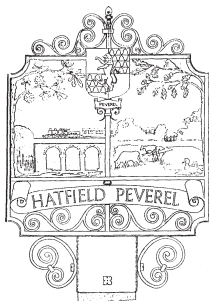


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# Local events and happenings round and about

## Diary Dates

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### December

- 4 Flower Club
- 7 Carols, coffee and mince pies 10 - 11am at the Library
- 7 St Andrews coffee morning 10am
- 7 Christmas Folk Dance Club
- 8 Christmas in the Park, page 2
- 11 Wine Club
- 14 Methodist Church coffee morning and cake stall 10am at the Church in The Street
- 19 Folk Dance Club - goodbye
- 21 Helen Rollason coffee morning 10am
- 22 December 9am - Breakfast/Christmas Celebration at Little Bears Nursery in Maldon Road

### January

- 4 St Andrews coffee morning
- 8 Wine Club
- 9 Flower Club
- 11 Methodist Church coffee morning and cake stall 10am at the Church in The Street
- 13 Parish Council meeting
- 14 WEA Spring term class, see page 17
- 22 Hadfelda WI

### Cardfields reminder

Christmas lunch at Cardfields on 12 December is at 12.30 for 1pm. The list is complete, hope you are all on it. See you on the day!

*Cover: Thank you Orla-Mae for this colourful Christmas bobble hat. What a pity we can't show our pictures in colour*



james pennock love soldiers

**P**reparation for this festive Review got off to a good start: we actually began the spade work several weeks ago but you know how it is, a false sense of security and a couple of invitations for a cuppa, and you are behind - and once you are behind, you've had it! So where are we now. At this minute its 11pm, he who must be obeyed is drowning his sorrows with a cup of tea downstairs - I, upstairs, have something stronger which makes me feel happy but won't make any difference. No way are we going to get it to the printers first thing in the morning. Sorry Steve!

So, an early happy Christmas to you all. I hope it will be reasonable, but that's all you can expect at the moment. Things are not great, but a glimpse of sunshine makes things better, keep your fingers crossed and enjoy what is good with your life. Especially the carols on Christmas in the Park on 8 December. The old traditional ones never lose their attraction and are the best - like some of us.

And thank you too to the young people who have drawn, painted a wonderful selection of poppies for us to remember loved ones whose lives were cut short. We have no paint handy and lack the colour to bring them to life. Peter Archer, our poppy man, tells me the amount so far raised this year is £4,500 but there is more coming in. I'm sure you will agree the poppies on top of this page are beautiful, even without colour. Thank you to James Pennock, Hatfield Peverel Infant School, who painted them.

## **Christmas in the Park Sunday 8 December!**

**Emma Cook - Community Events Team**

**O**ur annual Christmas in the Park will take place on Sunday 8 December. From 3.30pm at the village hall we will be holding our annual carol concert plus extras. A piper will lead you outside for the switching on of the lights on the Vic Olley tree, kindly sponsored again this year by Paul Mason, and mince pies and mulled wine will be taken on your return. Christmas jumpers will be looked upon favourably. We are hoping once more to have our 'extra special guest'. Weather permitting we will sing a carol or two outside and a **special young guest will press the big red button to turn the lights on** and mark the ceremonial start of the Hatty Pev Christmas season.



If you have a special talent and would like to showcase it at the event, please let us know at the below email address. See you all there!

**Date for your diary** - next year's Party in the Park will be on Saturday 4 July 2020. It will be an American themed event. Watch this space for news in the lead up to the event.

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

**Stop the press – we understand we will again this year have a surprise big red visitor. Better be on your best behaviour, children.**

## Official start of Winter? 22 December!

Allotment and growing news, Chairman Drew Price HPAA new site letting officer, [www.hpaa.org.uk](http://www.hpaa.org.uk)

Winter officially starts on 22 December in the UK. But rain, cloud, low temperatures, and wind are making folks feel it is already here. British allotment holders enjoy the onset of winter. They, like the rest of us, love the seasonal change, cosy evenings in front of the wood burner, the chance to put feet up and forget allotment or garden for a while. Many allotments are done for the season, others are in final tidy up mode. It was overall a successful year despite weather challenges. Too wet, too dry, too hot, too cold or too windy.

Highlights include a successful quiz night in June, changing our July competition day to a recognition day, and a good turnout for our AGM in November. Seeds, potatoes and chicken manure pellets are on order.

There are several things we do on the allotments at this time of year for a solid start next season. Some ideas may be helpful for your home gardens as well.

- 1 Clear up rotting and finished plants: Composting now will provide future organic matter. Wait for a dry day to weed properly, rake fallen leaves and remove the remains of summer crops. Leaving them to rot will only invite disease or pests.
- 2 Manure early. We do this to maximise the time that manure has to work on the soil. Leaving manure on the surface of the beds protects the precious soil below from the harsh weather.
- 3 Plant fruit: Now is a good time to plant bare-root fruit bushes such as gooseberries and blackberries, but they can be planted at any point during the dormant season of November to the end of March.
- 4 Divide/plant bulbs: daffodils, tulips, crocuses are ready to go back into the soil for next year's display.
- 5 Check your equipment: Now is the perfect time to give everything a once-over. Do tools need fixing or replacing? Is the wheelbarrow wheel wobbly? Do metal or wooden items need oiling? Are the mouse traps working? Are the shed door locks and window latches secure and reliable?
- 6 Know when and how to harvest: pluck Brussels sprouts from bottom up and pick parsnips only after the first frosts because the cold temperature gives them their sweet flavour by turning starches into sugars.

**Wishing you a cosy winter, special Christmas and the warm clear vision of your spring garden.**

*Drew Price, Email: [chairman@hpaa.org.uk](mailto:chairman@hpaa.org.uk)*

## But don't forget our wildlife....



While we are preparing our plots and gardens for the growing season, give a thought to our declining wildlife. Bees are essential to us, without them we would not survive. Remember the wasps - they also have their uses. As a concerned allotmenteer I read the comments in the State of Nature report which concludes '...there is no let up in the loss of nature in the UK and it won't be easy to get ourselves out of this mess'. We need to look on our plots as small areas in which nature can thrive, without making the land sterile as many farmers have done to arable fields where nothing lives. I felt compelled to put together the following poem.

*You've been given a small plot of land to tend and cultivate  
We ask that you take care of it before it is too late.  
We know in nature all's not well  
So some advice we'd like to tell.  
Please don't spray the grass and weeds  
They both are food for moths and bees  
All butterflies are in decline  
So many lives are on the line.  
Aphids don't do too much good  
But for ladybirds they are their food.  
We ask you to stop and think before  
You pump those chemicals once more  
Our planet's in a dire old state  
- We must change our ways fore its too late.*



## A successful year - but not for pumpkins!

Horticultural Society, Publicity Trina Butcher 01245 380532

### AGM 6 November

Weather changes from last year have been more welcoming for flowers and vegetables. And more enjoyable for us in our outdoor activities, visiting the gardens of Ulting Wick in March and exploring Hyde Hall, one of my favourite gardens in Essex, in June.

A wealth of daffodils were in full bloom for the Spring Show - the scent was wonderful - and at the Autumn Show we had new faces! We are a friendly lot, and you can't beat an afternoon growing - or cooking - we could do with some new bakers.

Pumpkins were lean (in number) at the AGM. Only one entry, Jenny and John Clemo's 244 pounder - beating their last year's winner by 2 pounds. Hedley's entry turned out to be a marrow which won a prize at the Autumn Show. Marrows are now be banned at the AGM! (*Photo: Neville Moore*)



Officers and committee were re-elected en bloc

### Summer break to North Norfolk: 12 - 16 July 2020

Lovely Norfolk, what a treat! We will be based at Le Strange Arms, Old Hunstanton, a stone's throw from the sea with lawns leading down to the beach.

Stow Hall gardens, our en route stop, with gardens at Manor House farm, Tudor Lodgings, Hindringham Hall and Kettle Hill are venues during our stay. There will also be a boat treat into The Wash for seal watching. We will call at Anglesea Abbey on the way home.

Cost is £499 for a double or twin room, with some singles. Rooms available on a first come first served basis. Please make your bookings with Clive Emberson, mobile 0777 1536938.

Year Book and schedules should be available early in New Year - and our Spring Show is coming up on Saturday 28 March 2020. Plenty of time to plan.

## Be Prepared!

### Hadfelda WI Marel Elliston

WI members are prepared for anything and can cope with the unexpected. As things turned out, this was just as well! We arrived for the October meeting looking forward to learning how make a Christmas wreath, to find our speaker/demonstrator had not arrived.



We later discovered that she had mistaken the time. However, in true WI spirit, we all had a cup of tea and drew the raffle. Our lady eventually made it over an hour late and we enjoyed an

interesting demonstration. Fortunately this doesn't happen very often and hope it won't deter the several visitors we had that afternoon from visiting us again.

Our November meeting will be our Christmas celebrations when we welcome Emily Yarrow who will entertain us with songs from movies and musicals.

We do not meet in December, but everyone is welcome to join us on Wednesday 22 January 2020 at 2pm in St Andrew's Church Hall to hear a talk about the Air Ambulance.

## Parish Council News

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Maldon Road, Hatfield Peverel, CM3 2HP  
Tel 01245 382865. Email: [parishclerk@hatfieldpeverelpc.com](mailto:parishclerk@hatfieldpeverelpc.com)

### Parish Council vacancies

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



### Hatfield Peverel Library

Essex County Council has published its 'Essex Future Library Services Strategy 2019-2024'. It states: "The council has listened to the feedback received from the consultation - it is very clear that libraries are valued by those who use them not just for books but also as safe social spaces and hubs for a range of activities. In many locations there is community support for retaining some form of library service. While the provision of council-run library services must be driven by evidence of need for them, our intention is that by working with communities, we can together keep a library service in every current location."

The Parish Council has discussed involvement in a community led library service, but at this time does not have resources available to commit to the project. However, if a local community group wishes to find out more about being involved in the future library service, please see the following link for further information:

<https://libraries.essex.gov.uk/libraries-consultation/essex-future-library-services-strategy-2019-2024/>  
Expressions of interest are still being accepted.

### Your Village Needs You!

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

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

### 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](https://www.braintree.gov.uk/info/200225/search_and_track_planning_applications/592/weekly_lists)

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

### The following applications were considered at the meeting on 7 October

19/01751/HH – Single storey rear extension with flat roof and lantern, Swallows, Church Road. No comment.

**The following applications were noted (no action required by Parish Council)**

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

**The following applications were considered in full council on 4 November**

19/01803/FUL – Demolition of existing farm building and 4 houses and erection of 50 dwellings at Hatfield Bury Farm, Bury Lane. No comment.

19/01762/HH – Proposed single storey front extension, new pitched roof to garage, alterations to fenestration at 12 Beech Rise. No comment.

19/01746/DAC – Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 12 and 13 of approval 18/00851/FUL at The Wheatsheaf, The Green. No comment.

19/01786/VAR – Application for a variation of condition 29 of permission 18/01650/VAR at Arla Dairy, Station Road. No comment.

19/01765/FUL – Erection of a replacement store building following fire damage at Trees Farm, Spring Lane. No comment.

19/01849/HH – Single storey rear extension at 69 Priory Farm Road. No comment.

**Social Media**

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

Facebook: @hatfieldpeverelpc Twitter: @HatPevPC

**Website**

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

**The next monthly meetings of the Parish Council** will be held on Monday 13 January (please note, this is the second Monday in January) and Monday 3 February 2020.

**Goodnight Mister Tom - remember the wartime drama screened on ITV in October 1998?**

The country stile graphic we use for the Parish Council news first appeared in issue 148 December 1998 illustrating a wonderful 'I remember ...' article sent to us by a villager with the initials WR. It found a permanent place in the August 1999 issue. When I looked at it today it reminds me of the stile on footpath 29 which has just been replaced by a kissing gate. If you think you know of this person do get in touch - I have a copy of the article you might like to read.

**Poppy display on The Green**

The children at Nicky's Childminding have been busy collecting bottles and painting them to create a poppy display on The Green along with our silent soldier which was very kindly drawn by Jason Hughes and cut out by Gary Clark. A very big thank you to them both - the children are very proud of it and have told all their friends and teachers



## Library happenings

How about a warm welcome on a cold wintry morning, the Christmas cuppa (and mince pies) is on Wednesday 4 December (10am - 12 noon) and magical decorations are up.



The Craft and Chat Group has now been going for almost two years. It arose out of a need to enhance the amount of groups using the library and at a time when we began to realise the library was under threat. I was invited to start the group and eventually become an official library volunteer. Since its inception our small group has enjoyed doing a variety of crafts including knitting, crochet, cross stitch, paper crafts, and patchwork. One of our members works tirelessly for Farleigh Hospice. The idea is to bring a craft of one's choice and then perhaps someone else can try it, but that's optional. We have a relaxed afternoon with tea and cakes and would welcome anyone to come along. Like other groups in the area we welcome anyone who does a craft. Perhaps sewing, embroidery, adult colouring, drawing for example. **We meet every Thursday afternoon from 2pm.**

The Family History Group started just over a year ago and we have had some really fantastic mornings, again we all help each other and I think most people have found a few little surprises in their ancestry. I have now also started one in Witham library with the help of two members of our local group. This can be a very exciting project to embark on and dare I say it, addictive. **We meet the third Wednesday in the month at 10am**, have a coffee and then on to discover more about our families.

**A community coffee morning meets every Wednesday at 10am. Come and try it.**

Do make a resolution for the New Year to join us in our activities which we hope can also be part of a drive to beat loneliness and get people socialising. **We still need our Library and the library needs you!**

Best wishes for Christmas and, hopefully, a better New Year.  
*Cathy Etheridge*

## Diva lamps for Diwali

### Day Nursery

We have had lots of new experiences again this term. We celebrated Diwali by making Diva lamps and printing our own Rangoli patterns. We also enjoyed tasting Indian food for snacks.

We raised £40.75 for Children in Need coming to nursery in our pyjamas and spotty clothes.

Our Grandparents came into play. They had a great fun with us. We are now starting to prepare for Christmas. We are making Christmas calendars, Christmas cards and decorations. *Thank you to Livia, Teddy, Poppy and Zachary - see drawings.* The children are practising their Christmas songs to sing to their parents.



We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The nursery has an Ofsted rating of Outstanding and is managed by Belinda Wakelin who has a BA Degree in Early Years and holds Early Years Professional Status with a well qualified team.



As well as nursery we run a before and after school for children up to the age of 8 years old. For availability of spaces please telephone 01245 382450



## Halloween - and pumpkin time

*Thankyou to Infant School Reception children - Finlay, Lola-Rose and Isabelle - for their decorated pumpkins*





## Welcome to St Andrew's Junior School's new Headteacher

I would like to introduce myself as the new Headteacher at Hatfield Peverel St Andrew's Junior School. I was brought up in Chelmsford and have lived locally with my husband and two teenage daughters for the last 20 years.

As a child, I always wanted to be a primary school teacher. 21 years after qualifying as a teacher I am still passionate about my career and my main motivation is to make a positive difference to children's lives. In that time I have taught Early Years, KS1, KS2 and have been SENCo and Deputy Headteacher.

I am very proud and excited to take on the role of Headteacher in a school that I love working in. Our staff are hugely committed to making the biggest impact on the lives of our children and the families of Hatfield Peverel and beyond.



Our new vision statement 'Let Your Light Shine' based on the verse from the Bible Matthew 5:16 is key to the curriculum planning and opportunities that our children are given. We plan for and ensure that children have a wide range of opportunities in order to develop the 'whole' child and are passionate about ensuring that our children are able to 'shine'. Our 'Shine' Celebrations are opportunities for the whole school to celebrate and for children to be identified as shining in their own way. Albeit for trying particularly hard in school, being an amazing mathematician, a talented sportsman or artist, or through always making the right choices in school and being a kind member of the school community.

I have a firm belief that children learn best when they are happy and secure in their learning environment, with clear boundaries and expectations. In order to make the children's learning experiences as valuable as they can be, we try to immerse the children in whichever topic they are focused on that term. Engaging trips and cross-curricular days are key to developing interest and 'linking the children's learning' in school. Duxford, Colchester Castle, The Royal Observatory in Greenwich and Danbury Park are a few trips that children have enjoyed this term; this has been reflected in some excellent work.

We have developed Forest Schools this term in our 'Outdoor Classroom' – the opportunities for teamwork, communication, negotiation, problem solving and creativity have been very well-received and the Year 6 children have really impressed me with their enthusiasm and enjoyment.

We are always keen to work better with members of the wider community, so if you have any spare time and would like to come and support our children by hearing them read or sharing a skill you have please pop in to the school office to request a Volunteer application pack. We DBS check all volunteers and will be requesting references, but if you would like to help we'd love to hear from you.

As we look forward to Christmas with everything that it brings we will be thinking of those less fortunate than ourselves. This year we are supporting the local Home Start group by making 'Christmas Craft Packs' that are distributed to families in need this Christmas.

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas from the staff and children at St Andrew's Junior School.

Becky Black, Headteacher

## Children in Need

Congratulations to St Andrew's Junior School, the Infant School and the Day Nursery for raising, between them, a total of £449.51.



line exercise session, and made and sold cakes. Infants brought poorly teddies - some bandaged - and Day Nursery children wore yellow and spotty pyjamas.

Juniors wore sports wear, took part in an on-

**The BBC appeal raised a total of £47.9m.**

## Supermarket specials and a slap-up seasonal spread!

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)

Club members have been flocking back to the Village Hall for our autumn meetings. After a successful tasting of the Wines Which Came In From The Cold... September, October's Annual General Meeting was a quieter affair. We were pleased to learn from the Treasurer that Club funds were in a comfortable situation for the time being, and committee members reaching the end of their terms - Vee Green (Secretary) and Steve Spearman (Membership Secretary) - were re-elected by unanimous vote, whereas all the rest of the committee were happy continuing in post.



November's well-attended meeting was entitled Save Money, Live Better? which some of you will recognize as Asda's current strapline. We tasted good value Asda wines, presented by committee members Linda Fisher, Ann Riddleston, Henryk Podlesny and Jill Shakespeare, plus club members Dave Belshaw and John Riddleston. All wines were acceptable, but the whites clear winner was the Asda Extra Special Albariño from Spain streets ahead of the others. The reds were closer, with the Asda Extra Special Daõ from Portugal just pipping the Carnivor Zinfandel from California. Interesting to see both favourites were from the Asda Extra Special Range. The evening was rounded out with excellent cheeses – including a fiery chilli-flavoured one – provided by Judith Endersby, to whom many thanks.

We are looking forward to our Christmas Party in the Village Hall in December, with a superb 4-course supper provided by members and committee followed by a great evening of live music provided by local entertainer Ian Jordan, back by popular demand. This will be followed in January by the traditional Intra-Club Quiz when we all get our brains back into gear after the excesses of the festive season.

If you'd like to join us for a light-hearted and inexpensive evening out, you would be very welcome, but please give Vee a ring beforehand to confirm attendance (and to ensure we have enough of everything to eat and drink!) on 01245 355723, or Graham on 01245 380472. Have a look to see the date and topic of each month's meeting on our website at [www.peverelwineclub.co.uk](http://www.peverelwineclub.co.uk). The club meets normally on the second Wednesday of the month at 8pm in the Village Hall, but with some exceptions, so that it is always worth phoning first.

## Rules for a successful celebration - to go with the wine?

After years of practice Jay Rayner (writer, cook, jazz player) has rules on Christmas lunch. Don't faff over a starter; ditch most veg; set fire to something.

Beware family, I may give it a go. If I survive, I'll let you know.

**First the timetable.** Chicken, turkey, goose '2pm - serve' at the bottom of your sheet and work backwards up the paper until something like '9am - oven on'

**The starter** - don't faff doesn't mean no starter, just a spot of shopping (somewhere you know) or a wonderful friend arranging a parcel of delicious assorted fish from wildest Scotland - yummy, add a lettuce leaf and slice of toast!

**The veg** (will they be raw or overcooked, still hot and alive). Roast potatoes are a must, just as good in oil if you have a vegetarian in the house. Home grown or local sprouts- I know, you hate sprouts - red cabbage (can be cooked several days before) and perhaps one other favourite will mean you are not juggling with the impossible.

Ah, most important, bread sauce. A large onion spiked with cloves, magic. (Delia has a good recipe).

**The pud.** Boiled for hours on your precious stove, soaked in brandy and carried aloft (flaming?) to the table. Don't like pudding but do like 'surprises' therein.

Traditions are hard to ignore - have a trifle with meringues and a happy stress-free day.

# Hatfield Peverel Girlguiding Group

Julie Down, Rainbow Leader

It is with sadness I start this report telling you of the news that one of our Leaders has passed away.

Scout – who is Fern fairies’ husband and Sky fairies Dad, died in hospital on the 7 September 2019. Scout was a valued Leader of 1st Hatfield Peverel Rainbows and 6th Witham Brownies.

(Photo) Our thanks go to Leaders from both units, Witham West District and Witham North District for their support in keeping the units running at this difficult time. We also thank the Rainbows and Brownies and their parents for their kindness.

Fern fairy continues to attend Every Members Club in Hatfield Peverel which Scout and Fern enjoyed together and we thank the members for their kindness and support towards Fern.

## Rainbows

Since we returned in September, we have been very busy working on two skills builders – Network and Lead. Rainbows have taken part in activities for these such as Discover!, All about You, Untanglers and Leadersheep. Additional activities have included Know your coins, Story Trail, Memory Mates and Fastest Friend First. We visited the Every Members Club to show them activities, Skills Builders, Badges and resources from our new programme. The Rainbows enjoy visiting the members and the members are very welcoming to us. We took a ‘Weather Forecaster’ craft along for Rainbows to do with the members.

## Brownies

This term we have been working on two skill builders - Innovate and Live Smart. Activities have included looking at what computers and dance routines have in common and creating new inventions. We also had fun using props as something different and making up mimes. The other Brownies had to guess what we were acting out. We have enjoyed making and eating fajitas and learnt about tools and their uses. We have played new games, tried out some of the things Brownies did in the past, and learnt about why we should have rules.



*Scout supervising our Tombola stall at Party in the Park which he did each year.*

*Photo: Julie Downes*

## Guides

This term we have welcomed new girls to the unit and we still have spaces. If you know a young lady between 10 and 14 who might like to come and try guiding you can register their interest on the Girlguiding website [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk)

We have had a few evenings of cooking, always a favourite, plus thinking about our future planet where we visited Anglia Ruskin University along with many other units in the Chelmsford area and made turtles out of used plastic, the creations were then displayed in High Chelmer shopping centre. We had a visit from The J’s Hospice to teach us about the great work they do.

We are currently working hard on the displays for the library that we do every year - please do go and have a look from beginning of December. We are also planning and looking forward to going to the Essex International Jamboree in August 2020 where we will be part of a huge gathering of Guides and Scouts from across the globe.

## Lighting up the library and Christmas mince pie time

The Library is looking festive with its Christmas displays staged by the girlguiding group - they have worked their magic for you. 7 December is the Library’s carols and mincepies coffee morning 10 - 11am. Come along and join in with Hadfelda Choir, enjoy a mince pie or two with your drink.

## Christmas at St Andrews

Once more the Christmas season is upon us. Some would say Christmas seems to come earlier and earlier! The purists would say we should only be thinking about it after Advent Sunday, when the Church Year begins. But consider this. In 1980 the Church of England brought out a new prayer book called the Alternative Service Book (ASB). This had Sundays before Christmas and the readings for the year began 4 weeks before Advent. The idea behind this was we need to understand more fully the social, political and religious context in which Christ came. So there is a good argument for thinking about the coming of Christ earlier than Advent. Possibly the secular world might have a point, though I still find it slightly off-putting to see Christmas-orientated products even before Halloween?



As I indicated last year, both in Hatfield Peverel and Ulting we held our Remembrance Sunday services at the correct time in order that we join in the Act of Remembrance alongside the rest of the UK.

With this Review you will find a Christmas Card showing the services to be held over the Christmas period in our various churches. Below is a quick resume of various events.

**7 December** Christmas coffee morning 10am Church Hall

### Principle services at St Andrews during December

- 1<sup>st</sup> December 6.30pm** Advent Service of lessons and carols 'From Darkness to Light'  
**8 December 10.15am - 12.30pm** Messy Advent for young and young-at-heart. See posters. Light lunch  
**22 December 6.30pm** 'Nine Lessons and Carols'  
**24 December 4.30pm** 'The Greatest Gift/Light of the World' (details in card).  
**Note:** Homestart gifts do **not** need to be wrapped this year  
**24 December 11.30pm** Midnight Mass  
**25 December 10.15am** Family Carol Service with Holy Communion

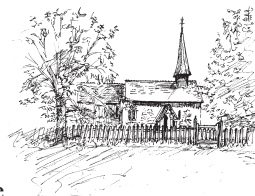
Other services are to be found in St Andrews and All Saints Parish Magazine and on the Christmas card.

### New Year 2020

**Saturday 4 January** Coffee morning 10am at St Andrews Church Hall

## Celebrations at All Saints Church Ulting

All Saints Church was delighted to welcome Elaine Clarke to the pulpit in October. Elaine is Manager at Cardfields which lies just outside Hatfield Peverel. It is owned by Islington Borough Council and provides a location where children from the inner city can come for anything from a day to a week to take part in activities which would not be part of their normal school curriculum. Elaine was very open about her own difficult childhood and how it spurred her into a teaching career in Islington and from there to Cardfields as Manager. She spoke of the varied groups which come to stay at Cardfields, and how recently they had looked after a group of profoundly deaf children with their sign interpreters all of whom had given their services free of charge. Another group consisted of prospective foster carers together with their prospective foster children and Elaine said how coming together at Cardfields had given them all the opportunity to get to know each other in a location where support could be given by the staff, and Elaine paid tribute to all those who work there. Cardfields has events when they welcome visitors to the Centre and it is well worth a visit. After the Service Elaine stayed





with the rest of the congregation for tea and cakes and was happy to chat more about the work that is carried out there. (*Photo below: Barbara Mason*)



**The Remembrance Service** at All Saints was an opportunity to reflect on those who had given their lives in both World Wars and subsequent conflicts. The silhouette of a lone soldier had been standing at All Saints for the past two weeks and was a poignant symbol for everyone who had visited the Church or had passed by on the river or walked

along the opposite bank. The Remembrance Service itself was a reflective one with appropriate hymns, prayers and two poems written by Rupert Brook and John Gillespie Magee. The congregation then walked to the War Memorial where the names of those who returned safely from the two World Wars were read out and thanks were given for their return. These were followed by the names of those who had died, together with a short account of who they were and where they lived, vividly bringing to life the names on the Memorial. At eleven o'clock two minutes' silence took place when all that could be heard was the rustling of the trees. A wreath of poppies was laid and everyone returned to the Church for a welcome cup of hot soup served with sausage rolls and cakes.



### **Sunday 8 December at 4pm - Candlelit Carol Service.**

As well as giving everyone the opportunity to sing some favourite carols led by the Hadfelda Singers, the story of Christmas will be told through Bible readings and poems. Light refreshments will be served after the Service. Please note there will be no Morning Prayer that morning.

**Full Services with Holy Communion and hymns will take place at All Saints at 9 o'clock on Sunday 11, 15 and 29 December with a Christmas Day Service with carols at 9 o'clock on Wednesday 25 December. New Year begins with a full Service with Holy Communion and hymns at 9 o'clock on Sunday 5 January and then Morning Prayer on Sunday 12 January at 9 o'clock.** There will be a full Service with Holy Communion and hymns on Sunday 19 January at 9 o'clock. I will be at All Saints on Wednesday mornings at 9 o'clock for Morning Office and the Church will be open for you to join me at this time. You can always be assured of a warm welcome at All Saints.

*Prayers and blessings, Revd Derek*

### **Update - Sponsored walk for Sri Lanka Easter bombing victims - £6,700 raised**

### **An early taste of turkey and pud**

Christmas celebrations start early for St Andrews Lunch Club when festive turkey and Trimmings (and specials for those with preferences) will be served to members and friends on Tuesday 10 December. Put on your glad rags - men too - and meet at 12 noon for lunch at 12.30pm. Transport can be arranged - for information or to reserve a place please contact Belinda Hull on 01376 512540 or 07854 122728.



**Lunch Club meets on the second Tuesday of every month** at mid day for tea/coffee before lunch at 12.30pm. Cost £4.

**Soup and sandwiches, fourth Tuesday of every month** between 12 noon and 2pm, will meet in the New Year at the new time of 1pm. Cost is £2.50 including tea and coffee.

# Hatfield Peverel Methodist and Reality Church

## Working with the Junior Church

Over the past year we have been involved in St Andrews Junior School taking a number of their assemblies. This arrangement is continuing with the new Head, Mrs. Black.

Since October our group of Methodist Churches has received grants from the wider Methodist church organisation to employ a new lay employee to work alongside our Minister Barry to concentrate on work with families and schools. Sandie Hulbert has been appointed and has already introduced a Monday lunch club in the Junior School. She writes



*We meet every week to share God's love and message through stories, songs, Bible quotes, role play, prayer and craft activities. The club is fun and gives children the opportunity to explore and discuss Christianity to those who come freely and want to participate. Themes of Harvest, Fruits of the Spirit and self-worth have been included. Children have made bird feeders with apples which hang in the garden area, made dough people and friendship bracelets. They act out the stories and their enthusiasm is wonderful to watch, it's a pleasure to work with them. We will be preparing during Advent for the welcome of a very special baby, whose birth we celebrate during the wonderful festival of light and truth which is Christmas*

## Operation Christmas Child

We have been collecting shoe boxes filled with clothing, toys, stationery to be sent to poorer European and African countries and delivered to children who would not otherwise receive a present at Christmas. So far we have collected 22 boxes - a big thank you to you all that have contributed this year. Our boxes will be tracked and the destination will be advised in the New Year.

## Special Services - these will be held in The Little Bears Nursery, Maldon Road

<b>Sunday 1 December 4pm</b>	Carols by Candlelight Service, with Guides, Brownies and Rainbows . Festive refreshments to follow.
<b>Sunday 22 December 9am</b>	Breakfast and Christmas Celebration
<b>Sunday 29 December 9.15am</b>	New Year Service

## Regular events

<b>Every Sunday 9.15am</b>	<b>New Reality Church</b> at the Little Bears Nursery
<b>Every Thursday 10 –12 noon</b>	<b>Open Door</b> - tea/coffee and friendly chat at our Church in the Street
<b>2nd Saturday in month 10 -12</b>	<b>Coffee morning</b> and cake stall at our Church in the Street
<b>2nd/4th Wednesday in month from 8pm</b>	House group Bible study (Contact 380504 for venue)

## Mothers Union

Jean Ashby, [jeanashby62@gmail.com](mailto:jeanashby62@gmail.com)

**I**n October our speaker Diane Hutchinson, a part- time volunteer Ward Chaplain at Broomfield Hospital, gave us an insight into her duties there. The Chaplaincy is 22 years old with three full time and four part-time Ministry Chaplains plus 15 - 20 volunteers on a weekday, the ward chaplains. Sundays are covered by the Ministry Chaplains. Between them they cover the whole hospital 24/7. Training includes shadowing a professional before being allowed on a ward alone. There are rules when dealing with patients, confidentiality is essential. Conversation must be instigated by them, and listened to without interruption. If a patient confides worries and becomes upset, with permission you may hold their hands or give them a hug, human touch is very important. Diane works one day a week and has mixed feelings as she approaches her ward. She hopes for fresh patients but enjoys meeting long term ones who have become special friends..

## A guided tour round our church

For our November meeting we enjoyed another interesting talk by our Churchwarden John Strange. When he came last year he told us the story of Ingelrica and how our church was founded in the 12th. century. This time, he took us on a tour of the building to point out items of historical interest.



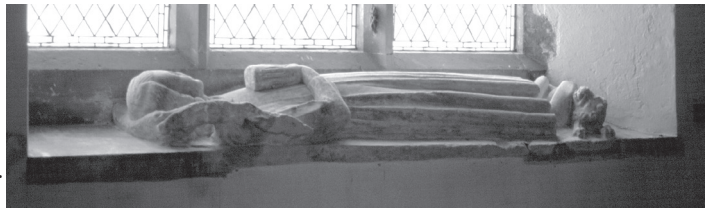
**The bells.** There was once a bell tower on the north-west corner which fell down in the 1700s. It housed the two bells we still have: the tolling bell, dated 1715, is in the bell turret at the east end of the church behind the organ, the other is dated 1724 and is situated outside the turret. It strikes the hours on the church clock. *(Photo: left and centre, Tom Fletcher)*

**Glass.** The windows in the north aisle contain various Coats of Arms set in clear glass including, in the Royal Window, that of Elizaeth I quartered with the French Coat of Arms.

The east window depicts the Lord's Crucifixion and Ascension and is dated 1874. The west window depicts The Annuciation, the visit to Elizabeth, the song of the shepherds, the Infant Saviour, the worship of the Magi, and the presentation at the temple.

The glass was given by Mr WM Tufnell of Hatfield Place in memory of his wife Eliza Issabella who died in 1894. The design was by Mr CE Kempe who's trademark symbol was a sheaf of wheat incorporated in the design *(if you can find it!)*

The most interesting item in church is the recumbent effigy on the sill of one of the north windows. For many years there has been controversy over whether or not it represents Ingelrica. Expert opinion is divided. However, it is known there was once a stone coffin in the floor just below the window and the effigy was part of the lid. When opened, it was found to contain an



assortment of bones, male and female. It is known that both Ingelrica and her husband Ranulph Peverel died in 1127 so is it possible the bones were theirs? We shall never know but it is an interesting theory.

These are only some of the features John showed us during the afternoon. He rolled back the carpet just below the Sanctuary to reveal the family brasses there. It's astonishing to realise how many thousands of feet have walked over them during the years. We also discovered the church was originally dedicated to St. Mary but it was changed during the dissolution of the monasteries in Henry V's reign to St. Andrew. *(The three carved heads of mediæval figures on one of the bench ends in the choir stalls, are of 14th century origin. (Photo: John Strange)*

Thank you to John for an enthralling afternoon. *(If anyone would like a look round the church John would be pleased to take you, ring 381004)*

Our Tuesday 3 December, we choose favourite Christmas Carols and readings and enjoy a mince pie with our cups of tea. On Monday 9 December Terling MU has kindly invited us to their Advent service at 2p.m. We hope that some of us will be able to get there.

Andrea would like our birthday dates so they can be celebrated on the appropriate day. We celebrated Belinda's 80th. with a lovely cake made by Virginia.





## **Cricket Club success in 2019**

**HPCC Committee**

**F**or the third year running we can report that our Saturday XI has won its league. This year the championship was clinched on the very last weekend of the season. On that exciting last day, our lads not only won their match but were also indebted to another result elsewhere to clinch the trophy, winning 13 of 17 matches played.

We are obviously proud of this record but it actually disguises the fact that at present HPCC is dangerously short of both playing and general club members. Our Sunday side struggled to fulfil its matches and we are now without a colt section.

To prosper, we need to address this promptly and we urge anyone considering getting involved with the club to contact us throughout the winter.

Aided by another good summer weather wise our small numbers are surprisingly upbeat, buoyed with the knowledge that seemingly the community are backing us to succeed.

Again, you came to our firework display in droves despite the forecast predicting rain come evening. We hope both regular attendees and first timers enjoyed their short time with us. The event could not have taken place without the help of many people, both on the evening and days leading up to it. To all of you, very many thanks.

**Winter well, we would love to see some fresh faces in summer 2020.**

## **Winters season underway**

**Rita Thomson, Bowls Captain 01245 380038**

**O**ur first club competition of the winter season, for the Chrissie Hatfield Plate, took place on 11 October with 24 players taking part. Winner was Jackie Spooner. League teams have played four games and lost two, gaining 6 points. We won at home to Heron Park on 20 November and gained 5 points. The Tuesday League is going well with 24 bowlers taking part.

The quiz night was a great success, ten tables competed and the winning team was I'm alright Jack with Rita's Rascals second.

The second playing of the Memorial Shield in memory of Maurice Ball, Ron Jarvis and Chessie Harris was held in November with 32 players taking part in an all-day competition. Winners were Steve Barry, Geoff Blackburn and Derek and Pat Walter, a great day for everyone.

A few more games to play this year and our Christmas party on 20 December to look forward to. I am sure we will enjoy ourselves.

On behalf of all members, best wished for Christmas and the New Year.



## **Table Tennis Club welcomes new members**

**Experienced players needed to reinforce club**

**O**ur five teams, all in the Chelmsford League, Division 2 down to Division 5, are all performing well. We have identified the need for a few more players to maintain our 5 teams and possibly increase to 6 next season in 2020.

Home playing night is Tuesday and we have around 25 members of all ages and standards, male and female. We play home league matches in the Village Hall in Maldon Road, with a bar, tea and coffee making facilities, excellent playing conditions and top class equipment. League match evenings are friendly and good fun with 3 players from each team in a match playing 3 singles and one doubles game.

We recently had a very successful and enjoyable meal out at a top Chinese restaurant.

If you wish to play competitively, to re-start your playing career or to join one of our league teams, please leave your details with Secretary Neil Freeman 01245 382249, or myself Chairman Andy Simmonds 01245 381020 or 07932 057 205. If you wish to play non-competitive social table tennis, the hall has its own table. Contact Alan Benfield on 07741 140732.





## Ode to Daisy - aka Debbie



We have a post lady called Debbie,  
But Debbie's not really her name.  
Her real name is Daisy,  
Because she has a passion for a daisy chain.  
Daisy chains take her back to those 'Happy Days'  
hay in the grass - bathing in the sun,  
The days seemed so much brighter then,  
Full of laughter and having fun.

Now if you receive a parcel,  
And Daisy knocks, but you're not in.  
Because she is such a thoughtful person,  
She'll pop it in your bin.  
When you come home there will be a note,  
About your parcel and where to find.  
Then you retrieve it from your bin and say -  
'that Daisy, she is very kind.

She always has a friendly smile,  
It really makes your day,  
Especially if you have the blues,  
It blows them clean away.

We don't know how she does it,  
Walking for miles delivering our stuff.  
But we're always very grateful and somehow  
'thank you' doesn't seem enough.

Now Daisy is leaving the Post behind,  
And retiring from the beat,  
We will all miss her so very much,  
Walking round our street.

But we wish her well for the future,  
And know she will be happy.  
Because Daisy has lots of furry friends  
And they will all be sitting on her happy! ☺

With love and all our good wishes Daisy

Take care and Be Happy

from

Julia, Mark and Rupert - the cat ☺☺

xx xx  
x x



Thank you to Julia, Mark and Rupert the Cat for their words - and paw prints - in praise of Debbie the Post.  
We miss you Deb

## Footsteps through the history of our streets

WEA

Our Autumn WEA course, the urban history of England from the mid Anglo-Saxon period to the 1950s, has proved a large subject to cover. Of particular interest were the areas dealing with public health issues and their impact on the urban environment and services in former times. Thank you Lucy Rawlinson.

Our Spring term, The Jazz Century - Cakewalk to Culture with Graham Platts - will have a lighter touch. This ten week course will start in the Scout and Guide HQ on Tuesday 14 January 2020 at the usual time of 10am. We will embark on a decade-by-decade jazz journey from 1900, with guided commentary and numerous musical examples, to discover the origins of jazz and how the music developed during the twentieth century to enhance our appreciation of musicians' achievements and influence. The cost is £58.

The date of the AGM is likely to be Tuesday 24 March. We don't have a speaker, but should be able to let you know for the February Review.



## A memorable Remembrance Day

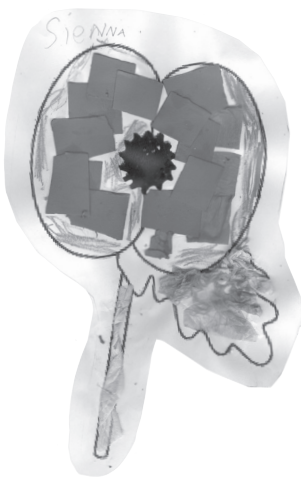
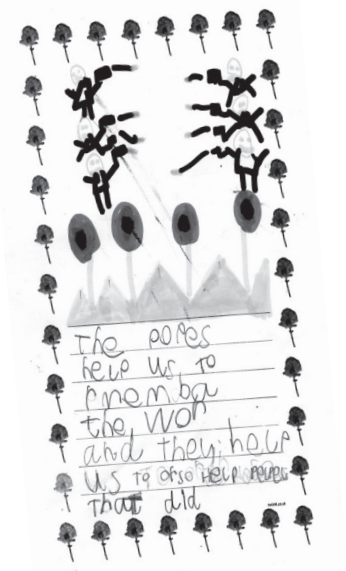
Peter Archer, RBL Poppy Organiser

Very many thanks to everybody who has contributed this year, your help and support - by taking extra boxes and collecting tins far and wide and in your own area, is much appreciated. Many excellent photographs have been taken and the school children have produced wonderful drawings.

The total so far is £4,500. There will be more details in the February Review. .



Remembrance Day parade (photo Anna Perry)



## If you don't like spiders, read no further! But create a spider-friendly garden and you may learn to love them

*Last year there was an explosion of the eight-legged creatures in Britain's gardens due to the warm weather. Here's why you should welcome them into your outdoor spaces*

Where have all these huge spiders in our back gardens come from? It is a question asked a lot at the moment, given the apparent population explosion in recent weeks, and the webs lacing our outdoor spaces. But actually, they've been here since early spring, as tiny 1mm spiderlings, from eggs deposited under a silken protective igloo last autumn. At this time of year, they are reaching adult maturity – finally big enough to be noticed.

This year's warm summer has been kind to spiders, giving them plenty of invertebrate food (mostly flies, but also bees, wasps, butterflies and beetles), and a temperature that speeds up their growth.

So what should you look out for in your garden? Ubiquitous is the garden spider, *Araneus diadematus*, named after the diadem-like markings on its abdomen. Britain's largest species is the *Araneus quadratus*, a great blob of a spider almost as big as a walnut, marked with four pale egg-shaped dots on its abdomen.

Spiders are good to have around. After birds, they are the most important predators of insects, and a cornerstone of the natural balance that usually keeps nuisance blow-flies, houseflies and greenbottles at bay. A healthy spider population is also a good indicator of a healthy insect fauna in the area.

They are also masters of engineering; each will build a web combining up to 20 metres of silk, welded at more than 1,000 joints as the sticky spiral net is laid across 30-40 radiating spokes. And although the total web weighs only half a milligram, it is capable of supporting more than 4,000 times its weight. It is a truly glorious sight. As autumn dews start to settle, with cooler weather to come, the webs become even more picturesque.

So how can you make your garden more spider-friendly? Think about the open space that spiders like to build their webs across: hedges, fence posts, bushes, tall plants or draped on a clematis thicket. And, crucially, try to leave them be. They have an annual life cycle and will start to disappear when the winter cold arrives, so enjoy them while you can.

Richard Jones, the writer, is an entomologist and naturalist, and writes on science, nature and the environment. He is not scared of spiders.

*Courtesy of Guardian News & Media Ltd The item appeared in the G2 section of the Guardian on 16 September; Unfortunately there was neither the time nor space to include it in the October Review. Remember it next September when hopefully these fascinating masters of garden engineering will appear once more for us to enjoy.*



*The European garden spider, *Araneus diadematus*.  
Web developer: the European garden spider, *Araneus diadematus*.*



## Goodbye to hedgehogs?

*We've nightly fed the hedgehogs and sometimes  
we'd have three  
Their numbers are declining, so what a sight to see.*

*We've noticed several bodies squashed in the road  
nearby  
And wish that drivers took more care – if only they  
would try  
Not to kill our hedgehogs, as they go speeding by.*

*Our garden seems quite empty now,  
though evening bats arrive,  
But it's not the same without the  
hogs – let's hope some will survive.*

Thank you to Marel Elliston for her poem. Strangely enough after many years without sight, sound or



droppings from a hedgehog, last week a small one came up our garden and disappeared under the fence. I regret not catching him and getting in touch with the local sanctuary: I think he may not survive in this cold weather.

Hedgehogs in need of help must be treated quickly in order to save them, so please DO NOT leave the hedgehog where it is to see if its condition improves as it may run away or die. Our

local rescue organisation, **Hedgehog Haven Essex**, is entirely run by volunteers with bases in Frinton, Colchester and Witham. If you have found a sick or injured hedgehog, please pick it up immediately and phone them on 07709 767511.

Website: [hedgehoghavessex.co.uk/](http://hedgehoghavessex.co.uk/)

## Hatfield Peverel Walkers

**October - Along the former Maldon - Witham railway line**

Led by Peter and Lesley Naish on a very fine late October day we went first by bus to Langford Church, a couple of hundred yards up the road towards Wickham Bishops then along the trackbed of the old railway line, one of the Beeching era closures (*how short-sighted was that?*) as far as St Peter's Church and Wickham Mill bridge. Much of this section of the way is tree-lined, really delightful in sunny weather.

Turning along beside the Blackwater for a couple of hundred yards - sorry, still like to talk imperial when describing a walk - we made our way across the fields to Spring Lane and Peartree Pantry for tea, coffee and cakes. Refreshed, we headed back towards the village via our footpath number 30 (FP30) and a not too long but very unpleasant stretch of Ulting Road to Letch's Corner, through John Upson's fields on FP23 to the Nounsley play area and finally via churchyard, burial ground and allotments back to the village hall car park.

All in all a very good walk. Thanks Peter and Lesley.

## New Year's Day walk

**Ken Earney**

I've been ducking the issue but an insistent voice nearby tells me that we need something about the New Year's Day walk. Ah, yes, who's organising it? Need to get him/her to let us have the piece soon. What, nobody? OK. looks like me again.

As Stonepath Meadow is still free of any development activity we should start from the Scout and Guide HQ, go up to and across Stonepath as last year, but then do the first of Catherine Voysey's walks 'Around Toppinghoe Hall', familiar to anyone who goes on the Hatfield Peverel Walkers regular annual there to see the bluebells in the wood.

Walk off at 10am, but contact me on 381235 the day before to check that I still intend to go, and on the morning if it looks as if the weather is against us. I'm rather a fairweather walker these days and won't go out in the rain. (*I've said he can borrow my brolly!*)





## Recruiting Cubs and Volunteers!

### 1st Hatfield Peverel Scout Group

(Boys and Girls 6 - 18 years)

Publicity - Anna Perry (anna\_h@btinternet.com)

**Beavers (6 - 8 years)** welcomed five new members this term. They have been having adventures such as hikes, climbing and working on their Adventure, Teamwork, Hikes, International and Global Issues badges. **Cubs (8 - 10½ years)** have been very busy this term, all completing their Athletics badges.

Thanks to the Cricket Club for allowing us use of their ground for this. They have also taken part in their annual conker competition (winner was Natalie) and completed their Emergency Aid badge and Fire Safety badge after visiting Witham Fire Station.



After one of the leaders had the experience of working on a nature reserve in South Africa, the Cubs had an evening of learning more about this by making tribal masks, playing an African game and trying food eaten on the reserve. They also completed the requirements for their Global Issues badge by collecting books for the Book Bridge Charity who send them abroad to help young children learn English to better their lives.

### Recruiting Cubs!

We would like to invite more members to our Cub section. There are a limited number of spaces available after Christmas for those who wish to join us. You must live in Hatfield Peverel, Nounsley or Ulting and be between 8 - 10½ years old. If you are interested in your child joining, please complete the joining form on the website [www.hpscouts.org.uk](http://www.hpscouts.org.uk) or contact us at [hpscoutgroup@gmail.com](mailto:hpscoutgroup@gmail.com)

### Volunteers needed

Our fantastic group is completely run by volunteers and we are always looking for helpers: if you can spare any time to help with group activities or behind the scenes, please let us know. We are currently in need of a Handyman to help at HQ, ideally suiting a retired person. For more information about this role or volunteering please contact Nick at [nicknicholas1990@gmail.com](mailto:nicknicholas1990@gmail.com) or Simon at [sgreed1972@gmail.com](mailto:sgreed1972@gmail.com)  
*(Above - the group who worked on the buildings on 11 October. Photo: Simon Reed)*

### HQ Improvements

**The Group is supported by the HQ Committee and we have been working with Countryside Properties UK Ltd to improve the HQ. Countryside has a Corporate and Social Responsibilities (CSR) policy, and agreed to provide materials, tools and labour to paint the hall and store building for us. This took place over three weeks in October. Thank you to Countryside!**

### Remembrance Sunday

All sections of Scouts and Guides took part in the Remembrance Sunday Parade walking from the HQ to St Andrews Church where we took part in the service.

### Newspaper and cardboard collection – first Saturday in the month (9am - 1pm)

The Scouts receive payment for all paper and cardboard collected. Please help us raise funds for our Group by putting your newspapers, magazines, paper and cardboard outside your property, where it can be seen clearly from the road by 9am on the first Saturday of the month, or deliver it to our skip in the HQ car park at any time (Paper and card only please – NO glass, plastics, garden rubbish etc). Volunteers to help with the collection are always welcome. Thank you.

## Village hall festivities

Facebook: Hatfield Peverel village hall

Yearly membership £5

### Opening times

Monday to Saturday 7 - 11pm

Sunday 12 noon - 4.30pm

### Special times over Christmas

Christmas Day 2 - 4pm

Boxing Day closed all day

Come to the village hall over the festive season, enjoy a warm welcome and a celebratory drink - children welcome.

**Christmas draw tickets (lots of prizes)** on sale from the bar now. Drawn Christmas eve

### Special dates

**Sunday 8 December** Christmas in the Park 3.30pm onwards annual carol concert in village hall followed by lighting of Christmas tree

**Saturday 21 December** Christmas disco for everyone including children

**Tuesday 24 December** Christmas draw - are you a winner?

**Wednesday 25 December** open 2 - 4pm

**New Year's eve disco 7pm - 1am.** Come and celebrate, members free, guests £5

**Regular activities continue in January as normal**

### Booking for hall/meeting rooms

HPCA bookings@g.com

**Village hall (after 7pm)** 01245 381481

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

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## Don't bin them – recycle them

**Unwanted bikes** can find a new life in Africa - contact the charity Re-cycle at their Colchester depot on 01206 617865 or via [www.re-cycle.org](http://www.re-cycle.org)

**Unwanted tools** are refurbished and sent across the world by the charity 'Tools with a Mission'. Several local collectors. Phone Ipswich HQ for further information - 01473 210220 or search via website [www.twam.uk](http://www.twam.uk)

## Hatfield Peverel Parish Council

### Committees and advisory groups

Community Events (C)

Community Park (CP), Environment (E)

Finance/General purposes (FGP),

Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP),

Personnel (P), Sport and Recreation (SR)

Traffic (T)

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## Useful telephone numbers

Please contact the editors for additions/errors.

**Age UK Essex** 01245 346106

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

**Braintree District Council** 01376 552525

Clean Team ring number above and ask for

Customer Services

Witham Area Office in Witham Library

- for walk-in enquiries only

### Churches

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

Methodist Church, minister 01621 853423

Catholic Church, Witham, priest 01376 512219

All Saints Church, Ulting 01245 380627

**Citizens Advice Bureau** Witham 0344 4994719

Monday to Friday 10am - 4pm

### Doctors, health services

Hatfield Peverel doctors' surgery 01245 380324

NHS - non-emergency helpline 111

Pharmacy, Hadfelda Square 01245 380130

**Electricity - emergency** 0800 7838838

**Essex County Council** 01245 492211

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

**Gas - emergency** 0800 111999

**Harlequin Children's Centre** 0300 2470014

Free support and services for children under 5

### Hospitals

Broomfield (A&E); 01245 362000

St Peters, Maldon 01621 725323

**Libraries (enquiry line)** 0345 6037628

Hatfield Peverel

Tuesday, Thursday 1 - 5pm

Wednesday, Saturday 9am - 1pm

Witham - use enquiry line above

**Police** Non-emergency calls 101

Use 101 also for the local officer

Emergency calls 999

Police Stations, Braintree, Chelmsford

Opening hours, Monday - Saturday, 12.00 to 6pm

**Post Office** 01245 382787

Open 7am - 10pm, last collection 4.30pm

### Railway Information

Greater Anglia 03456 007245

National Rail Enquiries (24 hrs) 03457 484950

### Registrar of Births, Marriages & Deaths

Witham, by appointment only 03456 037632

Braintree, by appointment only 03456 037632

**The Change Project** 01245 258680

Personnel well-being through 08453 727701

positive change

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

### Schools

St Andrew's Junior School 01245 380131

Hatfield Peverel Infant School 01245 380220

Hatfield Peverel Day Nursery 01245 382450

Tigertots Toddler Group 07866 518846

Charlotte Greaves 07527 763038

**Social Services** 0345 6037630

**Community Agent** for Hatfield Peverel

Jan Hawkins 07540 720605

Office 01376 574330

**Village hall** 01245 381481

Let us know of useful services to add to this list

## Maldon Film Club

**Maldon Town Hall**

**www.maldonfilmclub.info**, or visit Maldon

**Tourist Office**, phone 01621 869340

The Club meets in Maldon Town Hall fortnightly on a Tuesday in 2019 and a Wednesday in 2020. Twice a month enjoy a night out watching one of eighteen films from the best of recent English and foreign language releases. Doors open 7.15pm, wine/soft drinks are available from 7.30pm, films begin at 8pm.

### Tuesday 17 December Fisherman's Friends

*French 112 minutes. A good mix of drama and comedy with plenty of laughs, a bit of romance and a story that is based on real life events.*

We shall combine the screening with our first social event of the season, commencing at 19.15 approximately, when we shall be joined by a group of shanty singers!

### Wednesday 8 January Return to Cuba

*Spanish 78 minutes. After living in Italy for 18 year, Barbara Ramos returns to a changed Cuba.*

### Wednesday 22 January If Beale Street could talk

*English/Spanish 119 minutes. Set in 1970s Harlem, this film is a timeless love story of a couple's unbreakable bond.*

Annual subscription £25, or pay £5 on the door.



## The A12 Widening Scheme roadshow

Ken Earney

The final session of Highways England's A12 Chelmsford to A120 widening scheme consultation was held in St Andrews church hall on Tuesday 19 December. It had two aims:

- 1 - to present four potential route options for a scheme dealing with the section between Junctions 23 (Rivenhall) and 25 (east of the outskirts of Marks Tey) and
- 2 - to announce the preferred route improvements for the section from Junction 19 (Boreham interchange) to Junction 23 (Rivenhall).

My impression was that there were two main areas of interest for the steady stream of residents attending. First, the detail of how the proposed scheme will affect traffic flows and congestion through the village at all times - in The Street, Maldon Road, Church Road and Station Road - but mostly of course during the Monday to Friday morning and evening rush hours, resulting from the removal of Junctions 20a at Bury Lane and 20b at the Witham end of the village. The second was how the removal of the two junctions will impact on our ability to travel to and from Chelmsford, and similarly to Witham, Kelvedon etc as easily as we do at present. Our lived experience of traffic in our village.

The Highways England team was fielding a lot of feedback and questioning about these issues during the time I was there. There seemed to be a lack of awareness in some team members of these issues and indeed of some of the locations we were talking about. We expect that the feedback they took away with them will be taken into account and will inform how this scheme is developed over the coming months.

I learned only that, apart from the mammoth disruption that the works to enlarge each carriageway from two lanes to three would cause, a new link road would connect a new enlarged Junction 21 at Latneys to the access into the village by D's Diner (the site of the removed Junction 20b). However, absolutely no detail was available at this presentation, and there appeared to be no recollection of the matter of a Maldon/Heybridge link road from the enlarged Junction 21 having been raised in 2017. Provision of such an access road would be an Essex County Council matter however.

The developed scheme will be subject to a further public consultation in a year or so when this detail will be available. We expect that the scheme will have taken account of the comments made by visitors to this consultation: the deadline for written comments was 1 December.

We live in hope!

## Winter raffle - your lucky day?

Helen Rollason Cancer Charity is selling tickets for their annual winter raffle with the chance to win fabulous prizes - 1st £500, 2nd Christmas hamper, 3rd £40 meal voucher for The Lion Inn, Boreham

To buy a £1 ticket you can visit the office in the old bank building in The Street, come to the

monthly coffee morning, 21 December (third Saturday in the month) or visit our website [www.helenrollason.org.uk](http://www.helenrollason.org.uk) where you can purchase the tickets online or call 01245 380719 to pay over the phone. Closing date Wednesday 22 January 2020.

Last year the raffle raised £4,500. Good luck!