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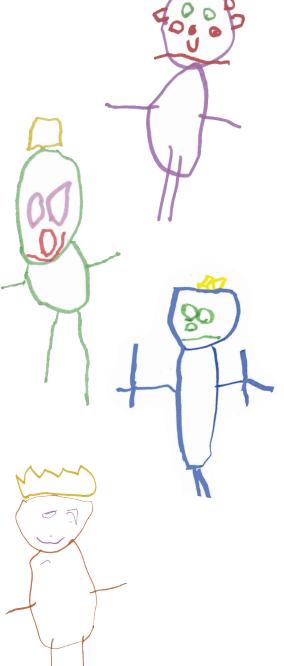
Dear Queen.....from the Nursery

For the Queen's Jubilee we have drawn lots of pictures of the Queen and sent them to her in a celebration card. We had lots of fun taking part in red, white and blue themed activities, we also came to nursery wearing our red, white or blue clothes.

After half term we are going to be busy working with the school to aid the children's smooth transition. We will be visiting their new classroom to familiarise them with their new environment and encouraging them to become independent in preparation for the next exciting step in their learning journey.

For availability of spaces please telephone 01245 382450







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Local events and happenings round and about

Diary Dates

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June

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Front cover: Nursery children with their celebration of the Queen's Jubilee. Thanks to Andre, Elizabeth, Enya, Harrison, Jasper and Piper

Hot one minute, cold the next.....

You are unfortunate if this description fits you - but not as unfortunate as your partner as, depending on the length of time you have been together, he or she is longing for a big white bird to come and take you away. To Australia or even the top of a nearby mountain. Mountains are short round here, Danbury by the church will be fine. You have chosen a not unkind spot and the views are great. We were actually married here many years ago - hot and cold was not a problem then.

But this has not been a good year, with climate change, Brexit, difficult to get away if you're looking for somewhere hot (Arabia) or cold (Alaska). Have you noticed how a warm morning can turn, by lunchtime, into a cold blast - its trousers and jumpers on - or off if the icy morning's turned hot?

Want to know about climate change? Years back our farmers were on the ball - 'evening red and morning grey ends the traveller on his way. Evening grey and morning red sends the traveller wet to bed'. I've found enough in this book to last a a lifetime. See you next month!

Parish Footpath Warden kenearney@hotmail.com - 01245 381235

Due to physical ailments starting to bother me of recent times it's becoming difficult to carry out some of the jobs needed in the more distant parts of the parish without using the car so I've decided to step back progressively and hand over to someone else.

It's been a very interesting 20 years, I've learned a lot and I shall miss it, but I would expect to be available to act as a mentor for as long as any replacement feels the need.

Is anyone out there willing to take on the task? Please make yourself known to me directly or to Sarah Gaeta, the parish clerk.



It's time! Saturday 4 June 2022 1pm - 9pm

The Queen has given her blessing And the weather looks promising

Bring yourselves and your families along There's something for everyone Free entry

Local bands Allycats
Blazin' Aces, Dr Zero
Tight Fit, and closing with Boosy

Officially opened by lan Twinley, Deputy Lieutenant of Essex

Entertainment from Hotsteps and KL Aerials Mini dog display if the weather is right

There are craft stalls, charity raffles, a food court, an indoor and outdoor bar and cocktails

Many things for the children including bouncy castles, ice creams, slushies and face painting.

Allotment and growing news

Drew Price hpaa new site member. Check us out; https://www.hpaa.org.uk

If April is the 'let's really go for it!' month on the allotments, May is the 'let's really look after it' month. And remember, careful planning is the key to your success, so, after taking stock of what you planted and where; and what crops did well due to successful crop rotation, it's time to nurture for this year's bountiful harvests.

With your seed potatoes already in the ground with a good start of chicken manure pellets mixed with compost, you are off to a great start. The planting of onion sets and successional sowings of beetroot, carrots, parsnips, lettuce, spinach, spring onions, kohl rabi, radish, turnips, early peas, and Swiss chard, all of them, like you, enjoying the longer days will produce fresh crops that will already be appearing. This really is an exciting time of the year for the allotment gardener!

And, although allotments have been around this area in Cart Lodge Field since the 1800s, all that I've just described has been happening in our **current** Hatfield Peverel sites every year for over 50 years (and maybe even since the 1800s).

Margaret Freeman, the Heritage Warden for the Parish Council has included not only our allotments but also a fascinating overview and description of other notable landmark assets of Hatfield Peverel in a great display in the library (exhibition ended 28 May).

As we welcomed so many new residents in the last Review's article, it is notable in walking through many of the new housing developments, that most properties are short of growing space for fruit and vegetables. Perhaps that is why our waiting list continues to grow. This demonstrates allotments are a valued asset to any community. Collateral benefits of fresh air, exercise, and the satisfaction of having grown it yourself increases this value. Imagine, crops of potatoes, beans, brassicas, onions, leeks, sweetcorn, salad fixings and some soft fruit such as strawberries and raspberries, sufficient to supplement the family diet all year round with careful planning and storage (most crops freeze well).

Who knows, maybe you had family with an allotment in the 1800s. As a Canadian, I did not. However, since being here and part of Hatfield Peverel Allotment Association for over 15 years, I'm stirred by being part of the local history and the memory of our own Canadian garden and helping my dad. Great times all.

To share these memories and enjoy the benefits, go to (hpaa.org.uk), click contact us, click Join the HPAA and then click Member Mojo. You'll also enjoy, in the August Review, past president's David Goodey's article 'History of the HPAA'! Thanks David.

Hope to see you soon. And, whatever you grow this year I really hope you do well and enjoy growing and eating your own crops.

The best plant sale yet!

Hatfield Peverel and Ulting Horticultural Society Trina Butcher, Publicity (380532) www.essexinfo.net/hatpevgardens

A good morning in early May, the society's annual spring plant sale. Nounsley was a popular place to be, stalls packed with plants and, as usual, plenty of bargains. The morning raised a fantastic £1,3672. We all had a second cake, which as always were pretty good too!

Afternoon garden walk Sunday 19 June

Furzelea, Bicknacre Road, Danbury. Meet 2pm. Victorian house surrounded by gardens with colour-co-ordinated beds and borders enhanced by topiary, grasses, climbers and man unusual plants. Admission £8 including tea, coffee and cakes. Proceeds to National Garden Scheme.

For further details and information how to get there ring Clive on 381704 or 07771 536938.

A reminder - Summer holiday to Nottingham 3 - 7 July 2022

It's good to be back to almost normal this year with our annual summer break to Nottingham to look forward to. There are still a few places to spare if you are interested..

Our base is the Eastwood Hall Hotel on the outskirts of the former mining town - birthplace of author DH Lawrence..The hotel has an indoor swimming pool, wellness centre, a lift and terrace with gardens. We will visit Easton walled garden (en route), Norwood Cottage, Meadow Farm,

Fellery, Priory and Patching Art Centre. An added attraction could be a visit to D H Lawrence museum.

Cost per person is £465 which includes four nights dinner, bed and breakfast, executive coach travel, all admission to booked venues, refreshments at private gardens and three lunches.

If you are interested and would like to book a place or know more about this visit give Clive Emberson a ring on 01245 381704, mobile 07771 536938, or email cliveemberson@outlook.com

Hatfield Peverel Walkers.

Graham Bushby - 07484 864712

In April ten walkers took our annual pilgrimage to Toppinghoe woods to see the very impressive display of bluebells including the various white variegated versions. It is not possible to park close to this wood but access is possible from Terling road by the railway bridge public footpath across the field following the pylons and around the farm track. The walk from Hatfield Peverel and return is about 2.5 miles but can be extended by walking through the woods and out onto the Waltham Road and making a circular walk back to Toppinghoe Hall along the edge of the fields following marked footpaths making a 4 mile walk back to Hatfield Peverel.

In May seven walkers took cars to St Bartholomew's Church at Wickham Bishops and walked a circular route around the area taking in part of the old Maldon to Ulting Rail route and passing en route the de-consecrated St Peter's church which now sits in splendid isolation surrounded only by fields and lost amongst a few trees and foliage but is in remarkable condition with perfect stained glass windows. Again this was a 4 mile walk taking just over two hours.

Our next two walk dates are 30 June and 28 July starting from the Village Hall at 10am but new walkers are asked to check before attending - please see below.

New members who would like to explore the area are particularly welcome to join us. The walks take place on the last Thursday of the month and generally last for about 3-4 hours and cover 4-5 miles but please no animals. There is no subscription and if you would like more information please contact Graham Bushby on 07484 864712

A welcome return for our WEA?

WEA members enjoyed an online course in the spring term by Andy Beharrell on 'Economics - Have We Learned Anything from History?'.

We had hoped that this would be a face-to-face course, back in the Scout HQ on Tuesday mornings, but this was not to be. The Omicron variant defeated us, and we had to decide that it was not sensible to

meet in person.

However, we are working towards resuming face-to-face in September 2022 and we look forward to seeing people then. We have two very interesting lecturers booked - Sue Pownall on Art, and Roger Cooke with a history course. Watch this space!"

Best wishes to you all - Lesley Naish.

Parish Council news

Sarah Gaeta, Clerk to the Parish Council; Carly Truman, Assistant Clerk Parish Council Office, Village Hall, Maldon Road, Hatfield Peverel, CM3 2HP

To make an appointment to see the Clerk in person telephone 01245 382865 or email parishclerk@hatfieldpeverelpc.com or assistantclerk@hatfieldpeverelpc.com between the hours of 9am and 1pm Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Sincere condolences

The Parish Council offers its sincere condolences to the family and friends of former Parish Councillor, Cliff Livermore. Cliff was an active member of the Parish Council in the 80s Hatfield Peverel Walkers, being once again elected to the Council in May 2019 and serving until August 2020.

Crime concerns

Please remember you can call 101 for crime prevention advice or to report a crime that does not need an emergency response. It is very important to report crime to the Police so that they can build up a 'picture' of what is happening in the area.

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, 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

The Parish Council considered the following applications at its April and May meetings, with no objections (unless otherwise indicated):

22/00592/FUL – Retention of the use of existing building as an independent dwelling at Smallands Cottage Annexe, Spring Lane..

22/00482/HH – Two-storey side extension and single-storey rear extension at 1 Wentworth Close.

22/00625/TPO – Tree works at 1 The Pines...

22/00902/ELD – Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for an existing development (single-storey front porch extension) at 2 Denham Cottages, Ulting Road.

22/00947/HH – Single-storey extension to side and rear with internal alterations at 8 Beech Rise.

Website - 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**

Facebook: @hatfieldpeverelpc

Twitter: @HatPevPC

The Parish Council's Social Media policy can be viewed on its website:

https://www.hatfieldpeverelpc.com/policies-and-procedures/social-media-policy

The next meetings of the Parish Council will take place at 7.30pm on Monday 6 June and Monday 4 July. Both will be held at the Village Hall. Public participation is welcome, please see the agenda which is published on the Parish Council website and on the noticeboards.

Hatfield Peverel Cricket Club

Chairman Trevor Lenoir Secretary and Pavilion Manager Nick Carter

The cricket season is upon us. After a packed pre-season of friendlies, the competitive league got underway on 7 May. Our Saturday T Rippon Mid Essex Cricket League 1st XI secured a narrow away win against Great Wakering, whilst the 2nd XI lost at home to Loughton. The Sunday XI friendly side secured an away win over Galleywood Sunday 2nd XI. Our Women's XI played Old Chelmsfordians at the Church Road ground and lost by a single run scored off the last ball of the game on 29 April.

Our fabulous All Stars T20 side play on Tuesday evenings and have entered a competitive T20 league as well as pursuing their friendly match commitments. The season is packed, with over 51 matches to be played at our home ground on Church Road. Come and join us.

A notable date for your diaries Peverelers. Hatfield Peverel CC will be holding a 3 day Beer Festival over the weekend of the 22nd, 23rd, & 24th of July. Our Womens XI take on Rayleigh Womens XI at 6pm of Friday 22nd. Our T Rippon Mid Essex 1st XI take on Theydon Bois in the T Rippon 3rd Division at 1pm on Saturday 23rd and our Warsop League Sunday XI take on Chelmsford Super Kings at 1pm on Sunday 24th. There will be live music Saturday evening and a DJ Sunday evening - with a selection of real ale all 3 days. Come and enjoy the revelry at our lovely ground.

Hatfield Peverel CC teams fixtures/results can be found on https://hatfieldpeverel.play-cricket.com/matches

The Club has benefitted enormously from the generosity of our partners and sponsors over the last few years and this has contributed greatly to many improvements to our facilities. Our heartfelt thanks go to Fraser Smith of SEA Transport for our new roll on covers and dedicated women's changing facilities. Thanks too go to Essex Community Foundation for the grant to repair the gable end and flat roof of our pavilion. This was made up in two parts: Longfield Solar Farms and Essex and Southend Sports Charitable Fund. Our grateful thanks go to our ongoing sponsors and partners, Skippers GM and Perspective Landscapes for their continuing support in maintaining the ground year round. The work done by Andy Barber renovating the back bar (our cellar) has made a big improvement as has the fitting of the new showers by Troy Hogg. Thank you all. Our thanks also to Strutt & Parker Farms Ltd, our landlords who have supported us over many years.

Finally, we are working toward re-establishing our Colts & Girls youth cricket as well as expanding our senior teams. We have an inclusive policy and all our teams apart from the Women's XI are mixed. If you're cricket is good enough then you're eligible for selection. The club is always looking for new players and members, if you're interested come down and join us. Look forward to seeing you at our lovely ground.

Fancy a game of bowls - the summer season has started Chairman Derek Walls 381103

www.hatfield peverel/bowls

There's still a bit of a breeze of

There's still a bit of a breeze on our bowling green in spite of the official summer season being with us. The green is playing reasonably well though - and we would like to welcome new members to our game of bowls.

If you would like meet us and have a look round there is usually someone at the club most afternoons from 2pm onwards who would be happy to talk to you. We are a friendly club - and one years membership is only £50, a bargain for the whole of the summer. And the well supported indoor bowls continues throughout the year.

Girlguiding

Rainbows are working on skills builders and other activities to gain badges. Many are doing interest badges at home and bring their work to Rainbows for a show and tell so they can receive more badges! Plans are being made for a Jubilee party. We had a big group photo taken to make into a birthday card for the Queen.



Brownies have been focusing on getting to know each other again after a long time of not meeting face to face regularly. The girls have prepared and hosted their own party including mocktails and fayre games to go towards earning a badge. A few are finishing off their Brownie Gold award which will include a night with the Guides for sausages and singing. Plans are afoot to celebrate the Jubilee and hopefully a holiday too.

Guides are working on their Backwoods cooking badge, so plenty of fires. This will be complimented with other outdoor activities - traditional guide camp goings-on especially as two of our young leaders are attending a camp skills weekend in June. We are also planning something Jubilee themed and look forward to welcoming some Brownies for a campfire.

Whittler wanted! Villagers, I need someone who is skilled in the art of whittling. Do get in touch if you are willing and able to share your knowledge with our girls. Give Jo a ring on 01245 380386 or visit www. girlguiding.org.uk. Thank you. We meet in the Scout and Guide HQ, Church Road Monday evenings from 7pm.

Recycling and raising funds

Hatfield Peverel Scout Group, Kim McLaren - Executive PR Rep

Though it may sound too good to be true, we do recycle and raise funds all at the same time - and you can help too. We have partnered up with Green Recycling Ltd to help raise funds towards all activities the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers do.

Outside the Hatfield Peverel Scout and Guide HQ, in the car park, is the large green recycling container for all our papers and cardboard. **But please ensure you flatten all cardboard containers first!** There is no longer a monthly house to house collection. Green Recycling has a unit here and at the Tesco Store in Maldon which collects waste for Hatfield Peverel too. Throw as much recycling waste as you can find in the units and we'll do the rest. Bins are emptied regularly so there is always room for more! All funds raised contribute to providing enriching experiences for our children.

Party in the Park!

After a two year break due to the pandemic, Party in the Park is taking place on Saturday 4 June at 1pm — we can't wait! 1st Hatfield Peverel Scouts will be there with our Tomahawk throwing stall, if you'd like a go to show off your skills, come and find us. Our Scout Leaders are fully trained, so you're in safe hands!

New members

We are always looking for new members to join our groups so if your child is aged between 6 - 16 years old, get in touch. They will make friends, learn new skills and most importantly, have fun! For additional information, please visit our website - hpscouts.org

Volunteers warmly welcome - get in touch and get involved, you won't regret it

We are excited for summer adventures we have planned for our young people, only made possible through the dedication and support of our team. Without them we would not be able to provide fantastic experiences within our community. We are looking for new members to join us, and would love to hear from you if you feel you could contribute towards enhancing the lives of young people in your community. If you would like to know more, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us, you can email your enquiries to: Nick@hpscouts.org or see our Facebook page - 1st Hatfield Peverel Scout Group.

Lovibond Almshouses celebrate the charity's 200th anniversary (2020) and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

The Trustees of Lovibond's Almshouse Charity and residents of the cottages planted two Rowan trees in the front gardens on Thursday 28 April to recognise and celebrate the Charity's 200th anniversary in 2020, and also to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee this year.

The gardens are maintained by Stewart and he kindly helped, with the planting of the trees. Prayers were led by Father Stephen, and then refreshments were



provided for all. The weather was ideal for this very special occasion. Residents will enjoy seeing the trees grow and flourish to provide colour, shelter and a good food source for the wild birds.

The Trustees would like to thank Essex Forest Initiative for their contribution towards the trees: they are helping to offset the carbon produced which is contributing towards the ongoing climate change. Also, the planting of trees in the County is to encourage biodiversity and improve the air quality.

The Trustees intend to record the planting on The Queens Green Canopy in October 2022.

Hadfelda's April meeting, a new venture

In April we were delighted to welcome several new members and visitors

What better way to begin our new venture than with a talk by Hilary Doe who was born in the village. Her memory of living in Hatfield Peverel before the bypass and many of the houses were built was fascinating. Hilary brought along many old photos of village scenes, very few cars and not many houses! As she had been a founding member of the WI in 1965 there were also photos of some of the old members, a real nostalgia trip.

In May we were again delighted to welcome many new faces and some old friends to our group. Carol, who is a volunteer with Helen Rollason, gave us a very interesting and informative talk about the charity and the help they provide for Cancer sufferers. As they are based in Hatfield Peverel everyone was familiar with the charity but not all of us were aware of the service they provide.

Our future events include, an afternoon tea in June to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee (members only), a talk by one of the ladies from Cardfields in August and a Harvest lunch in September.

We continue to meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month in St. Andrew's Church Hall at 2pm. If you fancy giving us a try, it is £5 to come as a visitor, which includes tea and biscuits!

Songs on a Summer Evening

The Hadfelda Singers invite you to join them for Songs on a Summer Evening on Saturday 2 July 2022 at 7pm at St. Andrew's Church Hall, Hatfield Peverel, to celebrate an evening of popular songs and music.

Entry is free of charge - a collection will be taken on behalf of the Helen Rollason Charity.

Beeleigh Abbey Gardens, Maldon

Open days - refreshments, plant sale, free parking

A delight to visit - in June many modern English roses start to take centre stage followed in July by cottage and bog garden.

Gardens open 10.30am to 4.30pm; 10, 17, 24 June, 8, 15, 22 July. Admission adult £7, children 5 - 16 £2.50, under 5 free. Enquiries 07506 867122.



Cardfields - past and present Lin Shaw of our Village Heritage group

Lin Shaw of our Village Heritage group provides much of it here...

It's a 2 mile walk up through Crabbs Hill then left into Mowden Hall Lane, finally right into Bumfords Lane where you will find Cardfields House, now the Cardfields Centre which is a residential learning centre. Read on, Cardfields has a story to tell.....

Cardfields has been part of Hatfield Peverel since at least 1604 when records of clients of a Witham Solicitor had depositions to prove

Cardfields to be within the Parish of Hatfield Peverel. These are in the Essex Records Office, written in Latin on linen.

The old name was Cardevilles, part of the Manor of Mowden Hall. The name could derive from the French word Carder meaning teasel. The dried head of the teasel plant was used to raise the nap on woollen cloth, the wool weaving industry being well established in Essex during the 12th century.

Records show that Richard Cass was the tenant in 1646 then Jedion White. A John Aylmer neglected the house so much that when his son Brabazon inherited it, he set about repairing it at a cost of £2.13.6d which is about Euros 2.75!

Henry Pryer conveyed to Henry Waight in 1770, by means of Feoffment (that is feudal law to grant ownership of freehold property in exchange for a pledge of service) - part of an orchard or garden belonging to a house at Duton Hill, Great Easton, called Cardfields. Looking on the map for the time, farmland stretched for miles so Duton Hill, Dunmow could be in the Vista of Cardfields

The Allaker family lived there for some years, passing from William Allaker on his demise in 1779 to his wife Kitty who remarried later to William Rush. I cannot confirm the exact dates when Cardfields came into the hands of the Bott family, without further research. It was listed on a sales brochure dated 6 August 1886 to be 'a well-built and commodious residence, containing on the ground floor, dining, drawing and breakfast rooms, with kitchen, scullery, dairy and pantry. In the basement a capital cellar. On the first floor; six airy and pleasant bedrooms and dressing room. The outbuildings were made up of a coach house, stables, poultry houses, granary barns and a walled garden. There was 106 acres of arable and pasture land complete with excellent farm premises. It was very pleasantly situated and partly abutted on the Chelmer and Blackwater Navigation Canal .

1887 was Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee year. A newspaper article from The Essex Herald for 23 June of that year reported 'the choir from All Saints Church Springfield boarded a barge on the Blackwater which took them to Cardfields. Mr Bott and his wife welcomed their guests with prepared tables in their ample barn decorated with flags and flowers. After a short time admiring the quaint old gabled house, the gardens rich in flowers and the park like grounds, between which and the opposite hills, the river winds, all sat down to a feast of good things. About two acres of short grass had been cut still shorter for the use of cricketers. Tables were spread again for tea and then at 6 o'clock the barge took the revellers home!' Jubilee Celebrations were enjoyed then as much as we are looking forward to our Queen Elizabeth's platinum celebrations

North East of Cardfields Farm is a brickworks. Joseph Fennel Bott who also ran the Smock Mill known

as Gardeners or Hatfield Windmill was making bricks at Cardfields Brick Works during the 1860s. William Henry Bott, resident of Cardfields succeeded him in 1874. By 1894 Howard Rosling was brickmaker, farmer and miller at Cardfields. It is quite possible that he rebuilt Cardfields as records show that the present house was built around the end of the 19th century. Hugh Marriage then took ownership and in 1929 while digging in the brick earth the foreman of the brickyard came across a perfect specimen of a Celtic Burial Urn. Continued digging unearthed sixteen urns in all, with eleven fireplaces. Roman tiles, flint arrow and hammer heads, scrapers and flints were also found and it is assumed that a Roman habitation was nearby. It is worth commenting here that below ground, deposits of the former brickworks may survive which may warrant further investigation.

Marriage continued making bricks and farming at Cardfields until the second world war when open furnaces were banned – enemy aircraft could easily spot them!

Cardfields was used by the American Air Force during the Second World War as a convalescent home for wounded airmen. Men would be able to spend time at Cardfields recovering from their injuries, enjoying the peaceful countryside and beautiful scenery before returning to their squadron and active service.

After the war Cardfields became a family home again. The Norman-Butler family who lived and worked in London, bought it as a perfect country retreat and a local resident, Eileen Hockley, was nanny to their 5 children. She remembered the walled garden outside which produced vegetables all the year round for the family and in autumn beautiful chrysanthemums, a vase of which was always placed on the grand piano in the drawing room. Once a week the carpet was rolled back, and a dancing class took place for their children. The household had a cook, gardener, and a daily help. The cook lived in the flat above the stables, the gardener in the village and the daily help lived nearby.

It was 1963 that Cardfields was last used as a family home. Richard Davies who was knighted in 1984 and became Assistant Private Secretary to the Duke of Edinburgh, brought his wife and four children, Greg, Richard, Lucy, and Nancy, from New York, where he worked in the British Air Commission, Washington. In recent years Lucy returned for a visit and remembered many happy hours riding her pony and grooming her in the stables.

The Chelmer often flooded and Lucy remembered having to reach the pony's field in a little boat. A family of travellers would appear every year to help with the sugar beet harvest. There were many parties and games of tennis.

The family moved to Cheshire in 1969 so Sir Richard could work at the headquarters of Ferranti. The house was sold to Inner London Education Authority – now Islington Borough Council. Renamed The Cardfields Centre, it offers residential outdoor pursuits and bespoke programmes to suit varying needs of young people in a safe and stimulating environment. The bedrooms have been converted into dormitories and the stables into a games room and learning centre.



As much as I may have whetted your appetite to visit this beautiful house, visits are by appointment only. Further information is on their website.

Section of the 1777 Chapman and André of Essex with Cardfields in the centre. This is the image that should have on the back page of your April print edition but wasn't. Many apologies – technology!

News from St Andrews and All Saints

As I write Spring has definitely sprung! The trees almost overnight became bright green; bees and butterflies are much in evidence and the Vicarage garden and churchyard are infested with baby rabbits. Not so good if you are growing vegetables - they don't seem to eat weeds! Churchyard grass has taken off with a vengeance. They say in America one can hear maize growing. After one of the April showers (now May showers) I felt I could hear the grass grow-



ing. Thankfully we have a dedicated team at St Andrews who meet on Friday afternoons and do wonderful things with mowers and strimmers to tackle this. If you would like to join the team, we have equipment, a refreshment break and I like to think; good company. Contact the Vicar or Howard Southgate: 381094.

Easter has come and gone and, although it was quieter this year (people are still wary of Covid) it was real joy to celebrate it as we used to. Let us hope that the era of lockdowns and restrictions is over.

The great celebration in June is, of course Pentecost, often thought of as the birth of the Church. This year our celebrations include our Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We celebrate both at St Andrews 10.15am on Sunday 5 June, and afterwards we will plant a Jubilee Tree. Hopefully, weather permitting, we will toast the Queen around the tree. I hope we have a good turnout for this unique occasion. For other services, see below.

Coffee mornings on Saturdays 4 June (Jubilee), 2 July; from 10.15am to 12 noon. Stalls usually include cakes, cards for most occasions, raffle, bric-a-brac and of course, plenty of coffee.

Edward Bear: Mother & Toddler Group - weekly except school holidays - Thursdays - 10.00am to 11.30am.

Services at St Andrews		23 July	12pm Holy Baptism –	
	5 June	Pentecost and our Queen's Jubilee		Sophie Louise Brewster
		10.15am Jubilee Service followed	24 July	6th Sunday after Trinity
		by planting/blessing of Jubilee tree		10.15am Parish Eucharist
	12 June	Trinity Sunday	30 July	2 pm Holy Matrimony -
		8am Holy Communion (said)		Sean Henscher-Smith/Emily Saunders
		10.15am All-Age Service	31 July	7th Sunday after Trinity
	18 June	12 pm Holy Baptism -		10.15am Parish Eucharist
		Bonnie-Rose Reed	Services a	t All Saints
	19 June	1st Sunday after Trinity	5 June	9am Pentecost and Jubilee Service
		10.15am Parish Eucharist	Sat 11 June	e 10am - Churchyard Clean-up
	26 June	2nd Sunday after Trinity	12 June	9am Morning Prayer
		10.15am Parish Eucharist	19 June	9am Parish Eucharist
	3 July	3rd Sunday after Trinity	Thurs 23 J	une 7pm Confirmation Service
		10.15am Mattins (Morning Prayer		conducted by Bishop Roger
		with Hymns)	26 June	3pm Pet Service (No 9am service)
	10 July	4th Sunday after Trinity	3 July	9am Parish Eucharist
		8.00am Holy Communion (said)	Fri 8 July	2-5pm Open Day (in conjunction with
		10.15am All-Age Service		Ulting Wick Open Gardens)
	16 July	2.00pm Holy Matrimony –	10 July	9am Morning Prayer
		Thomas Neil/Coral Towns	17 July	9 am Parish Eucharist
	17 July	5th Sunday after Trinity	24 July	9am Parish Eucharist
		10.15am Parish Eucharist	31 July	9am Parish Eucharist
			7 August	9am Parish Eucharist

All Saints, Ulting

Now that Covid restrictions have eased it was possible, at last, to resume the annual Open Days at All Saints recently. It has always been a tradition to do so when Ulting Wick opens its gardens to the public as it provides an opportunity for visitors to walk across the meadow to look around the Church and discover more about its history. Jane, Barbara, Fr Stephen and I welcomed all those who came and Geoff was on hand to answer questions. My thanks to all those who made both days



so successful in bringing the Church to a wider public. The next Open Day will be on Friday 8 July 2-5pm when the gardens at Ulting Wick will again be open too.

For me, Easter was dampened somewhat by the fact that Jean and I found ourselves stricken with the Covid bug and I was unable to take Easter morning Service. Fr Stephen stepped into the breach and commuted between St Andrews and All Saints that morning. I was able to get to the Church when no one else was around and see for myself the Easter Garden and the beautiful wreath of flowers around the cross which was standing by the riverside. Thank you to everyone who stepped up so Easter could be celebrated at All Saints despite my period of quarantine.

All Saints has a busy summer ahead, starting with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee when, on Sunday 5 June at 9am, the Service will not only celebrate Pentecost but also the Queen's 70 Anniversary. At that Service two of her (reportedly) favourite hymns will be included, The Lord is my Shepherd and Praise my Soul the King of Heaven and both of these will be marvellous excuses for some enthusiastic singing for the occasion. The hospitality hub, or 'Olive' as it is affectionately known, will be on site ready to provide tea and cakes after the Service.

On the evening of Thursday 23 June at 7pm Bishop Roger will be coming to All Saints to conduct a Service of Confirmation. There will be six candidates to be confirmed and everyone is welcome to come along to give them support. 'Olive' will again be on duty afterwards for refreshments in the marquee.

On the following Sunday, 26 June, there will be no morning Service as the annual Pet Service will be held in the afternoon at 3pm in the Church grounds, under the marquee just in case the weather isn't as sunny as hoped for. Pets large and small are invited to come for the afternoon and are welcome to bring their owners! It will be an opportunity to give thanks for our special animal companions in a Service which is always a lively affair. Special guests will be our local Guide Dog group who will also be joining us for some light refreshments for pets and owners alike.

A Churchyard clear-up is planned at All Saints on Saturday 11 June starting at 9.30am. Your help would be most appreciated even if you can only spare a short time helping to clear up the twigs and debris which has accumulated recently. Please phone me on 07860 235778 if you can help. Once again, I will be taking 'Olive', the trusty hospitality hub, to provide some welcome refreshments.

A full list of dates at All Saints are on the previous page.

I am at All Saints Church at 9am every Wednesday for Morning Office and you are very welcome to join me.

Prayers and blessings, Revd Derek

Boots Pharmacy opening hours

When you need to pick up that vital prescription don't be caught unawares by the revised closing hours as we were recently. They were changed in February and are now Monday to Friday 9.00am to 5.00pm and Saturday 9.00am to 4..00pm.

Hatfield Peverel Methodist and Reality Church

Our Church leaders continue to surprise us with unusual ways of bringing the Christian message to us each Sunday:

On Palm Sunday we looked at the practicalities of riding an unbroken colt through cheering crowds to the Temple gate of Jerusalem, and some of our congregation proved to be able artists of a horses' conformation, interspersed with others doing schematic line drawings from the Vale of the White Horse.

On Easter Sunday Jeff brought the Easter story to life by asking how we thought the disciples would have felt after the devastating death of Christ on the cross on Good Friday. Between that sad day and Easter Sunday they would not have had the reassurance that we take for granted that Jesus was going to rise from death and they would see him again three days later. Jeff wondered how they coped with the loss of their leader and how they dealt with this dramatic setback to their hopes.

We have this knowledge which we take for granted - that we know Jesus still lives and our Christian faith is supported by the resurrection. During the service we were able to decorate cross emblems with acrylic paints - many of which were coloured in the blue and yellow of the Ukraine flag as the situation for the people of that country is always in our prayers.

The following Sunday David used the Japanese art of Kintsugi to illustrate his thoughts. This art is the process of mending broken pottery and instead of concealing the cracks, gold is used to emphasise what was once broken. This pottery is now highly prized in the art world. David said that the moment we accept and share our doubts and fears is the moment that we mend our own lives with something precious. The cracks which continue to show is the map of a life lived and leaves us stronger than before. Our children and a few adults tried their hand with mending torn paper plates with gold paint and the results were a great illustration of the art form and David's message.

Our lunch club activity at the Junior School continues to be popular with over 30 children attending the two sessions each week. On 30 April we invited the children and their parents to join us for a picnic on the recreation ground. Activities included a nature ramble to collect items for a collage, kite making and willow weaving. We enjoyed a sunny day and lots of fun.

Our Facebook page: Hatfield Peverel Reality Church-Methodist, gives details and pictures from our services and a daily thought for the day. Look us up and see what we are doing: join in or come and meet us at our services at the Little Bear Nursery at 9.15am each Sunday. We would love to hear from you and see you.

Stitch to Enrich

Our group continues to meet at the Duke of Wellington where we focus on the joy of stitching and find friendship and the space to share. We meet on the first and third Thursdays of each month between 2 and 4pm. For more information please contact Jane on Stitch2enrich@gmail.com.

Now is the time to lose yourself in great singing!

Award winning Trelawnyd Male Voice Choir is to sing at Chelmsford Cathedral

Chelmsford and District Welsh Society present their Annual Concert on 11 June. The choir from Llangollen in North Wales will be singing. and soloist is the acclaimed soprano Elin Manahan Thomas who has sung in many venues around the world, notably at the wedding of Prince Harry to Meghan Markle in 2018.

Doors open at 6.45pm and the concert starts at 7.30pm. Tickets are £17.50 and can be obtained from Arthur Williams on 01621 778711 or contact our facebook page www.facebook.com/chelmsfordwelsh

Spring Fever keeps us in the pink!

Peverel Wine Club – Vee Green, Secretary (01245 355723) www.peverelwineclub.co.uk or email peverelwineclub@hotmail.co.uk

Two very enjoyable meetings in April and May, but with members having to tax their brains between the chatting and the tasting! April's meeting was entitled Spring Fever: Six wines were chosen meeting the general criteria for spring wines, namely something less heavy than a comforting winter warmer yet not as frivolous as a summer sipper. They also had to have something spring-like about their labels!



Each table was given a set of clues covering all the wines, and had to puzzle out which clues belonged to which wine. All excellent wines, but the runaway winner was Pasqua Passione Sentimento red, £8.99 from Majestic. Top white was a rosé: Floração from Portugal, also from Majestic, and very good value at £6.99! We also took away from the evening invaluable pieces of information as why Pecorino wines always have a picture of a sheep on the bottle; what the other two names are for Mimosa; and where in the world you might find an Elegant Frog (though, as they are a critically-endangered species, possibly not for much longer)!

Rosé was also the theme for May's meeting, In the Pink. The wines pink, everyone was asked to wear something pink, and the hall shimmered with pastel loveliness – and the women looked pretty in pink too!! Our snacks were in shades of pink - everything appeared from French saucisson to smoked salmon sandwiches, Brussells paté to prawn cocktail crisps, demonstrating just how many shades of pink there are. The wines ran the gamut from palest blush to sunset cerise (the Mateus Rosé of course). We learnt the three ways in which rosé wine can be made and the descriptions which can be given to pink wine – more complex than any of us realized. There was a tie for wine of the evening between Rose Marie Méditerranée from Provence (a Decanter recommendation) and Yellow Tail Shiraz Rosé from Australia, from Asda at £6.50 and £7 respectively.

We are now looking forward to the rest of our summer meetings, traditionally away from the village hall during the warmer months. In June, we have an evening visit to one of Essex's hidden treasures – the National Garden Scheme's top garden of 2021, Peacocks at Margaretting. July sees the Club's 45th (Sapphire) Anniversary celebration in a member's garden, and August our traditional walking treasure hunt.

If you'd like to join us for a light-hearted, inexpensive evening out, you are very welcome, but please give Vee a ring beforehand on 01245 355723 to ensure there is enough food and drink. We normally meet on the second Wednesday of each month with some exceptions, especially during summer months so it is worth phoning first. Catch up with Wine Club happenings over the last few months by viewing our website at www.peverelwineclub.co.uk . Remember – stay well, stay cheerful, and keep drinking the wine!

Slipper Exchange

Community 360's Slipper Exchange is a free service, part of a range of things that people can do to help themselves stay steady on their feet.

Some footwear can increase the risk of falls - can cause poor balance and gait, or make it difficult to judge surface friction and distance from the floor. Just by wearing appropriate footwear, you can reduce the number of falls by 36%.

Since 2018, Community 360 has been holding Slipper Exchange events in local surgeries, hospitals, churches, cafés and retirement homes.

Since its inception, they have given away over 500 slippers!

If you would like to refer yourself for this scheme, please get in touch with the Parish Clerk on 01245 382865 or parishclerk@ hatfieldpeverelpc.com who will liaise with Community 360. Please be aware, you will be asked to provide your name and contact details as part of this service. Details of the Parish Council's privacy and data protection policies can be found on its website: www.hatfieldpeverelpc.com

More fun at Hatfield Peverel Village Hall

Improvements are continuing. Hall room 1 has been redecorated and we're in the middle of re-furbishing the Vic Olley room which will make another great space available for events such as baby-showers, large meetings, private functions, children's parties etc. The kitchen is also being improved with repairs to the floor, new lighting and new extraction hood all planned – as well as a general tidy-up.

Unfortunately we had to postpone our production of 'The Time Machine' until September, but we had a good audience for 'ABBA Stars UK' in May. Following the highly successful Pantaloons presentation of 'Great Expectations' back in April, they are back again on 31 July with 'The Wind In The Willows'. Also in July we have music from one of Essex's finest cover bands 'Abacus'.on 9 July. Book early to ensure tickets.

There's plenty on at the hall every week, including badminton, table tennis, kids clubs, pilates, dance, dog training and more. Please check our events and weekly schedules and come along and support your hall and meet your friends at our shows, events and activities. Details on our website and village hall noticeboards.

Note that running the hall relies on local volunteers to run events, help with maintenance, and manage the hall for the benefit of the community. If you'd like to get involved, please send us an email or pop into the lounge and have a chat.

June		July				
	Friday 3rd	Bingo	8pm-10pm	Friday 1st	Bingo	8pm-10pm
	Saturday 4th	Party in the Park	1pm-9:30pm	Saturday 9th	Music: Abacus	7pm-10:30pm
	Saturday 11th	Quiz Night	7pm-10:30pm	Saturday 16th	Quiz Night	7pm-10:30pm
				Sunday 31st	Wind in the Wille	ows 3-5:40pm

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

Stay in touch by signing up to our mailing list (click the link on the website home page), or send us an email to Secretary@Hatpevvhall.org. Alternatively, for general enquiries call us on 01245 381 481 or to make a booking 07591 041 718.

Essex Book Festival comes to Essex libraries

Throughout the month of June, we will be hosting thirteen author events for the Essex Book Festival at our libraries. We're very excited to welcome a mixture of new and familiar authors, such as Lindsey Davis, Julia Jones and Samuel Fisher.

We are also bringing back our ever-popular Essex Authors Day. This is a great opportunity for aspiring and established writers to learn, improve their skills, share knowledge and experiences - and discover something new! Pick up writing tips and inspiration from a wide range of workshops led by experienced authors, editors and publishers; join in with or listen to our popular Writers'

Slam or wander the Book Fair for networking opportunities. Entry to the event, Book Fair and Writers' Slam is free. Microphone slots at the Writers' Slam and workshop places must be booked in advance. There's no charge to participate in the

Writers' Slam but tickets for the workshops cost £6 per person.

As well as events for adults, this year we have an amazing programme of events for our Family Fun Day on Saturday 18 June.

For more information and to book, please visit the full list of our author events, or visit the Essex Book Festival website."



Delving 'Beyond the Bricks' - local heritage exhibition in the library Jennifer Rowland

On Wednesday 4 May 2022 the Chairman of Braintree District Council, Cllr Andrew Hensman, officially opened the new 'Beyond the Bricks' exhibition at Hatfield Peverel Library. This free local heritage exhibition uncovered the fascinating stories of old buildings, features and local spaces in the parish of Hatfield Peverel.

The exhibition is part of an 'emerging' local heritage list project by Hatfield Peverel Parish Council. The project aims to identify and research old buildings, structures, sites and features that are not listed by Historic England. Without a Grade I, II* or II they have no statutory protection.

The Parish Council has completed a list of buildings that are of local historic interest. This means that old unlisted buildings will have better consideration in the future. There may be more out there to intrigue us.

Highlights from the exhibition included the only Methodist Chapel with a spire in Essex, and an extant Cold War Nuclear Monitoring Post. The exhibition showcased paintings of historic places by local residents.

The launch event was attended by representatives from Parish and District Councils, along with custodians of the buildings. It was lovely to have such a great turnout of people with a keen interest in local history and heritage. Cllr Mark Weale, Chairman of Hatfield Peverel Parish Council, said: 'The Parish Council's Local Heritage List Project recognises the historic and architectural contribution that these unlisted asset types make at local level. The support for today's event from so many members of the local community - as well as our Library service - has demonstrated how important this project is to so many local stakeholders'.

Many local residents and visitors were excited to see some of their old remembered buildings and local beauty spots and would like to thank the time and trouble the organizers took to bring this magical memory back to life - Ed.

Hatfield Peverel Parish Council

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How To Report a Highways Related Fault

Use the Essex County Council on-line reporting tool unless there is an immediate risk to public safety (in which case call 0345 603 7631)

www.essexhighways.org/tell-us

for all road, pavement and surface issues, lights, signals, road signs, street lights, flooding, drainage, manhole covers, road works, highway obstructions, public rights of way (see below*), bridges, culverts, bus stops and bollards; plus trees, hedges and weeds (if on ECC land).

The reporting tool is very easy to use and if you add your own e-mail details you will receive reports and updates on the fault you have reported. Up to five images can also be added.

Contact the Parish Office on 01245 382865 (parishclerk@hatfieldpeverelpc.com) for issues relating to bus shelters in the village and faults with any street lighting column with a number preceded by the letter 'P').

Contact Braintree District Council on 01376 552525 for issues relating to abandoned vehicles, fly tipping, street cleaning and road name plates.

Contact National Highways on 0300 123 5000 (info@nationalhighways.co.uk) for issues on A12, and A120 between the M11 junction and Parkeston roundabout.

Contact North Essex Parking Partnership on 01206 282316 for issues relating to parking restriction violations and enforcement.

* A Public Right of Way is generally a field edge or crossfield path in a rural area beyond the residential areas of the village, although we have one or two within our Residential areas, but note that they are **NOT street pavements**. If you've any doubt do contact the parish footpath warden - currently Ken Earney, 01245 381235 or kenearney@hotmail.com who can also help with using the online reporting tool. It's helpful to let the warden know about the report you've made.

Useful telephone numbers Please contact the editors for additions/errors.		Libraries (enquiry line) Hatfield Peverel	0345 6037628		
Age UK Essex	01245 346106	Tuesday 2pm - 7pm			
Anglian Water, 24 hours	0800 919 155	Wednesday 9am - 1pm			
Braintree District Council	01376 552525	Saturday 9am - 5pm			
Clean Team ring number above a	and ask for	Witham - use enquiry line above			
Customer Services		Police Non-emergency calls 101			
Witham Area Office in Witham I	Library	Use 101 also for the local officer			
- for walk-in enquiries only		Emergency calls			
The Change Project	01245 258680	Police Stations, Braintree, Chelmsford			
Personnel well-being through	08453 727701	Opening hours, Monday - Saturda	y, 12.00 to 6pm		
positive change		Co-op Store (with Post Office - so	ee below)		
Churches			01245 382787		
St Andrew's (C of E), vicar	01245 380958	Open 7am - 10pm			
Methodist Church, minister	01621 853423	Greater Anglia	03456 007245		
Catholic Church, Witham, priest	01376 512219	National Rail Enquiries (24 hrs)	03457 484950		
All Saints Church, Ulting	01245 380627	Hatfield Peverel ticket office/wai	ting room		
Citizens Advice Bureau Witham 0344 4994		Open 6.15am to 1.00pm, Monday to Saturday.			
Monday to Friday 10am - 4pm		Registrar of Births, Marriages & Deaths			
Community Agent for Hatfield Pe	everel	Witham, by appointment only	03456 037632		
Jan Hawkins - 07540 720605,	01376 574330	Braintree, by appointment only	03456 037632		
Doctors, health services		Samaritans (24 hours - toll free)	08457 909090		
Hatfield Peverel doctors' surgery	01245 380324	Schools			
NHS - non-emergency helpline	111	St Andrew's Junior School	01245 380131		
Pharmacy, Hadfelda Square	01245 380130	Hatfield Peverel Infant School	01245 380220		
Electricity - emergency	0800 7838838	Hatfield Peverel Day Nursery	01245 382450		
Essex County Council	03457 430430	Village hall	01245 381481		
Essex & Suffolk Water 24 hours	0845 7820999	Childminders			
Gas - emergency	0800 111999	Kate Bryan	07796 851403		
Harlequin Children's Centre	0300 2470014	Nicola Emberson	07452 865665		
Free support and services for child	ren under 5	Charlotte Greaves	07527 763038		
Hospitals		Joanne Logan	07989 131249		
Broomfield (A&E);	01245 362000	Nicky Shelley	07590 618343		
St Peters, Maldon	01621 725323	Social Services	0345 6037630		

Co-op Post Office counter times			
	Morning	Afternoon	Last Royal Mail collection times
Monday	9.30 - 12.30	13.30 - 18.00	16.45
Tuesday	10.00 - 14.00		13.50
Wednesday	10.00 - 14.00		13.50
Thursday	10.00 - 14.00		13.50
Friday	9.30 - 12.30	13.30 - 17.00	16.45
Saturday	10.00 - 12.30		12.00
Sunday		Closed	

Royal Mail's information about last collecting times from our local post boxes can be found at:

https://www.royalmail.com/ services-near-you#/

If you can't use the internet, ask a neighbour or friend who can to help.

Ride for Helen raises £36,000

Holly Butler, Marketing & Communications Co-ordinator - 07732 385431 Helen Rollason Cancer Charity

Over 800 cyclists from around the county and beyond gathered at Crix in Hatfield Peverel in May to take part in the Helen Rollason charity ride - and raised a magnified £36,000

The annual bike ride, in its ninth year, is a favourite on the Essex cycling calendar, one of the biggest and best cycling events in the region. The charity welcomed riders of all ages and abilities, with cycling routes from 6, 15, 30, 50 and 65 miles. Countryside routes included families with children, seasoned road cyclists, a unicyclist Davina Brazier from the village (see right below) and penny farthings

Jasmine Brown 9 and mum Sonia 41 from Nounsley (see above) took part in the six mile route. Jasmines favourite bit was when they got to the top of the big hill and shouted we made it!'Sonia recommends the six mile route for young families, really pretty along quiet country lanes and totally safe. Next year, she and Jasmine hope to do 15 miles!

Helen Rollason Cancer Charity 'spokes-person' and Community Fund-raiser Karen Mitchell said; 'What a fantastic turnout. This will fund 720 counselling appointments or 720 reflexology sessions for our clients.

A massive thank you to everyone who joined us; our sponsors, our riders, volunteers, friends and family who gave up their Sunday to help out; the day would not have been such a success without you all!

More exercise? Next annual cycling event Sunday 26 June 2022 Ride for Helen Suffolk! Registration is now open. Adult tickets from £20 each and juniors from £10 each. You can register by visiting www.rideforhelen.co.uk or calling 01245 380719 today.

Coffee mornings - a rest from strenuous cycling!

Helen Rollason will be delighted to see you on the third Saturday of every month from 10am to 12pm at their Mid Essex Support Centre in The Street, Hatfield Peverel (free parking). Come and enjoy a friendly outing, make new friends, have a chat and enjoy the wonderful cakes. If you want to brush up on your baking skills we'd be delighted to receive any donated baked goods!

Welcome to our village gardens, open on Saturday 16 July

If you would like to enter your garden in our open gardens afternoon - plenty to see in Hatfield Peverel - please register your interest by contacting our fundraising team **fundraising@helenrollason.org.uk or by telephone 01245 380719.**



