

*Hatfield Peverel*

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*(June edition, page 17 paragraph 3 - reference was to the Tour of Britain in September 2010.)*

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## Christmas is the time to say goodbye!

Ken and I between us have covered some fifty years producing the Review. Issue No 1 January 1974 was an eight pager with no photographs, the brainchild of the then chairman of the Parish Council Martin Voysey and put into operation by councillor Bob Mountfort who came visiting one winter evening to our bungalow in Willow Crescent. He knew Ken and I from Marconi days and that I worked on the Marconi house magazine. Would I like a job?. I came on board at issue no 3.

Thank you Bob, they have been good days, hard work but great fun.

Technology has changed everything: the handwritten, sometimes typed copy took three to four weeks from preparation to getting the magazine through your letter box. At one of our two-monthly meetings there were loud explosions from the kitchen - the elderflower champagne had had enough and damaged a pile of copies!

In the mid '90s during unemployment Ken came on board with the bonus of a European Computer Driving Licence with a desktop publishing module. We entered the digital age with our first computer, sending our finished editions to first Beeleigh Litho and then Kempco initially in its native DTP format and now as a PDF. This has speeded up the production rate enormously. (Ken is the miracle worker as far as the photographs are concerned and fixing all my techie hangups). The miracle today is that our wonderful printers Kempco can return an edition in two/three days.

Things change. Many now get their news by phones, tablets, laptops and desktop computers. The Parish Council is currently considering how to continue delivering news of current local interest, no doubt not as we have done up 'til now.

Thank you to everyone who has kept us going all these years - and please if you would like to have a turn at editing give us a ring (01245 38235) or the Parish Council (01245 382865). We are always ready for a chat. More about this in October edition.



## 1st July - best ever Party in the Park!

Across the day about 3,000 people attended to take part in the games, events, inflatables, vintage cars, and listened to the six amazing bands. Fabulous food and drinks stalls kept everyone fed and watered and the weather was pretty much perfect. Raffle prizes this year included a week's villa in Marbella as first prize amongst many others. We are very grateful to our sponsors and donors including Bellway homes and David Wilson Homes and many others too numerous to mention here. And our own volunteers and helpers - what would we do without you.

This event - for the community, by the community - always needs volunteers to make it happen, so if you'd like to get involved with our 2024 event - planning has already started - please drop us a line on our facebook page or send an email to:

[parishclerk@hatfieldpeverelpc.com](mailto:parishclerk@hatfieldpeverelpc.com).

Paul Goddard [Paul\\_s\\_goddard@yahoo.com](mailto:Paul_s_goddard@yahoo.com) or  
telephone 07775 481 042



*Top, taken in the early evening, just after 7.30pm, when the bands Dr Zero and the Hot Heads were on the stage. Some folk are dancing in the arena in front of the stage, others looking on towards the band. Above, late in the evening, probably Skamite, the last turn of the evening. Thanks Diane for helping us out for this caption. Photos by Paul Goddard*

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## Come and enjoy tasty soup and a roll - everyone welcome

Join us on **Tuesday 12 September at St Andrew's hall in Church Road, Hatfield Peverel**, for a warming bowl of the best soup to raise funds for Practical Action. Doors open 12.30pm and will serve until 2pm.

Donations in aid of Practical Action who help people find solutions to some of the world's toughest problems by, for example; informing policy makers at global, national and local levels; technical consulting, aiding schools with resources; assisting farmers to beat climate change; improving kitchen stoves for poor families in Nepal; providing flood resilience programmes around the world.

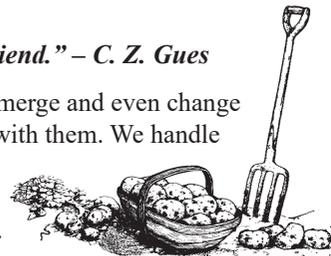
Let us help them, so they can continue to help others.



## Allotment and Growing News – August 2023

*I've always felt that having a garden is like having a good and loyal friend.” – C. Z. Gues*

Some parts of the world have four seasons. Recently, our seasons seem to merge and even change places! But on the allotment, we accept their realities and all that comes with them. We handle weather even with all its extremities. We prepare, wait and as soon as there are signs of suitable weather, we go for it. We have learned to survive allotmenting by developing the ability to improvise, adapt, and overcome. Whether it's changing clothing, or the day and times we visit, we always improvise, adapt, and overcome. And in Hatfield Peverel, we've been doing this for the past 55 years.



Yes, you read that correctly. And on 12 August, our HPAA Open Day will celebrate our 55th Anniversary. We will meet on the Cart Lodge Site (old site) to reminisce, and share stories etched in our memory. We even have a few pictures of the old days. If you have photos, please bring them along.

We welcome residents, councillors, and local businesses to drop by and join the conversation on the joys and frustrations of growing your own vegetables and fruit. You can also enjoy cakes and sausage rolls. Our local Scouts will once again be providing teas and coffees for a small donation. There will also be a raffle.

**If you were once an HPAA member, you are invited to enjoy a beverage on us. Please feel free to drop by between 11am and 2pm.**

Care to join us as a new member? If you do have an interest, pop along and we'll give you a tour. We are currently full on both sites with a waiting list. Add your name to the list at: <https://membermojo.co.uk/hpaa>

### **Here are some weather-related tips:**

- 1 In hot, dry weather, water plants every other day.
- 2 Keep on top of weeds competing with crops for nutrients and water.
- 3 Keep container plants well-watered and feed them with a liquid fertiliser fortnightly.
- 4 Feed sweetcorn plants with tomato food to get the best cobs.
- 5 Sweetcorn - ready to harvest when the juices are milky.
- 6 Look out for potato and tomato blight - remove and destroy any affected plants to prevent its spread.
- 7 Don't waste water on lawns – it will soon green up in the rain.
- 8 Raise the cutting height of your lawn mower in late summer.
- 9 Take lots of photos if you want to rearrange things over the winter — it's much easier to do this if you have a reference point.

On behalf of the HPAA, we wish you and yours a continued safe, healthy, and enjoyable summer!

**On a neighbourly note, we would love to find ways to share any produce that is surplus to our needs. Please let us know your ideas on the best way to donate to families who would welcome some fresh produce.**

### **Weather lore**

When the wind is in the east, it is neither good for man or beast,  
When the wind is in the west, Then 'tis at its very best.  
When the wind is in the north, The skilful fisher goes not forth.  
When the wind is in the south, It blows the bait in the fishes' mouth.

## Horticultural Autumn Show almost here

[www.e-voice.org.uk/hatpevgardens](http://www.e-voice.org.uk/hatpevgardens)

### Afternoon garden walk

Those who attended at Fudler's Hall, Mashberry had a treat. They enjoyed the lovely gardens that were elevated giving wonderful views across the countryside. Sitting surrounded by beautifully scented roses in the sun, we enjoyed tea, cakes, and social catch up.

### Our summer break in Surrey

An afternoon call at Wisley for a quick lunch and a look at the gardens, before setting off to The Bush Hotel (tasty food) in Farnham

On the second glorious day here we are at Vann tucking into lunch in the grounds of the 16c house which some of us visited as well as the rambling gardens. Another highlight was a two-hour cruise on the Basingstoke Canal at Odiham on board the John Pinkerton - a cream tea this time!



Thank you Clive (and Janet) for a wonderful holiday. And now its back to work.....

Remember way back in March you took home one solitary potato and a plastic bag with instructions to feed and water it? September is the weighing-in month. Good luck to you all. We had two feeds off ours last year - quality not quantity.

### Autumn Show – Saturday 16 September 2-4pm

Please support us by having a go and entering a class, coming along to browse and enjoy a homemade slice of cake and cuppa. There are many classes to have a go at, flowers, vegetables - the heaviest marrow or the longest runner bean - fruit, preserves, baking, handicrafts, and photography. There is also a family competition to make a bug hotel with a £5 prize. **Details of entries and how to enter are in the year book.**

**AGM and Christmas gather for festive nibbles.** Thursday 30 November 8pm at St Andrews Church Hall.

## Family History Group to restart in our Library in September

We have had three successful Family History afternoons in the Library and I am now thinking it would be nice to restart the group on a monthly basis. I am going to give it a go on Wednesday 27 September from 10.30 am to 12.30 am in the library.

If you are interested in starting or have been doing it for a while and fancy meeting some like minded people please message me on Facebook or Text me on 07743 711384 or let the library know. Health warning, Family History can become addictive. It would be great to welcome back some of the members of the pre-covid group as well. Thank you Catherine Etheridge

## **Parish Council August 2023**

**Sarah Gaeta, Parish Clerk; Carly Truman, Assistant Clerk.**

**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.



### **New Councillor**

We would like to welcome our new Councillor, Richard Parker. Thank you for offering your support to the Parish Council. We still have two vacancies on, so please contact the Clerk if you'd like to find out more.

### **Village Hall survey**

There is still time to share your views on our Village Hall. Please use this link <https://forms.office.com/e/fDv3aFQcQP>, or click on the QR code below to take part. Alternatively, paper copies are available in the Village Hall café, or directly from the Parish Clerk. We are still looking for someone who has used the Village Hall's services since January 2021 who can spare 15 minutes to answer more in-depth questions, either in person or over the phone. Please contact the Parish Clerk if you would like to take part. Thank you.

### **Strutt Memorial Recreation Ground**

We hope that by the time you read this edition of The Review, the works on the recreation ground are complete, or nearly so. An official opening ceremony for the outdoor gym is expected to take place in September. Details will be posted on noticeboards, on the Parish Council's website and via social media.

### **Village noticeboards**

If you have any community notices that you would like displayed on the Parish Council's noticeboards, please deliver them to the Parish Council office at the Village Hall where staff will arrange this. Notices that will be displayed must be of benefit or interest to the community. Commercial advertising will not be permitted, and all notices will be displayed at the discretion of the Clerk or Assistant Clerk.

### **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, 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)

The Parish Council considered the following applications at its June Planning Committee meeting (there were no applications to consider in July), with no objections (unless otherwise indicated):

23/00793/FUL Conversion of 4 existing barns to 3 dwellings; replacement of 2 existing agricultural

barns with 2 dwellings at Fairfields Farm, Mowden Hall Lane, Hatfield Peverel.

23/00994/FUL Creation and use of a temporary construction compound on land north east of The Vineyards, Hatfield Peverel. The meeting referred to the letter submitted on 9 May 2023.

23/01072/HH Erection of rear and front extensions, rear and front dormer roof extensions and new pitched roof over existing garage at 23 Sportsmans Lane, Hatfield Peverel

23/01071/LBC Replace 3 rear windows like for like at Ann Cottage, The Green, Hatfield Peverel.

23/01101/TPO Tree works at 3 Sunningdale Fall, Hatfield Peverel.

23/01233/TPO Tree works at 15 Toulmin Road, Hatfield Peverel.

**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:**

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 on Monday 4 September and Monday 2 October in the Vic Olley Room at the Village Hall. Public participation is welcome, please see the agenda published on the Parish Council website and on the noticeboard outside the Parish Council office.

## **NDP report August 2023**

**B**raintree District Council is preparing for Regulation 16 consultation which is anticipated to be held some-time during August and September for a six week period. A formal public notice is required to be placed in the local newspaper as to the consultation.

The consultation documents will be made available in the Community Cafe in the Village Hall which is now open throughout the day, the Library during normal opening hours, and possibly the Parish Council office in the morning.

We currently do not have the link for BDC's planning portal to enable viewing of the documents on line, and for comments to be made. However, please do look on the Parish Council website and Facebook page for further details.

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## **Bus Network Consultation 2023**

**E**ssex County Council (ECC) is reviewing its support of 162 local bus services. We want your help to ensure that our future bus network is ready to meet new levels of passenger demand and is providing value for money. ECC is therefore conducting this public consultation regarding these services.

The consultation commenced on 13 July 2023 and closes on 5 October 2023.

Please scan this QR Code to complete the consultation or visit:  
<https://consultations.essex.gov.uk/iptu/2023>

If you have any queries, then contact Essex County Council on:  
0345 603 7631

Alternatively, for any queries you can contact John Cockell,  
Traffic Group chair, whose details can be found on page 18.



# Village Hall – events, children and adult activities, and more

Paul Goddard

Our Music and Theatre events continue in August and September with the Pantoons' presentation of Alice's Adventures in Wonderland on 6 August and Young Elton on 23 September. The Horticultural Society's annual Autumn show is on 16 September.

We have a fantastic range of activities and clubs for children, including Hot Steps dance, Kazen Kai Karate, Tuesday Toddler Time, Little City, New Naw, Trainmaster, Arts & Crafts for Children with needs. There's plenty for adults as well, including Table Tennis, Badminton, Latin Dance, Films, Dancercise, Dog Training and more. From September, we will welcome the Witham and District Caledonian Society (Scottish dancing) on Wednesday evenings.

If you want to learn about our events Sound and Lighting, we have 2 free hands-on workshops coming up in the afternoons of Tuesday, August 8th and Tuesday August 29th. Minimum age 14, maximum of 8 people on each course. Just email [Events@hatpevvahll.org](mailto:Events@hatpevvahll.org) to register your interest.

Check out the clubs page on our website, follow our Facebook page, join the mailing list and see our weekly diary summary below:-

## Events Diary for September

### September

Friday 8th      Bingo  
Saturday 16th   Horticulture show  
Saturday 23rd   Music: Young Elton

## Information and Contacts

All details on our website ([www.HatPevVHall.org](http://www.HatPevVHall.org)), on village hall noticeboards and on Facebook at:- [www.facebook.com/hatfieldpeverelvillagehall](https://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@Hatpevvahll.org](mailto:Secretary@Hatpevvahll.org). For event tickets and room bookings, book in-person on Monday afternoons in the Community Café between 2:30 and 4:30pm, email [bookings@hatpevvahll.org](mailto:bookings@hatpevvahll.org) or call the box office and room bookings number on 0300 102 0473.

## Learn to love wasps

### A wasp-free world would be significantly worse

Some years ago in the summer wasps built a large nest under the eaves outside our lounge and worrying about stings we had it removed. Reading Alys Fowler's article on wasps in our paper has made me think.

Where there was once a solitary queen, there are many insects building and foraging and the nest grows in size. The colony will survive until early autumn until the first queen dies - without her no-one goes to work foraging and everyone gets hungry. Cannibalism, workers ripping up the nest. Everyone left behind freezes. The whole nest will be empty by winter and it won't be revisited next year.

While things runs smoothly the growing colony needs food and lots of it, workers are collecting protein to fatten larvae, caterpillars, spiders and soft-bodied insects. Wasps are excellent garden predators and will be doing all sorts of good work. The adults love sugar which will attract attention but some believe if you talk to wasps with good intention they do listen .If one comes by you, you must firmly but politely say 'please leave' without raising your voice or flapping about. Good luck!



## Working Together for Wildlife

Donna Goddard, Wildlife Champion

Big thanks to Hatfield Peverel Cubs who made these beautiful bird, bat and bee boxes! We will put these up in the cemetery wild garden and/or Stone Path Meadow.



Also thanks to these ladies (*from left to right: Lesley Moxhay, Pat Hercules, Donna Goddard, Gill Hayter*) who spent a morning clearing nettles encroaching on the pathways around the duck pond. We are hoping to build some compost heaps in that area which will provide a refuge and feeding area for creatures such as hedgehogs, beetles, toads, bats, birds, grass snakes, small mammals and slow-worms.

Thank you to the Parish Council who recently approved an Environmental Policy which sets objectives to improve environmental efficiency and protect/enhance the local environment and biodiversity. We are now working on a Wilder Village Plan and would welcome help from residents and other interested parties to help prioritise the objectives and brainstorm ideas for actions through a short survey. The policy and survey can be accessed at [www.hatfieldpeverelpc.com/wilder-village/](http://www.hatfieldpeverelpc.com/wilder-village/). If you would like a paper copy of either, please contact me.

Lastly a **big thank you** to everyone who has volunteered to help with wildlife projects in the village over the past few months. My list of willing volunteers is ever expanding and I'm thinking of organising regular weekend or evening sessions to keep our wild areas tidy. If you would like to help, please contact me on: [wildlife-champion@hatfieldpeverelpc.com](mailto:wildlife-champion@hatfieldpeverelpc.com) or phone 01245 382550.

## Welcome back WEA!

Hatfield Peverel WEA returned to the Scout HQ in September last autumn with a fascinating course with Sue Pownall, who introduced us to Art Inspired by East Anglia. Apart from obvious artists, we discovered the Bardfield School artists, and the Norwich School as well as many other artists who painted life around and about East Anglia.

In the spring Ron Marks stepped in to share with us his love of the Romantic poets of the 18th and 19th centuries – for some the first time we had heard them since our schooldays.

For the autumn term this year we have a music

course It was 50 years ago – ‘The phenomenon of The Beatles’. The aim of the course is to investigate the phenomenon of the Beatles, their legacy and eventual demise. We will discuss the rise of one of the most famous bands in music history, and explore each individual. Who were they influenced by when growing up?

The course is for anyone interested in music and the history behind our favourite musicians, and everyone is welcome. We meet in Hatfield Peverel Scout HQ, and the course starts on Tuesday 26 September, at 10am. Lesley Naish 01245 380837

## High summer, high spirits, cunning clues and Cape classics!

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

[www.peverelwineclub.co.uk](http://www.peverelwineclub.co.uk) or email [peverelwineclub@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:peverelwineclub@hotmail.co.uk).

What a lovely evening 27 members had at Beeleigh Abbey on 14 June! The weather was perfect and the gardens, as promised, were at their best. We were all hugely impressed by the magnificence of the roses, and the ponds and their luxuriant surrounding growth were very eye-catching. Head Gardener Chris Cork gave us a wonderful tour of the estate, with information and practical tips, and Judy Lea added some historical background. The evening finished with a welcome glass of fizz provided by the Club plus some refreshments and home-made cake in the courtyard - and the chance to buy some good-value plants.



July saw the Village Hall converted to a Gin Palace when a trio of speakers from Great Yeldham firm English Spirit ([www.englishspirit.uk](http://www.englishspirit.uk)) introduced a packed audience to the delights of their range – not just gin, but also English Spiced Rum, a Limoncello-taste-alike, coffee and chocolate liqueurs and a surprise hit of the evening – Toffee Vodka Liqueur! Mysteries of producing and distilling spirits (or some of them) were revealed to us. For dedicated imbibers (and non-drivers), visitors had a selection of other products to try.

It was a great evening, complemented by excellent canapés provided by the committee, with copious quantities of tonic water, ice and lemons! It was lovely to see fresh (and younger) faces coming from some of Peverel's newer houses, and we hope this will be the start of a new chapter in the life of the Wine Circle.

We are now looking forward to the third of our summer meetings out and about in Essex, the annual walking treasure hunt on 9 August. This year our gentle stroll in search of clues will take place in the lovely village of Goldhanger, finishing with the traditional supper in a local pub there while we mark our clue sheets. Finally, we are very pleased to announce another highlight of the Club's calendar for our return to the Village Hall in September: an external speaker from Edgmond Wines will be introducing us to the many delights of South African wines, and we are promised some excellent quality tastings. And, as if that is not enough, the Club will be providing another of its World-Famous-in-Hatfield Peverel suppers on a South African theme to accompany the wines. Another unmissable evening!

If you'd like to join us in August or September for these - or indeed other meetings - for a light-hearted, inexpensive evening out, you would be very welcome. Please give Vee a ring beforehand on 01245 355723 to ensure there is enough food and drink for all. (We normally meet on the second Wednesday of each month but with some exceptions, including Christmas). Catch up with Wine Club happenings by viewing our website at [www.peverelwineclub.co.uk](http://www.peverelwineclub.co.uk), which gives details of the Club's exciting 2023 Programme.

## A break in the weather that didn't come

Another cricketer bites the dust - sorry walkers, lost in the cricket!

Our June walk was unfortunately rained off at the last moment by torrential rainstorms forecast the night before and despite hopes and prayers did not abate so a few of us adjourned to the Village Hall cafe for a while in the hope there might be a break in the weather. No such luck so tea and cake later all thoughts of walking were abandoned.



In July we met at the Village Hall and took cars to Boreham where we walked the farm track past the pet and horse crematorium to Paper Mill Lock for a short respite and then walked back along the tow path and across the fields to Boreham. A shorter walk than normal at just on 4 miles as we just beat the rain again.

Our next two walks are on Thursday 31 August and Thursday 28 September meeting at the Village Hall at 10am. Ring Graham Bushby for further information on 07484 864712.

## Enjoying our open gardens

In June, for the second year running, eight gardens in our village welcomed visitors into their homes to raise money for the Helen Rollason Cancer Charity.

The weather was fine, an ideal day to walk or drive round the village, to see different settings, large and small, and to get ideas for what to do in your own patch.

Visitors received their maps from the Mid Essex Support Centre in The Street where they were offered teas, cakes and taster treatment from the wonderful support centre staff. There was a plant sale too, to take home a reminder of an exciting and interesting day.

Around a wonderful £2000 was raised and the charity would like to thank everyone for their support - the helpers and volunteers and you the visitors who made it possible.

## Vintage Weekend at Cressing Temple Barns

Following the overwhelming success of the Vintage Days in previous years, this year's event was held over a two-day weekend, raising over £20,000 for the Helen Rollason Cancer Charity.

The event is one of the charity's flagship fund-raisers and attracts visitors from across the region looking to enjoy live entertainment, music, dancing, classic vehicles (see cars above), food, shopping and much more. There was something for all the family: entertainment for everyone, vintage vehicles and shopping for adults, and children were entertained with vintage games including hook the duck, higher or lower and splat the rat!

We would like to thank all our visitors, stall holders, classic vehicle owners, entertainers, the staff at Cressing Temple Barns and our team of dedicated volunteers who made the weekend possible;

We are a local charity serving our local community. Every penny raised at this event will go towards providing the best possible cancer care. Thank you to everyone involved in the Vintage Weekend, and we look forward to welcoming you all back next year"

## Rural Ramble at The Forgotten Gardens of Easton Lodge Sunday 10 September 2023!

The gardens, entirely maintained by volunteers, comprise of a walled kitchen garden dating back to the 18th century, a wild flowers area for the bees, formal gardens, beautiful carpets and expansive colourful displays of flowers in Spring and Summer. Choose from four circular walking distances or a 10 mile trail run; to book the trail run click [here](#).

Situated a few minutes outside the historic market town of Great Dunmow, this is a unique opportunity to enjoy a beautiful walk around the surrounding scenic countryside and The Forgotten Gardens of Easton Lodge. All tickets include entry into the Gardens of Easton Lodge and a delicious cream tea after you have completed your route.

We're a local charity serving our local community, and every penny raised at this event will go towards ensuring we continue to provide the best possible cancer care now and in the future.



## News from St Andrews and All Saints



In terms of the Church's Year, we are well into the Sundays after Trinity. We are actually following St Matthew's Gospel (unceremoniously called Year A) and the colours of the altar frontal and other items such as the lectern fall (the bit of material that hangs from lectern) is green. Green is, of course, associated with growth and this reminds us that this is the time, now that the big festivals of Christmas, Holy Week, Easter, Ascension and Whitsun, to step back for a moment and look at the Gospels more closely. This period of growth is the Church following Jesus' example. He always took time out from the big events and the large and demanding crowds to recharge his spiritual batteries so that he did not lose sight of the bigger picture; what his Father wanted him to do and where he wanted him to go.

As I was sorting out my collection of Reviews I came across August 2011 - it had my favourite cover, the steam engine 'Britannia' steaming through Hatfield Peverel. It was a mucky day but no less exciting for that. The BR standard 'Pacific' (4-6-2) was a pioneer in East Anglian traction before electrification, reducing the time between Liverpool Street and Norwich to two hours with two stops - Colchester and Ipswich.

St Andrews has seen a number of concerts this year with more to follow. Back in June, the Anglia Singers gave us a selection of light choral music, including a rendition of Ar Hyd y Nos (All Through the Night) in Welsh. This was most appropriate as the late Cyril Jones was a long-standing member of the Anglia Singers (as well as being a Reader and in our choir) and was a fluid Welsh speaker. As it happened, quite by coincidence, a memorial seat was erected in the churchyard two days before the concert.

We then had a concert by the Hadfelda Choir 'Songs for a Summer Evening', folk songs, musicals and what were once called 'pop' songs. This was deliberately billed as a fun concert; simply reflecting what we sing when we meet on a Thursday afternoon. As is their custom, they supported a charity by donations from the audience and, along with £200 received before the concert, £550 was raised on the night. This year's chosen charity was 'Music for Dementia'. We have another two concerts in St Andrews this year: a trio led by Emma Nash, a concert pianist and accompanist on Saturday 7 October and Witham Choral are returning to perform Haydn's St Nicholas Mass on Saturday 2 December with carols for the audience.

On Sunday 17 September there will be a special combined service at St Andrews. Posters will distributed later next month, but it will be the only service that morning at 11.00am. Light refreshments will be available after the service in the Church Hall. We hope to have part of this outside, weather permitting.

**Our Soup and Roll, we meet again on Tuesday 12 September. See back page.**

### Services at St Andrews

13 August	10th Sunday after Trinity 8am Holy Communion (said) 10.15am All-Age Service 1pm Holy Baptism		10.15am Parish Eucharist 2pm Holy Baptism
20 August	11th Sunday after Trinity 10.15am Parish Eucharist 2 pm Holy Baptism Lily Josephine Watson	3 September	13th Sunday after Trinity 10.15am Matins (Morning Prayer with Hymns)
26 August	12.30pm Holy Matrimony Daniel Phillips/Frances Binns	10 September	14th Sunday after Trinity 8 am Holy Communion (said) 10.15am All-Age Service
27 August	12th Sunday after Trinity	17 September	15th Sunday after Trinity 11am Joint Parish Service
		24 September	Harvest Thanksgiving 10.15am Parish Eucharist

## All Saints, Ulting

Recently there have been two further baptisms involving families who have had close ties with All Saints.

I had help at Grayson Mitchell's baptism when some young assistants lent a hand by filling the font with water from their buckets and then stirred it with great expertise. It was wonderful to see Keith, Fleur and Aiden blessed with the latest addition to their family.



Lucy and Chris Newman's baby daughter, Clementine, was baptised at the beginning of July. I am pleased to say that big brother Samuel is now much better and I had plenty of assistance from him and his twin brother George who made sure there was enough water in the font. I also discovered a new young bell-ringer who did a great job as everyone left the Church.

Prayers and blessing to parents, godparents, friends and families of Grayson and Clementine.

Ulting Wick opened its gardens in July and many of their visitors walked across the meadow to the Church where we were on hand to welcome them and answer any questions. Considering it was a showery Tuesday there was a steady stream of people and in fact Ulting Wick had its highest attendance for their regular July opening. It is always fascinating to chat to those who visit the Church and to hear their stories. For some it was the first time they had discovered All Saints but it was good to see others who have come on previous occasions and just wanted to reflect again in the peace and tranquillity of the Church. Many commented on the spirituality that is felt as soon as you enter and this is something I still experience every time I come into All Saints.

**Our box for the Braintree Food Bank is providing much needed help to many families. At the moment they urgently need:** Shampoo, tinned vegetables, size 4, 5, 6 nappies, tinned hot meat (curry, chilli, stew), coffee, sugar.

**And to maintain stocks:** Tinned baked beans, tinned spaghetti, tinned snacks (beans and sausages), tinned fish, tinned cold meat, breakfast cereal, tinned rice pudding, tinned fruit, tinned potatoes, tinned tomatoes, instant mash, rice, pasta and pasta sauce, long life juice, UHT milk, tea.

**Thank you to everyone who has donated food and supplies. Our food banks make a big difference to those struggling with the problems that the current cost of living crisis brings.**

**Services at All Saints are held on every Sunday morning at 9am and everyone can be assured of a warm welcome. In addition I will be at the Church on Wednesday mornings from 9am.**

### Details of Church Services are as follows -

Sunday 13 August	Morning Prayer	Sunday 10 September	Morning Prayer
Sunday 20 August	Holy Communion	Sunday 17 September	Holy Communion
Sunday 27 August	Parish Eucharist (Common Worship)	Sunday 24 September	Parish Eucharist (Common Worship)
Sunday 3 September	Holy Communion		

If you would like to request a particular hymn at any of these Services please let me know and it will be included.  
Prayers and blessings, Rev'd Derek

### Other events at St Andrews

**Coffee Mornings** on Saturdays 2 September, 7 October 10am to 12 noon. Stalls usually include cakes, cards for most occasions, raffle, bric-a-brac and of course, plenty of coffee.

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

**We continue to endeavour to match our Christian faith with circumstances that we meet in our lives, or hear and read about.**

**O**ur recent service linked the sad news that the submarine that took five people down to see the Titanic remains had disintegrated, contrasting with the on-going news that people were dying in dinghies trying to cross the Mediterranean Sea and the English Channel. In the first instance the occupants had spent \$250000 each to view the site of the Titanic as an exciting adventure compared with immigrants using life savings or taking out loans to pay for dangerous passages to escape war, famine, poverty, and danger. Both situations have led to loss of lives and great sadness for the families left behind.

We were asked in the service whether we were doing enough individually and as a country to support people who are fleeing dreadful situations – by coincidence we had a new family from Ukraine attending who had escaped from the Dnipro River area in Southern Ukraine where the dam had been blown up and large areas had been flooded. The mother told us that there was no running water, that bottled water was totally inadequate and that rockets flew overhead every day.

Our bible tells us in Matthew 10 v 40-42 that ‘if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward’. Jesus is telling his disciples how rewarding giving can be.

### **Lunch Club at St Andrew’s Junior School**

After a very enjoyable term exploring Bible stories with the children and learning how God cares for each one of us, we celebrated the happy times we have had together, with a party for each group on the last Monday. As is normal, all the children were keen to win the party games and receive a mini bar of chocolate but we saw the thoughtfulness towards each other with the winners immediately and voluntarily sharing their prize with others who had not been so lucky, producing smiles all round.

This consideration for others has been very noticeable throughout this term with the children eagerly helping one another to finish craft work in time to take it home.

**We will resume Monday Lunch Club after the summer holidays and warmly welcome any child in years 5 and 6 to join us.** We do not always have chocolate, but the video stories and related activities are fun!

## **Can you touch your toes?**

### **Hadfelda (Ladies Group)**

**I**n an effort to keep fit and agile, our June speaker, Amanda Durrant, took us through some gentle but effective exercises. It’s surprising how quite simple things, like sitting down and getting up out of a chair without using your hands can help strengthen your leg muscles.

Amanda also talked about well-being and how important it is to keep a positive attitude. The winning entry in the competition was a garden fork as gardening is good for both the mind and the body!

July was our annual ‘Afternoon Tea’. The tables looked very nice with pretty china and vases of flowers. Tea always seems to taste better out of a china cup! The members enjoyed a selection of sandwiches, cakes and (unfortunately!) non-alcoholic drinks.

Our next meeting on Wednesday 23 August is ‘Hadfelda’s Got Talent’ where some of our very talented members will entertain us in various ways. In September we have a talk by a Community Fire Safety Officer.

**Hadfelda is a ladies group who meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 2pm in St Andrew’s Church Hall. Visitors are always welcome.**

## Edward Bear

Nicky Shelley

Today, Thursday 20 July, we said goodbye to our older children who are going off to school. We had a story read by Angela and prayers read by Father Stephen. The children received bears and certificates and we wished them well as they start their journey into school in September.

Newer residents of the village may wonder how the Edward Bear Club for young children in St Andrews started. The first began life in 1981 in this Parish and came about because Iris Tozer, wife of the then Vicar Reg was concerned for young families in the village. At this time there was an ailing Sunday School but little else. She devised a formula for a short service and social time during the week, so young mums and their children could get together. In this way they could get used to coming to the church building and would be able to meet the Vicar in a friendly, relaxed environment. Soon, two neighbouring parishes took up the idea and all were amazed at their success.

Edward Bear is not a 'churchy' title and the teddy bear appealed to young children. Edward is the much-loved symbol of the club and he sometimes helps with the storytelling, by singing and clapping! As a response to many enquiries an information pack was produced. Requests came from far and wide, even overseas. There is even a club being used to teach people with learning difficulties.

It is our hope Edward Bear Clubs will continue to be formed and families will remember where he came from. He is very special to our family at St Andrews.



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## Young Country Diary

In our newspaper a daily country article appears. Once a month, on a Thursday, young people send in their contributions and in July this year eleven year old Aditi spoke about his garden in Cambridge and the hedgehog who lives there. This is his depiction of the spaniel-hedgehog encounter.

*Gardens aren't just home to plants. In the back of our garden there was a cordyline, a large green and yellow grass plant. Our cordyline was huge, and had long, vibrant blades with orange, spiky flowers. One evening, my brother and I noticed some murky brown spikes under the plant. We went closer to investigate ... it was a little hedgehog! We had our very own pet!*

*We named him Hoggy, and looked out for him every day. The hedgehog used to explore all around the garden, sometimes disappearing for a few days, but he always came back. He only come out at night, as hedgehogs are nocturnal. We would often find his footprints around the plants.*

*Although Hoggy lived mostly under the cordyline, we made more spaces for him to explore and enjoy, as we wanted him to feel at home. We let leaves gather near the shed. My brother and I put twigs and pieces of wood in little piles so Hoggy could eat the insects hiding under them. We loved having him in our garden.*

*One night we all woke up to loud barking coming from our garden. We ran to see what the commotion was. There we saw our puppy looking confused, staring at a rolled-up ball of spikes in the grass. So we took our pup inside and let Hoggy scurry away to a safe space.*

## Mutability\*

Percy Byshe Shelley

*We are as clouds that veil the midnight moon;  
How restlessly they speed, and gleam, and quiver,  
Streaking the darkness radiantly - yet soon  
Night closes round, and they are lost for ever:*

*Or like forgotten lyres, whose dissonant strings  
Give various response to each varying blast,  
To whose frail frame no second motion brings  
One mood or modulation like the last.*

*We rest..-A dream has power to poison sleep;  
We rise. - One wandering thought pollutes the day;  
We feel, conceive or reason, laugh or weep;  
Embrace fond woe, or cast our cares away:*

*It is the same! - For, be it joy or sorrow'*

*The path of its departure still is free:*

*Man's yesterday may ne'er be like his morrow;  
Nought may endure but Mutability.*

Percy Byshe Shelley, sailing north along the Italian coast to Lerici from Livorno, where he had met up with his friend Lord Byron, drowned when his rickety boat capsized. When his remains washed up ten days later, the book of John Keats poetry was found in his pocket. He was 28.

His friend Keats lived just 25 years, Byron 36; their poems lost. *Mutability* was a favourite of his wife's. In Frankenstein she put lines from the poem into the mouths of both Victor and the creature he fashioned from the bodies of the dead. Shelley's own corpse had an afterlife. Buried in quicklime in a shallow grave, owing to Italy's strict quarantine laws, then dug up later and cremated on a pyre.

\*Mutability - capable of inspiration, open to change

## Table Tennis

### Next Season and practice nights

Our new season starts in September and we will welcome any new league players to join us. We are a long-established friendly club (founded circa 1981) with both male and female players. Our six teams play in the Chelmsford District Table Tennis League (CDTTL).

There will be three practice nights on Tuesdays 22 and 29 August and 5 September. If you are interested please come along.

During the season (September to May) our home playing night is Tuesday. We have over 30 members of all standards and ages and we play home matches in the Village Hall in Maldon Road (CM3 2HP) with excellent lighting, playing conditions and top class equipment.

League match evenings are friendly and good fun, and next season we hope to field six teams in the CDTTL Divisions 2, 3, 4 and 5. Table tennis is a healthy, active and enjoyable sport, proven to enhance personal, physical and mental well-being. It is also relatively inexpensive to kit out and play.

If you wish to play competitively, to re-start your playing career or come to the practice evenings you would be most welcome, so contact us. We can also help you get back into the swing.

Please leave your details with Club Secretary Neil Freeman on 01245 382249 or myself Club Chairman Andy Simmonds on 01245 381020 or 07932 057 205. Andy Simmonds

## Hatfield Peverel indoor bowls

Membership is staying stable on the indoor mats, with regular playing during the summer and friendly matches against other Clubs.

The club is open four days a week - more players would be welcome, new or old. If you're interested come along and have a look. Contact secretary Jackie Spooner (3809470) for information.

The Croquet Club is making full use of our 'old' bowling green ( come and see them ). Derek

## Croquet has arrived at Hatfield Peverel.

It is with great pleasure Maldon Croquet Club (MCC) now has the opportunity to play club croquet at Hatfield Peverel. This is a result of an affiliation with Hatfield Peverel Bowling Club (HPBC) who have given MCC exclusive use of their outdoor playing area at the Keith Bigden Memorial Ground.

MCC was founded in 2011 at Drapers Farm Sports and Social Club in Heybridge, later moving to Forrester Park Golf Club at Great Totham. Following a change of ownership at Forester Park several sites were considered and the club were fortunate in being offered the HPBC facility which makes an ideal new home.

This facility provides the Club with two outstanding croquet lawns which are maintained by an outside contractor.

At present we have over 60 members who have the opportunity to play socially or competitively. The Club offers a system of roll ups that allow members to play with different players and guests. Anyone is welcome to come along and try their hand or just to spectate to get an idea of the game. There is no dress code for roll ups, however flat soled shoes ( no sandals) must be worn on the lawns at all times. Equipment is provided.

During the season ( April -September) the Club organises several internal competitions which are always played in good spirits. There is also the opportunity to play in regional and national competitions.

Coaching is provided for new members as well as refresher sessions for all players.

We play golf croquet which is fun and requires ball and strategic skills which can be quickly learned as it's not a complicated game. It provides gentle non demanding exercise and just as importantly greatly improves mental health. We welcome players of all ages and experience from absolute beginners to national champions.

There is a very good social side to the Club. We have an annual summer BBQ, a presentation dinner and monthly informal pub lunches during the winter months so members can keep in touch during the winter season. This summer we have organized a friendly game with HPBC so that each club has a chance to mingle and try both sports.

If you would like to try croquet please visit our website at [www.maldoncroquetclub.org.uk](http://www.maldoncroquetclub.org.uk). where you will find a lot of information about the club and the game including a video, the rules and information on the club itself. If you wish to get more information please contact our Secretary - Janet Woods at [maldoncroquetclub@gmail.com](mailto:maldoncroquetclub@gmail.com). We look forward to seeing you.



## Hatfield Peverel Parish Council

### Committees and advisory groups

Community Events (C), Environment (E)  
Community Park (CP), Traffic (T),  
Finance/General purposes (FGP),  
Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP),  
Personnel (P), Sport and Recreation (SR)

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#### Planning matters are discussed at full Council

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## The cameras are rolling again!

### After a very successful 18<sup>th</sup> year Maldon Film Club is preparing for its 2023/2024 season

Doors open Tuesday 12 September 2023 in the Maldon Town Hall at 7.15pm. The season continues until 22 May 2024 with films shown fortnightly on Tuesdays 2023 and Wednesday 2024. Wine and soft drinks available at a charge from 7.30pm and all films commence at 8pm sharp.

**The opening night - 12 September - our first film will be the Oscar nominated 'Mrs Harris Goes to Paris'.** In partnership with the House of Dior, the film tells the story of a widowed cleaning lady in 1950's London who falls in love with a couture Dior dress and decides she must have one of her own. After she works, starves, gambles to raise the funds to pursue her dream, she embarks on an adventure to Paris which will change not only her own outlook, but the very future of the House of Dior.

**Our second film, on Tuesday 26 September, is the Oscar winning Everything, Everywhere, All At Once.** With her Laundromat on the brink of failure and her marriage on the rocks overworked Evelyn Wang struggles with tattered relationships with her father and daughter and she must brace herself for a meeting with an impersonal auditor. As the agent loses patience Evelyn is swept up into an adventure where she alone can save existence by exploring other universes. **From October to December films are Tar, Brian and Charles, A Man Called Otto and Blind Ambition.**

From this September the annual subscription is £30 and members have free admission to all of the season's 19 films, that's less than £1.60 per film! Membership is open to all and new members welcome. Members guests pay just £4 per film!

For details/application form visit our web site [www.maldonfilmclub.uk/](http://www.maldonfilmclub.uk/) the Maldon Visitor Information Centre or phone 01621 869340 for membership enquiries. You are welcome to come as my guest to the first film of the new season, meet committee members and pay your annual subscription on the night. Further questions contact John Salisbury, 07905 971608.

## Useful telephone numbers

Please contact the editors for additions/errors.

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

**Braintree District Council** 01376 552525

Clean Team ring number above and ask for

Customer Services

Witham Area Office in Witham Library

- for walk-in enquiries only

**The Change Project** 01245 258680

Personnel well-being through 08453 727701

positive change

### 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

**Community Agent** for Hatfield Peverel

Jan Hawkins - 07540 720605, 01376 574330

### Doctors, health services

Hatfield Peverel doctors' surgery 01245 380324

NHS - non-emergency helpline 111

**Boots Pharmacy** 01245 380130

Mon-Fri 9am-6pm, Sat 9am-1pm, 1.30pm-4.0pm

Electricity - emergency 0800 7838838

**Essex County Council** 03457 430430

**Essex & Suffolk Water** 24 hours 0845 7820999

**Gas - emergency** 0800 111999

**Harlequin Children's Centre** 0300 2470014

Free support and services for children under 5

### Hospitals

Broomfield (A&E) 01245 362000

St Peters, Maldon 01621 725323

**Libraries (enquiry line)** 0345 6037628

Hatfield Peverel opening hours

Tuesday 2pm - 7pm

Wednesday 9am - 1pm

Saturday 9am - 5pm

Witham - use enquiry line above

**Police** Non-emergency calls 101

Use 101 also for the local officer

Emergency calls 999

Police Stations, Braintree, Chelmsford

Opening hours, Monday - Saturday, 12.00 to 6pm

### Co-op Store (with Post Office - see below)

Open 7am - 10pm 01245 382606

**Greater Anglia rail** 03456 007245

National Rail Enquiries (24 hrs) 03457 484950

Hatfield Peverel ticket office/waiting room

Open 6.15am to 1.00pm, Monday to Saturday.

### Registrar of Births, Marriages & Deaths

Witham, by appointment only 03456 037632

Braintree, by appointment only 03456 037632

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

### Schools

St Andrew's Junior School 01245 380131

Hatfield Peverel Infant and Nursery School

01245 380220

**Village Hall** 01245 381481

### Childminders

**Kate Bryant** 07796 851403

**Nicky Shelley** 07590 618343

**Joanne Logan** 07989 131249

**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.



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**Saturday 9 September**

11am till 1pm

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**2nd Wednesday of the month**

**10.0am - 12.00pm**



**All welcome**

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