Christmas. With the help of volunteers (with masks and careful social distancing!) these were all dropped off at doorsteps. Here is one family's response, illustrating the difference Home-Start can make:

*'Hi, it was lovely to see you yesterday. Thank you so much for the food box, we really appreciate it and the gifts too. We really can't thank you enough for your continued support you have given us over these past few months..You and your team are amazing and I honestly don't know where we would of been without all your help. Once again I thank you from the bottom of our hearts what you have done.'*

Please know how much your generosity was appreciated and visit the Home-Start Essex website to find out more about what Home-Start is doing:- [www.home-startessex.org.uk](http://www.home-startessex.org.uk)

### Thankyou again for your support - Anna Tomlins

Sam Bailey, Fundraising and Marketing Manager, Home Start Essex, adds his thanks to parishioners. He writes 'Every penny donated, every gift, every hour given counts towards our unique and valuable service to families in the community. Throughout the kind support of our donors, funders volunteers and staff we were able to commit over 15,000 hours of support to families in need'. Here are some quotes from families who have received our service.



*'Home Start has helped me be proud of motherhood, be more positive and feel less isolated - Liz and daughter 2 years.'* *'We really can't thank you enough for your continued support you have given us over the past few months. You and your team are amazing and I honestly don't know where we would be without your help. Once again, I thank you from the bottom of our hearts for what you have done'.* Tanya, mum of three children.

## Our Library re-opened on 12 April

Lovely to have you back, we've all missed you!

### Here are your new library times

Mondays 9am - 12 noon:

Tuesdays 2pm - 7pm

Wednesdays 9am - 1pm:

Saturdays 9am - 5pm

Thursdays and Fridays are closed.



The library has done a stalwart job during shutdown. A big thank you to them all.



## Beeleigh Abbey gardens

Three acres of riverside gardens in an historic setting dating from the 13th century

Friday dates: 23 April, 7/14/28 May, 4/11/25 June  
Open 10.30am - 4.30pm, last admission 3.30pm

Admission adult £6, children 5 - 16 £2.50, children under 5 free.

Website: [visitmaldon.co.uk/beeleigh-abbey](http://visitmaldon.co.uk/beeleigh-abbey) or telephone 07506 867122.



*Plum pickers having a break in Mr Wardley's fields at Bovingtons Farm around the 1930s(?). Keith Wright lent us this photograph: he knows some names and wondered if anyone can help him with the others*

## **Vacancy for Junior School Governor**

**W**ithin Hatfield Peverel we are fortunate to have two long established schools, Hatfield Peverel Infant School and Hatfield Peverel St Andrew's Junior School both of which are rated 'Good' by Ofsted and both of which are central to the life of the village. My wife, Marilyn, taught for many years at the Infant School and I am privileged to be Chair of Governors at St Andrew's Junior.

We currently have a vacancy at St Andrew's Junior for a new co-opted Governor to join our friendly and hard-working team of School Governors. This is a voluntary position and does not require any specialist knowledge of education or of schools. Any necessary training will be provided. If you care about the children of our village and wish to make a difference to their lives this opportunity could be for you.

With the village and neighbouring communities expanding we are fortunate to have the capacity to take in some new children over the next 2-3 years. As a Governing Board we want to make sure that families moving in to the village itself and in to neighbouring areas are aware of the school and of all that it has to offer. At St Andrew's every child is loved and known and encouraged to shine. That ethos is apparent from the moment you walk through the door. Supporting the school as a Governor is a rewarding experience. Although not essential we would particularly welcome applications from people with experience in marketing, promotion, advertising or public relations.

If you would like to find out more or to talk this through please do not hesitate to contact me [R.Cook@hatfieldpeverel-jun.essex.sch.uk](mailto:R.Cook@hatfieldpeverel-jun.essex.sch.uk)

Ralf Cook  
Chair of Governors

## News from St Andrews

What a difference a year makes! Last year I reviewed the Advent and Christmas services and activities and looked forward to Ash Wednesday and Lent. This year Advent and Christmas Services were thrown into confusion and had to be cancelled as the Covid-19 pandemic went out of control.



We held two special Advent services in St Andrews, the first a Mother's Union service where we concentrated on Advent, or the coming of Christ. Advent is about the coming of Christ, but not just coming at Christmas. Goody bags were available after the service, replacing our usual mince pies and tea. Thank you to Anna Tomlins for preparing these.

The 'big' Christmas Eve service, the Light of the World, could not take place. Homestart, also short of volunteers to distribute toys, asked for donations of supermarket vouchers and money. Some people bought toys and left them with myself or Anna Tomlins, our Homestart representative, to be distributed at an appropriate time.

Some came for quiet prayer on Christmas Day - St Andrews was open at 10.15am and All Saints 9am. I took the opportunity to light the 4th Advent candle and the one for Christmas Day with appropriate prayers.

In spite of the virus we are looking forward. Projects are in hand or waiting for approval by the Diocese and, by the time you read this the Church Hall will have been repainted, the first time since 1994 when it opened. We are also looking at the possibility of a fence for St Andrews Churchyard. We are committed to maintaining the high standard of our Parish magazine, for which hard copies will be available as usual. If you wish to receive copies (there are 10 per year) it is 50pence a copy. Please contact the Vicar or Churchwardens if you wish to be included on our subscription list. There is also a church website that covers St Andrews and All Saints [www.hatfieldpeverelultingchurches.org.uk](http://www.hatfieldpeverelultingchurches.org.uk)

Finally I hope you liked the specially commissioned Christmas card (paid for by a generous donation) even if we couldn't have the services promised. We hope to have the outdoor Christmas tree which was something we hadn't done before, but was appreciated by many passing on their way to the burial ground. I hope St Andrews and All Saints will enter the New Year thinking in terms of a glass half-full not half-empty.

Let us pray the vaccines may enable us to come together socially once again and soon.

## All Saints, Ulting

Christ's passion, and much of his experiences of life here on earth beforehand, deals with loss, disappointment, betrayal, isolation and rejection. Through Christ, God has walked with us in our real lives so he knows and understands pain. Thankfully, when Jesus died on Good Friday, it was not the end of the story. Death was defeated on that cross. Even through the darkness of the tomb, when his followers grieved over his death, God's transforming power was at work, about to bring life out of death, joy out of sorrow and hope out of despair. How can Easter bring hope out of despair?

In John's Gospel, Chapter 20, we hear the account of Jesus' resurrection. We hear how two disciples, who had been paralysed with grief and fear, become suddenly animated by Mary Magdalene's news that Jesus is not in the tomb. No doubt remembering his words, that in three days he would rise, they run as fast as they can to the tomb. When they go inside the open tomb, belief comes flooding in by the sack load!

Soon after, Jesus comes to meet people where they are in their everyday lives. As Jesus comes to his disciples, hiding out of fear behind locked doors, he greets them saying 'Peace be with you'. He shows them his hand and his side. They see for themselves that the risen, victorious Christ who greets them is the same battered

and broken Jesus they witnessed dying on the cross and who has been laid to rest and sealed in the tomb. Jesus still carries his past scars, these were deep wounds, yet through the power and love of God he moved through death into life. With his help, though we carry our scars, we can slowly move back into life too.

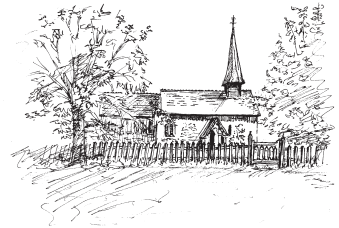
At the end of his resurrection account John highlights his joyful purpose in writing - ‘so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name’ (John 20:31). The response of the disciples to the resurrection is that they overflow with life, confidence and joy. Through Jesus comes new hope and new life, the Good News is that this has never changed! Scripture reminds us of this eternal truth: ‘you show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy’ (Psalm 16:11)

Although All Saints Church was not open for Easter Services, an open air service was held in the sunshine on Sunday. An Easter trail was set up following a path beginning at the gate at the top of the lane leading to the Church. At the gate there was a box marked Easter Trail containing explanatory notes of what to look out for. The trail ended at the back of the Church where an Easter Garden had been planted.

During this particularly difficult year the Prayer Box in the porch at All Saints has proved a lifeline for so many people who feel a need to share their problems, and very often their joys too. I regularly check the Box and include all the messages in my daily prayers.

This Easter, in the presence of the risen Lord, may you and all those you love have found peace, hope and new life, abundant and eternal.

Prayers and blessings Reverend Derek



## **Hatfield Peveler Methodist and Reality Church**

**Our Services remain online due to the Covid restrictions.**

**O**ur Christmas Eve service was led by Jane and Eddie and included our individual recordings of ‘O little town of Bethlehem’, ‘Away in a Manger’ sung by Lydia and illustrated by her and her sister, the Reality church puppets rocking to the hymn ‘Glory to God in the highest heaven’ and a Happy Christmas sequence of actions. Finally we had a quiz to recognise the people in the Christmas story. Eddie expertly put all the entries together.

**This recording has now had 150 viewings so we were very happy to reach so many people.**

**Our Christmas Service was led by our Minister, Rev Barry with music from Esther.** Barry spoke about how winter cold and short days affects our moods and how we can relate this to our Christian faith. Darkness represents sadness but light represents Jesus and our Christian faith. He reminded us the Wise Men used a bright star to follow and find the stable where Jesus was born in Bethlehem – this could have been the alignment of Jupiter and Saturn which occurred around that time and again occurred last December, the first time since the 13th Century.

Our online Sunday services continue each week at 9.30am. Look for links to these events on the Reality Church Facebook page **Methodist @HPReality Church** or on Youtube: <https://tinyurl.com/hprealitychurch>

We are also maintaining our connection with St Andrew’s school by providing Youtube sessions – recent topics have been Bible stories of the Parable of the Sower, Feeding the 5000 and The Lost Sheep which are used in their school assemblies. Anyone can access these programmes online using david burton reality kids. More recently we also took part in an inter-church Zoom quiz for the Methodist Churches in the Maldon area. It took us three separate quiz nights to find a winner and Reality Church came out on top!

Discussions are on going to re-open the Sunday Services at the Little Bears Nursery and re-commence coffee mornings and Messy Church events so that we can look forward to welcoming you very soon.

## Steps for Helen

Walk, jog or run 10,000 steps per day?

Are you doing more walking during lockdown to keep yourself busy and improve your fitness? **Why not do it in aid of Helen Rollason Cancer Charity and support local people living with cancer!**

It's free to take part; challenge yourself to walk to some or all of our Cancer Support Centres in and around Essex; simply set your target to walk, jog or run and then get your family and friends to sponsor you as you aim to achieve your goal.

London to Harlow - A to B = 16 miles (32,000 steps)

Hatfield Peverel to Colchester - C to D = 18 miles (36,000 steps)

Harlow to Hatfield Peverel - B to C = 26 miles (52,000 steps)

Colchester to Southend on Sea - D to E = 40 miles (80,000 steps)

Southend on Sea to London - E to A = 39 miles (78,000 steps)

Sign up and download your sponsorship form today at [www.helenrollason.org.uk](http://www.helenrollason.org.uk) and for more information call 01245 380719



## Thank you to the Hatfield Peverel community

On behalf of everyone at Helen Rollason Cancer Charity we would like to say thank you Hatfield Peverel for your generous response to our urgent fundraising appeal. Here are some of our upcoming events

**Ride for Helen** – Sunday 16 May 2021, Crix, Hatfield Peverel, Essex

Cyclists from across the county and beyond will be meeting at Crix to take part in this fantastic, family-friendly event. This year there are four circular routes through the beautiful Essex countryside with distances of 6 miles, 15 miles, 30 miles and 65 miles all starting and finishing at Hatfield Peverel.

Register to take part; [www.rideforhelen.co.uk](http://www.rideforhelen.co.uk)

**Helen Rollason Cancer Charity Shop Witham is open during the following hours**

Monday 10am – 2.30pm, Tuesday 9am – 4pm, Wednesday 10am – 2.30pm, Thursday 10am – 2.30pm

Friday 10am – 2.30pm, Saturday 10am – 2.30pm

## Counselling Support

Between July and December 2020, we provided almost 1,000 hours of counselling to support people living with cancer. We have had to adapt our working practice in line with Government guidelines which means for the time being sessions are taking place via the telephone. If you are living with cancer, or know somebody who is, we have counsellors available to support them.

For an informal chat about how we can help or for more information please call Kate on 07730 209442 or email [kate.alden@helenrollason.org.uk](mailto:kate.alden@helenrollason.org.uk)

## Re-opening our Mid Essex Support Centre

We were delighted to open our Mid Essex Support Centre on The Street in Hatfield Peverel on Monday 12 April 2021. Our clients were full of praise - "So pleased you are now open – I have missed you all."

## On your bike

Many keen cyclists and those who are giving it a go for the first time - perhaps on two wheels rather than one - have taken the opportunity to enjoy the countryside around and about our village. Thank you to Neville Bright who saw this young lady on her unicycle some months ago, riding the footpath from the Scout and Guide HQ down to Sportsmans Lane.

Quote from the Wikihow website:  
*Unicycling consists of three basic movements: mounting, riding, and dismounting. Because of the intense balance required for unicycling, the steps below take a great deal of practice to master. Start off with a plate of patience and an adventurous attitude and learn how to unicycle with the following sequence.....*



## COVID Vaccination Programme for patients Sidney House and The Laurels Surgeries

The Surgery was not designated as a vaccination centre and therefore was not able to offer the vaccine at either of our surgeries.

We were very pleased however to be partnered with Danbury Medical Centre (part of the Beacon Health Group) who have been providing COVID vaccinations to our eligible registered patients. This has included housebound patients, and those residing in Nursing and Care Homes.

So far 3,681 of our patients have received their first dose of the vaccine (at various vaccination centres) and 40 have declined. We are now starting to see some of our patients receiving their second vaccine.

1st doses given up to and including 10 March 2021			
Group		No. of patients vaccinated	%
	Housebound patients	45	
1	Care home residents	86	93.5
2a	Age Group 80+	514	94.7
2b	HSCW	32	75.6
3	Age Group 75 - 79	437	92.8
4a	Age Group 70 - 74	599	93.2
4b	COVID19 high risk	276	91.4
5	Age Group 65 - 69	550	92.3
6	Age 16-64 at risk ( i.e. with underlying health conditions)	626	82.2
7	Age Group 60 - 64	356	65.6
8	Age Group 55 - 59	80	12.9
9	Age Group 50 - 54	81	12.6

We politely ask that those patients yet to be invited for their second vaccine not to call the Surgery, but wait to be contacted. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Alexandra Jones, Operations Manager, Sidney House & The Laurels surgeries**

## **A full season of cricket? Yes please**

Nick Carter - Secretary HPCC

**H**atfield Peverel Cricket Club is delighted to announce there is a very good chance there will be a full season of cricket this year. Both in the T Rippon League on Saturdays and the Warsop League on Sundays. Our T20 All Stars side are working on a full programme of Tuesday evening games throughout the season.



Sadly though, the start of the season is subject to some strict limitations on attendance and use of the facilities. Hopefully as the season progresses and the covid restrictions are eased we will be able to return to as near normal as it will be possible to get in the new vaccinated against covid era.

### **The limitations we are subject to at the start are, briefly**

- \* Only players and coaches can attend
- \* No spectators
- \* Players must come ready changed and leave in playing kit at the end of the match
- \* The changing facilities must remain closed
- \* Toilet facilities can be used subject to certain conditions
- \* The bar is closed but as the season progresses and restrictions are eased, table service may resume

**Full details are available on the ECB website on the covid restrictions page covering recreational cricket.**

Whilst the club is eager to get back to unrestricted cricket, we must respect the regulations governing the return to sporting activities.

We look forward to the day when we can open our facilities to the wider community and hope to see many of you join us at our lovely ground for a relaxing afternoon/evening enjoying the cricket and a sociable beer or two.

## **A tale of Fiery Fred**

Trueman bowls. Batsman is trapped plumb LBW. Trueman appeals. Not out!

Next ball. Trueman ever-so-slightly irritated. Trueman bowls. Audible snick, ball deflects and sails upward, caught behind. Trueman appeals. Not out!

Third ball. Trueman a little more irritated now. Trueman bowls. Through the gate, stumps spread-eagled, middle stump uprooted and cartwheeling. Trueman turns to the umpire and says with a wry smile, 'We nearly had him that time, didn't we?'

## **May Day - Bowls day - hurray!**

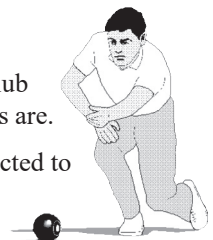
Rita Thomson, Bowls Captain, 01245 380038

**I**t is hoped, all things being equal and our stiff limbs being supple enough, our Bowls Club will open on Saturday 1 May. Please note the pavilion will not be in use although toilets are.

There will be two sessions on 1 May, 10.30am and 2.30pm, and numbers will be restricted to nine members per session. You need to book if you want to play.

Our first league game will be against Silver End, sometime in mid May.

We are so looking forward to seeing you all enjoying a game of bowls. Let us hope better times lie ahead.





# Welcome children and families back to school

Becky Black, Headteacher, Hatfield Peverel St Andrew's Junior School



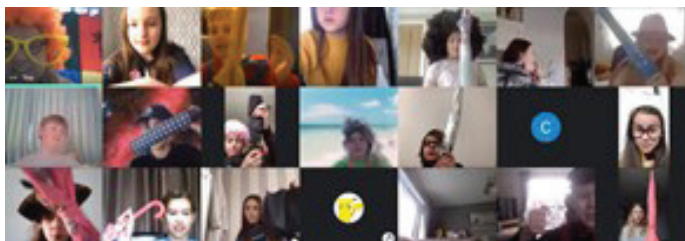
It has been so lovely to, once again, welcome our children and families back to school. During Lockdown 3.0, the entire school and home communities worked with such commitment and passion to do their best in the circumstances we were in, and for that I am and will forever be hugely grateful.

During Lockdown 3.0, the school participated in a Maths Day, celebrated World Book Day either at home or in school, held a joke-a-thon for Comic Relief, had a Fancy Dress day to raise funds for our PTA (I spent my day as Snow White!) and we also had some fun in the snow with our critical worker children in school.

We are very grateful to Paul Mason Associates for donation of IT equipment, Mrs M Elliston for the donation of a kindle, Mrs H Oatway for a large number of very high quality books and David Evans from 'Essex PC Helps' for his kind donation of 3 refurbished laptops. We really appreciate these kind gestures and support to our school during this most difficult time.

As we are unable to invite prospective parents in to visit school we have made a 'snap-shot' of life in St Andrew's. We are very proud of our school and children and we hope you enjoy our film by following the link <https://drive.google.com/file/d/15TGkQnHKtID-ntPEkE1mJ5sGhSbPYz7/view>

We look ahead now to the Summer and the start of the easing of restrictions. We long for the day when our children can mix again in school and the many pages of Covid risk assessing are long forgotten but, in



the meantime, we will continue to keep our rigorous protocols in place to ensure the safety of the children and our whole school community. We are grateful to our families for their understanding of our need to be strict, and over-cautious in some instances, but every decision made is with our best intentions at heart.

We wish our whole school community a very Happy Easter and look forward to a warm and relaxing summer.

## Duck Pond Project

As you will have seen the Parish Council has been working on rejuvenating the duck pond area, off of the Strutt Memorial Recreation Ground. Planting has begun, with more to come throughout the year. The aim is to create a quiet, reflective space for residents, and a haven for wildlife, through the log stack 'bug hotel' and bird and bat boxes.

If you are visiting to feed the ducks, please remember that a duck's natural diet is made up of pond weed, seeds, insects, worms, small water snails and amphibians. According to the Canal and River Trust, best food items to feed ducks are:

- \* sweetcorn - tinned, frozen or fresh is fine, just make sure you defrost frozen corn
- \* lettuce - all types of salad leaves are fine, as long as it hasn't gone slimy
- \* peas - no need to cook them, but allow frozen peas to defrost before feeding
- \* oats - rolled oats and even instant porridge oats are fine.
- \* seeds - bird seed or supermarket bought seeds for human consumption are fine. Seeds are very nutritious!
- \* rice - both cooked and uncooked rice is fine.

**Please avoid feeding the ducks bread - it is not good for them and it attracts rats.**

## Champers in Hampers, Fizzes with Quizzes, Great Wines for Valentine's

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

[www.peverelwineclub.co.uk](http://www.peverelwineclub.co.uk)

email [peverelwineclub@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:peverelwineclub@hotmail.co.uk)

Variety is the spice of life and our Wine Club Christmas party was a change from the previous 43 years – no turkey supper, no dancing, no raffle. We had plenty of good spirits, dressing-up in Christmas jumpers and headgear! Thirty members got together by the miracle of Zoom, and thanks to brilliant strategic planning, all 30 of us tasted the same wines at the same time. .

All participants received a Christmas hamper prepared by our team of elves and delivered by reindeer. Many thanks go to Jill Shakespeare, Steve and Anne Spearman, Paul and Donna Boreham, Vee and Chris Green, Graham Bushby and Janis Aunon. All 6 wines were excellent choices from Asda and Lidl - Lidl Port was voted top, at £6.49 a bargain, and we provided our own Christmassy snacks. After these generous tastings, we were glad NOT to drive home!

January's meeting saw a good turnout of members for the traditional Intra-Club Quiz on Zoom, with testing questions set by our resident quiz-master, Graham Bushby. Everyone did well and polished off their leftover wines and nibbles from Christmas during a very enjoyable evening.

February's Zoom meeting on 10 February was a celebration in honour of St Valentine's Day. We were tasked with finding a romantic wine to introduce on the evening, and there were appropriate games to round off the celebrations!



If you'd like to join us for an inexpensive evening out - or in - you would be welcome.

Give Vee a ring to confirm your invitation to join a Zoom session on 01245 355723. Catch up with Wine

Club happenings during lockdown by viewing our website at [www.peverelwineclub.co.uk](http://www.peverelwineclub.co.uk)

## 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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## 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

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

Witham - use enquiry line above

Hatfield Peverel - Monday 9am - 12noon

Tuesday, Thursday 1pm - 5pm

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

Thursday and Friday - closed

**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

Tigertots Toddler Group 07866 518846

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

## My experience with the Covid vaccination

With apologies to Pam Ayers

*I heard a lot about this Covid vaccination.*

*I thought I'd better have it without much hesitation.*

*They told me 'It is quite alright and it won't make you sore'*

*But I'm not fond of needles and I was not so sure.*

*A crowd of us was gathered, all distanced socially*

*Some short some tall some big some small, some in wheelchairs like me.*

*I looked around quite nervously at those who'd gone before,*

*And I was very glad to see no-one collapsed on the floor*

*When it came to my turn the nurse was very kind, She asked which arm was best for the jab, I said I didn't mind.*

*She put it in the left one, and I was very glad- when it was all over 'cos I didn't like that jab.*

*I'm sad to say I rued the day I kept that vaccine date*

*I was one of the minority - a bad reaction was my*

*fate But all you folk who await the jab, don't let my experience fool ya!*

*Because my family will tell you - I've always been peculiar.*

Hope this makes you smile on a grey day. From Jean.



*The Old Man of Mowden Hall Lane*