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Front cover - children from Nicky's Childminding group placed their poppy wreath at the church to remember those who fought for us

In celebration for the life of Catherine Voysey

Catherine died in October and her friends and family celebrated her life at the end of November with a service of memories in words and music, opening with Rachmaninoff's haunting piano concerto no 2 and later Bernstein and Sondheim's Tonight, sung by Plácido Domingo. Catherine loved music and had an eclectic taste!

I first met her one Christmas evening on the back of an enormous Wilkinson's lorry: we hadn't been in the village long and I joined the carol singers (WI ladies I think) on a tour round the houses to enjoy a sing and to get to know some of my neighbours. While we sang lustily from a great height, others rattled tins and knocked on doors. Households were enthusiastic about carol singing in those days, they kept their curtains open and came to the door calling out their favourites. As we sang in the cold night air we got chatting and I remember thinking how full of life and enthusiasm she was. And this, we all know, never dimmed.

(There will be a fuller appreciation of Catherine's life in the February Review)



New Year's Day - the Catherine Voysey Memorial Walk

The walk will take place as usual, in memory of Catherine. She started them - just how many years ago was it? If we trawl through our back issues we'll find out, but no time for that just now. It's appropriate to walk one of those in her 'Nine walks...' booklet, and it might be wise to choose one which minimises the chance of wet/muddy underfoot conditions. Let's make it the last walk in the book. 'To Ulting and Back'.

Meet at the Nounsley play area for a 10am start. There is not a lot of parking space in the layby, if you're getting there by car please think about sharing. Contact me, Ken Earney, on 381235, or email kenearney@hotmail.com with any queries.

A big thank you to everyone who helps to get the Review on the road - emailing, sending in articles, ringing with ideas, our wonderful printers, and those who get it out and about to all homes in the village. And of course you our readers! Enjoy your Christmas - see you in the New Year! And special thanks to Geoff over the road in our hour of need - a cake is coming your way!

Christmas in the Park

Community Events Group - chairman Mark Weale, 01245 381726 or Herbertweale@aol.com

Come and join us for our **Christmas in the Park on Sunday the 11th December, starting at 3.30pm** around the Christmas tree, and then into the village hall for carols and entertainment with mulled wine and mince pies. Ian Jordan will help to get us into the Christmas spirit as well as Natasha and Adrian and our local choirs leading the singing. We also have a Scots Piper and a special guest to turn on the lights. Again we will be asking all our youngsters and mums and dads to join in with the carols.

Talent contest - come and join us

A date has now been set for the talent contest on Friday 3rd February 2017 at the village hall. This is a new event: further details can be found on the Community Hub Facebook, and the Parish Council website.

We want all types of entertainers: if you have a talent and would like to take part please contact us on hattypevsgottalent2017@gmail.com A date for the **Pram Race** next year has still to be arranged.

Note that Mark is always looking for volunteers to help out with these events.

This Review has been a long hard slog - please forgive us for our discrepancies!

Stand by your pumpkins!

Horticultural Society

www.essexinfo.net/hatpevgardens/

Small, medium and large pumpkins for this year's competition were judged at the societies AGM in November, but none so big as last year's whopper. Trina Butcher again won first with 169lbs, followed by Jenny Clemo, 129lbs, Hedley Janes, 101lbs and Alan Butcher with a baby 14lbs.

Something to aim for? Many of you will have visited RHS Hyde Hall over the Autumn and seen the pumpkin growing in the vegetable garden, from a seedling to a record-breaking 1,333lb 13oz. The bad news - the 'Atlantiric Giant' seed cost £1,250. Start saving now! Imagine having to keep it watered and fed - would it be attacked by giant slugs and snails?

The grandchildren acquired three pumpkins and left us with the smaller to make soup. The recipe is below - very tasty!

Chairman Neville Bright reported another successful year with an excellent five day break exploring the gardens of Hampshire and the New Forest, two plant sales and a summer tea party on a sunny afternoon at Tudor Lodge - the cakes were as ever the best!

It was proposed and agreed the membership fee be increased to £3, £2 for pensioners. The committee were thanked for their hard work and enthusiasm and the evening ended with the traditional cheese and wine.

Pumpkin soup

1 pumpkin (or squash) 1.5kg

2 tbsp olive oil

1 finely chopped onion

1 leek, finely chopped

1 red chilli, chopped

3 garlic cloves, crushed

1 litre vegetable or chicken stock

salt and black pepper

*1 Preheat oven 170C/335F/gas mark 3 and a half
Peel/deseed pumpkin, cut into 2-3cm chunks*

2 Toss chunks in 1 tbsp olive oil and well season



with salt and pepper. Tip into roasting tray and roast for about 40 minutes until tender. The chunks will have browned a little

3 While squash is roasting heat rest of oil in a large, heavy-based pan and cook onion and leek for about 30 minutes over low heat until soft.

4 Add garlic and chilli and cook for another 2 minutes (I cooked them longer than this)

5 Stir in roast squash and cook for a minute before pouring in half stock. Bring to boil and simmer for about 5 minutes. Blend together, add rest of stock until you have acquired consistency. Season well.

If you have parsley in the garden sprinkle liberally on top with a dash of yoghurt.

Garden notes

Still time to plant garlic, in prepared well drained soil on your allotment, or in pots. We ran out of garlic the other night and had to raid my bulbs sitting on the window sill waiting to be planted!

‘Mum, do you fancy doing the Halloween 5km fun run?’

Jo and Kira Jarvis put on their running shoes in aid of the Royal British Legion poppy appeal fun run, and tell us all about it

‘The race was taking place in the Olympic Park on 29th October. Never having done anything like this before it would be a new challenge and we booked our places. We decided that as the fun run was only a couple of weeks before Remembrance Day we would run in aid of the RBL Poppy Appeal and forms were obtained for people to sponsor us. We held a cake sale which raised £150, and received donations and sponsors. We then found out there would be no trains running due to rail repairs. A rethink on how to get to the Olympic park!’

The day of the run: up at 5.40am to get to the railway station to pick up the bus to Newbury Park at 6.50am. The journey took us 1 hour 50 minutes to Newbury Park then an underground train to Stratford arriving at 9am to be in time to book in and get ready. There were at least 300 people taking part, from children being pushed around by parents to grandparents running, many in fantastic outfits. After a musical warm-up, the race started. We began with a gentle trot and then walk and trot again, people overtook us and we over took them later. A great atmosphere, people cheering as we passed encouraging all as we were doing the 5km run. We had to complete the circuit twice (children only once) and the second circuit seemed quieter but we did it, we took 32 minutes.

As we ran over the finish line we received a medal and goodie bag as a well done. Yes, you guessed it, reverse train and bus trip home. With all the sponsorship collected in we have raised £275. We would like to say big thank you to all who sponsored or gave us donations. Would we do it again? Possibly!



St Andrew’s Junior School remembers...

Children and staff spent time during the week drawing round hands and colouring poppy petals to then join them together in large wreaths for each class. In assembly the school reflected on the many memorials around the country where people would be gathering to remember.

We attached our poppy wreaths on the fence by the school gate to create our own school memorial - I am sure many residents will have seen them.

At 11 o’clock on 11th November, children, staff and the Chair of Governors gathered together by our memorial of poppy wreaths and stood in silence for 2 minutes to remember.



Quiz raises £324 for SSAFA

The annual village quiz, held on the Saturday before Remembrance Sunday in the village hall, as always supports an HM Forces charity.

This year the chosen charity was SSAFA - the Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen and Families Association for which the sum of £404 was raised on the night, which, less hall hire charges resulted in £324 being donated to SSAFA. The evening was sponsored by Bargain Booze and other businesses in the village kindly donated raffle prizes.

Nine teams with inventive, but sadly not all with the winning streak, names took part and the Parish Council (not a Hatfield Peverel PC) team eventually emerged as the winners after a three horse challenge towards the end. All in all a good evening enjoyed by those attending.

Galleywood walkabout...

Hatfield Peverel Walkers - Graham Bushby

The October walk was totally different from the green fields, hedges, trees and rivers that we usually enjoy. Instead we walked the streets of Galleywood under the expert guidance of a member of the Galleywood Heritage Centre.

The walk started at the Heritage Centre building, formerly part of the Chelmsford race course grandstand that occupied the site. All key points of interest we passed were highlighted, including listed buildings, boundary stones and wells, with numerous anecdotes associated with each one. At the end of the walk we returned to the Heritage Centre for well deserved tea and cakes.

The walk was approximately 3½ miles and took two and a half hours due to frequent stops at points of note. If anyone is interested in visiting the Galleywood Heritage Centre, it is open each Tuesday afternoon from 1.30 to 3.30pm when I understand tea and cakes are available.

The December walk will be on Wednesday 21st (please note, NOT Thursday), followed by our annual Christmas lunch at the Wheatsheaf.

Are there any musical groups out there?

We've had an email from Dave Whitby who is interested in joining a musical group. Can you help? He writes

'Although I live at the furthest edge of the village - a lot closer physically to Boreham - I enjoy reading the HP Review but have never seen any mention of amateur musical instrument playing groups in your magazine.

I enjoy playing simple folk tunes and would love to find out if there are any people locally who are already doing that, or would like to on a fairly regular basis. Maybe you once played an instrument and would like to take it up again?

Can you help? Dave would love you to get in touch - his email address is davewh@talktalk.net or you can phone him on 01245 469158.

Turning my life around

Hadfelda WI, Marel Elliston

In October we welcomed Tracey Mackness who talked to us about 'Turning My Life Around'. Tracey was an inspiration. Having spent time in prison and overcoming problems in her life, she now runs her own company, the Giggly Pig Sausage Company in Romford. Instead of a competition, we had a handbag rummage



The November meeting was no good for any one on a pre-Christmas diet. The lady from Morrison's arrived with boxes of goodies for us to sample. She gave an interesting talk about the Witham store and the refurbishment due to start next year. The competition was for the best name badge.

December is a busy month. On Tuesday 6th we are holding our Carol concert in St. Andrews Church followed by mince pies, we have our Christmas lunch at The Bull on 7th and our Christmas party is Wednesday 14th December.

We meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month in St. Andrew's Church hall at 7.45pm. On 25th January 2017, the topic is 'A Peek Behind the Scenes of the Chelmsford Ballet Company'. Do join us, everyone is welcome.

School Crossing Patrol Officer

Are you looking to represent your community? Essex County Council is currently **recruiting for a School Crossing Patrol Officer** on Church Road, Hatfield Peverel, to ensure the safety of children and others waiting to cross the road.

If you can help or know someone who may be interested, please call the School Crossing Patrol Service on 03330 139788 or email your details to school.crossingpatrol@essex.gov.uk. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you need any further information:

Michelle Eaton, School Crossing Patrol Co-ordinator, School Crossing Patrol Service, Essex County Council, tel: 03330 133426; mobile: 07775 407912
Email: michelle.eaton@essex.gov.uk

Carols by candlelight at the Methodist Church

Hatfield Peverel Girlguiding Group will be taking part in the service on 4th December at 4pm

We joined the Guiding and Scout units for Remembrance Day Parade and Service at St. Andrews Church

Rainbows have been concentrating on our Rainbow promise – to be kind and helpful. We have had visits from the RNIB and a Police Officer, and have been looking at other people who help us. We are practising for our Nativity and designing a programme for this. We are also making our own Christmas cards to sell! We recently had a sleepover and did the Fairy challenge badge and will be bag packing in December.

Brownies have had a Water Challenge evening, made hedgehogs in different mediums for the local Horticultural Show, completed three weeks of First Aid and had a campfire songs and sausage evening.

We have started our Friends to Animals badge which began with a visit from 'Snakes Alive' where Brownies were able to have close encounters with different snakes, tarantulas, and lizards - Brownies proved to be excellent at handling the snakes and spiders - a lot braver than the adults (see photo top right). We visited Pets at Home and combined this with pizza at Pizza Hut.

Guides have been working on the World Cultures Badge: they have made food from around the world - flatbread, waffles, falafel and salsa - listened to music from different cultures, dressed in costumes and outfits to represent different parts of the world and found interesting facts from those places. They have

also started making kites - hopefully they will get a chance to try them out before the Christmas break. In patrols, the girls have been working together on 'Go for It's'. One patrol chose to complete the 'Parties' Go for It which, unsurprisingly, ended in a party at the beginning of November with an Autumn/Halloween theme - fancy dress, food and games. We were pleased to have a visit during the party from Tony and Sylvia Rymill who created an **incredible Halloween display** outside their house and **very kindly** donated the money raised to the Guides. An enormous thank you to them.

By the time you read this we hope to have three Christmas displays in the library. All ideas and designs come from the Guides and they worked incredibly hard to get the displays ready in time for December. They've had a crazy few weeks! **If you can, go and have a look at their handiwork.**



Street wines, budget wines, Christmas songs and brain-stretching!

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

In September we had a talk and tasting by Neils Dubro of Street Wines in Colchester, a small independent wine merchant with interesting and good value wines. Neils talked us through starting up his own business, and provided tastings of some very quaffable wines. He mentioned a bulk buy he made from a famous Antipodean airline who was switching from glass bottles – he is stocking some single-glass sized bottles of Australian red and white wines, of a quality far superior to the usual single-glass bottles. If you're buying a glass of wine from the village hall bar, you might find you are pleasantly surprised!

October is the month of our AGM, and we were pleased to see so many members. Chairman Graham Bushby reviewed an excellent year's activities, and Treasurer Linda Fisher reported the club's funds were in good heart. Vee Green was re-elected Secretary, and newish member Steve Spearman volunteered to join the committee, to an enthusiastic welcome! 2017 is our 40th anniversary year, and celebratory plans are under way.

November's meeting 'Battle of the Budgets' comprised a blind tasting of four wines from Aldi and four from Lidl, each store providing a white and a red under £5 plus a white and a red in the £7 - £10 range. Members decided which of each pair of wines they preferred without knowing which store they came from, and the results were quite surprising – three of the four head to head tastings were won by Lidl, and only one by Aldi! All the wines were excellent value, with votes for wine of the evening generally divided between a Lidl Cabernet Sauvignon from Coonawarra at £4.99 and an Aldi Old Vine Zinfandel from California at a very reasonable £7.99.

We are looking forward to our Christmas party on Wednesday 21st December, with a 4-course supper provided by members and committee followed by live music from local musician Ian Jordan, who can be relied upon to get us on the floor dancing round our handbags in time honoured fashion! In January (second Wednesday), the Club holds its Quiz evening, with questions set by former Treasurer Lindsey Glasman.

Join us for a light-hearted evening - please give Vee a ring to confirm attendance (to ensure we have enough to eat and drink!) on 01245 355723. The club meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 8pm in the village hall, but it is always worth phoning first, especially during the summer months.

Stir-up Sunday - 20th November

Stir-up Sunday - the Sunday before Advent Sunday - is so called from the first two words of the collect 'Stir up we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people', parodied by irreverent schoolboys with



*Stir up, we beseech thee
The pudding in the pot
And when we do come home to-
night
We'll eat it up all hot*

The mixture for Christmas puddings and mince pies was stirred up on this Sunday to give it time to mature before the great day.

Traditionally, everyone in the house must take part - mothers, fathers, children in order of age (and babies) and any visitors and servants! A wooden spoon (in honour of Christ's wooden crib), must be used and stirring done in the lucky sunwise/clockwise direction, with eyes shut whilst making a secret wish.

Missed it again, but only by one day, due to lack of suet! I'll consider a shop-made one next year Ed.

Christmas carols...

You are invited to **Hatfield Peverel Library on Saturday 3rd December at 10.30am**, for Christmas carols performed by Hadfelda Ladies Choir, with tea, coffee and mince pies.

The library has been beautifully decorated by Junior School children and the Guides and Brownies.



Freddie age 4

A happy Christmas to everyone from the Nursery

We have had lots of new experiences again this term. We celebrated Diwali in October and St Andrews Day in November by having porridge for a snack, making Loch Ness monsters out of playdough and doing some Scottish dancing to Scottish music.

Our Grandparents came in to play and really enjoyed their time with us. They played in the home corner making cups of tea, played with the playdough and read us some stories.

We are now preparing for Christmas. We are making Christmas puddings, cards and decorations and the children are practising their Christmas songs to sing to their parents.

The nursery is managed by Belinda Wakelin who has a BA Degree in Early Years and holds Early Years Professional Status with a well qualified staff team. *(Thank you children for your drawings)*

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



Evie age 4



Hattie age 3



Harry age 4



Eli age 4

Don't bin it – Re-Cycle it – Bikes for Africa

Ken Earney, 01245 381235

In clearing out a household recently we had to dispose of three old bikes in a very sad condition. Remembering an experience three or four years ago which we reported in these pages we knew that there's an organisation that's very pleased to receive bikes of whatever age or condition and then 'do them up' into a useable condition and ship them out to needy organisations in Africa. It's called Re-Cycle (www.re-cycle.org/ tel: 01206 841 268) and there is a collection point in Great Baddow in the person of Tim Hatcher. He can be contacted on 07956 106 398. You will need to get the bike (but please, **not** children's bikes) to him, but if that's a problem for you, let me know and I'll see how I can help.

Related to this a reminder that, to avoid any item that you wish to get rid of and want no payment for going to landfill, things can be offered on one of the local groups of Freecycle. These are hosted by Yahoo, so you will need to be registered with Yahoo Groups to do so. Our local groups are Chelmsford, Braintree and Colchester. Any taker will need to come to you to collect the item.

Don't bin it, Recycle it!



Goodbye to a much-loved friend Elaine Strutt 1922 - 2016

Eulogy for Granny, or the last Delhi Belle by
grandson Alexander Bols

She was amazing wasn't she? It's difficult as grandchildren to know someone who has lived most of their life by the time you're born. We've heard memories from Mark and Aiden recalling a life well-loved, surrounded by grandchildren and in recent years great-grandchildren, but I wanted to reflect on a life well lived.

It's easy to remember the elegant lady giving tea – Indian or Chinese? - on the terrace at Crix sitting in her armchair, puzzling over that week's crossword waiting for the 7 o'clock chimes to signal the daily visit to Ambridge. Or reading those stories, The Owl and The Pussycat, Kipling's Just So Stories and my personal favourite Alexander Beetle. It wasn't just the stories from the books I remember, it was stories from her life, fantastic tales from exotic places where she lived and the incredible people she met.

In recent years as the short-term memories became harder to retain, memories from long ago Egypt, India, Norfolk and Ireland, came to the fore. In the last few weeks as she lay in hospital she would often start singing to herself, Dad commenting that she was probably having a grand old time reliving fabulous balls, full of dancing with Maharajas.

The trip up to Simla was a real expedition, a lovely trip as long as you didn't look out of the window, which was thousands of feet down to your death. It was up in the hills that Dad was born, almost on the side of the road because it was a five mile drive from where they were living up in the hills near Abbottabad. A few years after she came back from India she went off and worked at the BBC as one of the first female television announcers. This came about when she was mending her husband Mark's socks and he hinted that she did nothing all day, so she thought 'I'll show him' and taped a children's story and sent it off to the BBC with a glamorous photo of

herself. Over the next four years she did various things announcing and children's stories on the radio.

Her stories will live on in our minds as she will in our hearts. But she will also live on in our gardens in the form of the day-lily named after her in 1969 - the Elaine Strutt lily - described as a pale-peach pink flower which opens in July and August and is gently stunning. I thought this was such a lovely description.

She had a remarkable life, one full for exciting places and people, but most importantly full of love. We will all remember her in our own ways but for me the lasting memory is of someone with the rare ability to make whoever she was meeting feel the most special person in the world. I wanted to end with the words Granny would say every Christmas: Here's a health to all those that we love, here's a health to all those that love us, here's a health to all those that love them - that love those - that love them - that love those - that love us. This was followed by sending a kiss round the Christmas table.



These are memories of Elaine's life before she came to our village with her three children Sarah, Andrew and Charlotte en route from Norfolk, Boreham and Witham where she and her family lived at the old Rectory in Boreham and then The Grove. They moved to Crix in 1958 and Elaine became very involved in village life, the WI and particularly St Andrews and the Mother's Union. Jean Ashby remembers when Jim Stanton's youngest daughter was getting married and she was hurrying to the church to be there in time when a silver cloud Rolls Royce pulled up alongside. Elaine wound down the window 'hop in Jean, you mustn't be late'. Crix was host to

Beating Retreat for many years and also Contact tea parties for those unable to get out and about, and numerous other charities. The house and garden was a wonderful venue and Elaine hugely enjoyed being the hostess to these events.

The dolls house in the hall at Crix, made for her mother and aunt in the early 1900s, was a great attraction especially for the children. She was a hugely popular raconteur and much in demand for her talks on family life, travel, days in India and on the telly. She could often be found at the Post Office, collecting her pension and chatting to everyone. She never forgot a face and always remembered details of people's families. She asked me one day if I knew anyone who would like some rockery stones. Our son Simon was working at Woodacre, a centre for young people with learning difficulties: he came over with a van and one of the residents. They were invited for tea - delicate cucumber sandwiches - and Mark took the plate on his lap and ate them all!

The service at All Saints Terling was filled with people - her large family, her many friends young and old - and as the gentle sunshine filtered through the windows we sat and remembered her - and we all had stories to remember. A long, full life, well lived.

The service was taken by Revd Oliver Ryder, grandson. Granddaughter Leonora Phelan read 'Goodbye Christopher Robin', tributes were read by grandsons Mark Ryder, Aidan Burch (read by Nigel Burch) and Alexander Bols, with a reading from Romans by goddaughter Linda Kelsy.

New road named for much loved Head teacher

A competition was held by Greenfields and the local school children to name the new street at Greenfields development in St Andrews Road. It was decided to call it Fitch Close. Lyn Shaw, attending on behalf of the Parish Council, met with Joyce Fitch's daughter Jacqui and Joyce's husband Mick who were invited to the assembly to see the prizes awarded to pupils who had entered the competition.

Village hall festivities

Facebook: Hatfield Peverel village hall

Yearly membership £5

Opening times

Monday to Saturday 7 - 11pm

Sunday 12 noon - 4.30pm

Come to the village hall over Christmas and enjoy a warm welcome and a celebratory drink - children are welcome.

Special happening over the festive period

Saturday 3rd December **Cockney evening, 8pm**

4th December **Charity Craft Fayre, 10am - 3pm**

Sunday 11th December **Christmas tree light-up 3.30am followed by carols, entertainment,**

mulled wine and mince pies in the village hall

Christmas eve - **children's party up to ten years 4 - 6pm**

New Year's eve - **come and celebrate, members free, guests £5. Bar open.**

Christmas draw - tickets available from the bar

Regular happenings

Bingo (8pm first Wednesday, third Thursday)

7th/15th December, 4th/19th January

Brag (first Friday in month)

2nd December, 2nd January/3rd February

Poker (third Saturday in month) 17th December

21st January, 18th February

Pool (second Saturday in month) 10th December,

14th January, 11th February

Darts Monday nights

Ladies team Tuesdays

Booking for hall/meeting rooms

HPCA bookings@mail.com

Phone Allan on 07741 140732

Village hall (before 12 noon and after 7pm)

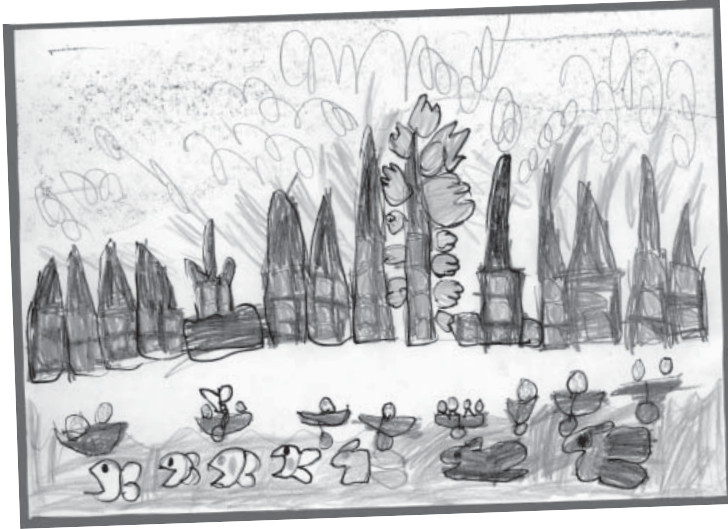
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Thank you Fred

For twenty five years Fred West compiled a crossword for the back page of our Christmas issue. He did warn us last year that it was to be his last but it still came as a surprise when it didn't turn up!

The Great Fire of London started in a bakery in Pudding Lane.
 The great fire of London started on the 2nd September in 1666.
 Sir Christopher Wren designed a monument to remember the
 great fire of London.
 New houses were mostly made of brick.
 13000 and 200 houses were burned down.
 87 churches also burned down.
 The fire burned for almost 11 days.

The Great Fire



King
Charles II



The great Fire of London started at the bakery on pudding lane. The fire was in 1666. The fire burned for 5 days. People got on to boats on the River Thames. Sir Christopher Wren built the monument.



*Thank you to Year 2 Infants
for their contributions*

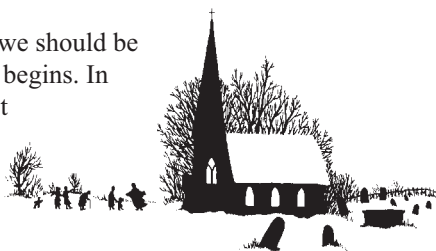


Samuel Pepys



Christmas news from St Andrews

Once more the Christmas season is upon us. Strictly speaking, we should be thinking about it after Advent Sunday, when the Church Year begins. In practice, many things have to be organised before Advent, not least the Samaritan's Purse (shoeboxes) need to be assembled. Before that, the gifts must be gathered - that has been going on since September! This year, as a church, we filled 71 boxes which, along with boxes from our two schools, meant that a good vanful has gone to children who would otherwise receive nothing. Also three enormous bags of items that could not be put in boxes have also been sent to the warehouse where they will be added to other boxes to complete them.



On a more reflective note we had a full church for Remembrance Sunday (which we call a service of Remembrance and Dedication). This was followed by a special combined service at 10.15am on 20th November, concerning new ways of giving and collecting Gift Aid, and also to celebrate the many acts of generosity in giving over the past years and to review our future giving. Despite such generosity and the very successful coffee mornings St Andrews and All Saints will be working with a deficit this year, which is neither satisfactory nor sustainable.

So what is happening over December and January? With this Review you should have a Christmas card itemising the services to be held over the Christmas period. Below is a quick resume of various events -

Saturday 3rd December	Christmas coffee morning 10am in the Church hall
Sunday 4th December	Carol Songs of Praise 5pm St Andrews. Collection in aid of Children's Society
Sunday 11th December	Messy Nativity 10.15am for the young and young-at-heart. See posters.

Other services are to found in the Parish Magazine and the Christmas card

New Year 2017

* Saturday 7th January	Coffee morning 10am at St Andrews Church hall.
* Sunday 8th January	Ulting Epiphany Carol Service 4pm at All Saints; Ulting.

A busy year for Braintree Food Bank

Mother's Union - Jean Ashby

In October we were given an excellent talk by Mrs Vivienne Salter on the work of the Braintree Food Bank. Food Banks came to England in 2001 when a husband and wife from Christchurch, Salisbury, were collecting supplies in their local supermarket for Food Aid to Europe. They were approached by a young mother who asked if they realised how many people in their own area were in desperate need of supplies to feed their families. She was such a one. Her husband had walked out and left her with no money and young children to feed - could they possibly help her? They were happy to do so but realised there was a bigger problem - their efforts culminated in a Christian charity, the Trussell Trust, being set up and the first Food Bank was opened. In 2004 there were just two: in 2012, with the Country's financial crisis producing a sharp rise of people in need, there were 525 food banks country-wide.



Braintree Food Bank opened in 2012 and in our village of **Hatfield Peverel collection points started in 2013, in St Andrews and the Methodist churches, and our Co-op food store.**

Those in need are given vouchers by agencies, Social workers, Citizens Advice Bureau, Job centres,



charities such as Home Start or housing officials. They present their vouchers at the food bank and are given emergency food to last a family for approximately four days. Volunteers realise the dire need of people who have to ask for food. They do not come to a food bank from choice but because it's their last hope!

It costs £32.000 per year to run the Braintree Food Bank, aided by grants, small charities, donations from churches etc. Food is provided by donations from the public, and the Food Bank is always pleased to receive these gifts of tinned or packeted items well within their 'sell-by' date. Mrs Salter said they were extremely grateful for the Harvest Festival gifts that came from the Churches in Hatfield Peverel. Centres open one day a week for food distribution: at Christmas they like to include goodies for the children.

On 1st November our speaker was Cannon Eileen French, her subject 'Women in the Bible and the Apocrypha'. She set us a light-hearted quiz and tables of four members was given 27 slips of paper with ladies' names on them and another 27 with the people and events with which they were involved. We were asked to match up as many as we could. Much scratching of heads and racking of brains trying to remember which went with which. I hadn't realised there were so many important women involved in old and new Testaments and the Apocrypha, most passages we read in Church today are male orientated. We had fun matching women and events - we only managed 13 out of 27 and that was the Vicar's team! We thanked Cannon French for an enjoyable afternoon.

On Tuesday 6th December we shall join the WI ladies in church for their Christmas carol service Everyone is welcome. Our first meeting of 2017 is on Tuesday 9th January (2nd Tuesday) when we hold our communion service plus AGM and Bring and Buy.

The Food Bank in Braintree has provided us with a Christmas goodie list which is on display at the back of the Church. If you can provide any items from the list, the people at the bank would be very grateful.

Methodist Church: Tribute to Roma Shelley

Our Church lost its oldest member when Roma Shelley died in September at the age of 95. On 13th October we held a Service of Thanksgiving, attended by her family, past and present members of this Church, and many village people.

Roma was born in Terling on 16th March 1921. From an early age she attended our Church, walking from Terling twice each Sunday. At Sunday School, the class had to sit and listen and take home a Bible text to learn. She moved to Vinehurst in The Street when she was eight years old and attended the old school in Maldon Road, taken on the back of her elder sister's bike. She remembered cold classrooms with no heating, classes separated by curtains and a headmaster with a sore on his face which he kept licking. The boys received punishment by cane on a hand. Lunch was sandwiches with a malted milk drink. Toilets were in the yard and flushed with ash which spilled over the pan. There were weekly multiplication and spelling tests.

Roma's first job was at the post office and telephone exchange in the building now used by the Helen Rollason charity. There were six postmen delivering on bikes and post came into the village by train or in a locked box on a National bus. Letters were stamped and local mail separated to be delivered the next day.

Roma later worked at Wickham Bishops which she cycled to each Monday morning and then stayed at the Mitre pub until her half day on a Wednesday when she cycled home. She returned on Thursdays,



staying until the end of the week. She moved to Witham Post Office, and later, Chelmsford, where she had many Irish customers working at Hoffmans who would send money back home to Ireland via a handwritten teleprinter instruction.

She got to know Ken, her future husband, on the bus journeys home. This led to a romance which was separated by the war when Ken served in the Essex Yeomanry. They married in September 1947 at the Methodist Church, had a wedding reception in the old village hall, and honeymooned in Eastbourne, going by train. They continued to live at Vinehurst and their son, Lloyd was born there. Unfortunately Ken died very suddenly in 1966.

Roma was a Sunday School teacher and helped at social events in Church including plays and sketches. She catered for lunches with Gladys Jennings, Phil Wright and her sister Joan – hot meals prepared in a very basic, steamy kitchen which is now the Church cupboard. She also made lots of teddy bears and crocheted blankets to be sent abroad. Roma continued to attend this Church and the Luncheon Club at St Andrews into this year despite her hearing and sight loss and memory starting to fail.

Others at our Thanksgiving service recalled their involvement with Roma. Her niece, Clare enjoyed the occasions when she visited her in Ireland and her ex-postmistress Betty Burchell said how she relied on Roma's experience and knowledge. Her friend Betty Marshal remembered her good humour and her husband giving Roma her one and only disastrous driving lesson. Jean Ashby recalled Roma being her Sunday School teacher and George Haste remembered her at the Post Office, enjoying all the customer chats, and being fun. The service included her favourite hymns and was a great tribute to her life.

John Clemo accreditation

John, one of our Church members has recently completed a long period of training to become a Methodist local preacher and becomes qualified to take Church services when a Minister (who usually has responsibility for more than one Church) is not available. On 6th November we were joined by other members from local Methodist Churches in a service led by our Superintendent Minister, Rev Mike Lewis, to formally accept John as a local preacher. It was a joyful occasion with a happy atmosphere to wish John well for his future preaching and leadership opportunities.

Special Christmas Services and events planned

Sunday 4th December	4pm - Carols by Candlelight Service with the Guides and Brownies, festive refreshments to follow
Sunday 18th December	10.30am - joining Witham Methodist Church for a Carol Service
Wednesday 25th December -	9.30am - Christmas Day Service led by John Clemo
Sunday 1st January	10.30am - joining Witham Methodist Church for a United Service

Regular events

Every Thursday	10am - 12 noon	Open Door - come and join us for tea/coffee and chat
2nd Saturday in month	10am - 12 noon	Coffee morning and cake stall
	10th December, 14th January, 11th February	

Parish Council meeting dates for the coming year, 2017

The Parish Council's website is
<http://www.essex.info.net/hatfieldpeverel/>

The council meets at 7.30pm in the village hall unless otherwise stated. All Council minutes

can be viewed on its website (see above) or found in the library. Dates for 2017 are

9th January, 6th February, 6th March, annual parish meeting 18th March, 3rd April, 18th May includes annual general meeting, 5th June, 3rd July, 14th August, 4th September, 2nd October, 6th November, 4th December.

Surprising what a chat to a villager can reveal

Edith Cavell, her sister Lillian and William Longworth Wainwright

The centenary of Edith Cavell's execution by firing squad in Belgium in 1915 and various commemorations this year prompted two of our older residents, Bryant Prior and Phyl Rixon to mention that Edith's sister Lillian was married to Dr William Wainwright and they had lived in the village at Crix Farm (now Little Crix) for a number of years. Both thought this might be an interesting snippet to include in the Review. Searches have not yet yielded much, but here is what little we have found out.

There are not many who have not heard of Edith Cavell, a British nurse in German-occupied Belgium in the First World War, who whilst caring for both allied and German wounded soldiers helped around 200 allied prisoners of war to escape. She was arrested by the German Army and accused of treason, tried at a military court-martial and sentenced to death by firing squad. She was shot at dawn in Schaerbeek in Belgium on the 12th October 1915 and buried there. This caused outrage in this country and elsewhere at the time. Her body was brought back to England after the war and given a state funeral in Westminster Abbey, then interred on the green to the east of Norwich Cathedral. There are memorials to her at Norwich Cathedral, in London and Schaerbeek and at a number of other locations around the world.

She was born in Swardeston, near Norwich in 1865, and had three siblings, Florence, Lillian and John. Lillian was born in 1870 and, some time before the war, married Dr William Longworth Wainwright, a surgeon at St Thomas' Hospital. From the mid-30s, following his retirement, they lived in Hatfield Peverel at Crix Farm, presumably at least until Dr Wainwright's death in 1956. Dr Henry and Mrs Sybil Hiscocks lived at Little Crix in more recent times until Mrs Hiscocks' death in 2006.

Dr Wainwright obviously served in the Home Guard, because in 1944 he was awarded the OBE for gallantry as a military non-combatant. The citation reads:

Captain William Longworth Wainwright, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.G.P., Home Guard. On the 8th May, 1944, Captain Wainwright, who is 76 years of age, displayed bravery, initiative and fortitude when a small house containing explosives caught fire a short distance away from his garden. The wooden sides of the house

quickly caught fire. Realizing that he could not prevent the fire from spreading, Captain Wainwright entered the building and at great risk was successful in carrying out a considerable quantity of explosives. Whilst doing this the roof collapsed and Captain Wainwright sustained serious burns about the face, neck, hand and arms. After having his burns dressed he insisted on returning to the scene giving all the assistance he possibly could until he was satisfied that nothing further could be done to save the building any more of its contents.



This incident tallies with what both Ken Clements and John Strange have told us and we have subsequently seen online a more detailed account in the Essex Chronicle in September 1944. But we know little of Lillian. She perhaps moved away from the village after her husband died, since her death is recorded as being at Ewell in Surrey in 1967. More time for research is needed. We'd be very pleased to hear from any older residents who can fill in any more of this sketchy knowledge of the Wainwrights.

The state of our roads

We live down Willow Crescent, round the corner from the road works to repair the age-damaged pipe under Church Road. Its been a long seven weeks - and counting. A workman mentioned it might be done by Christmas. We're lucky, clear run to Chelmsford and a cut through New Road to get to Maldon Road the other way.

Not so lucky for New Road, already suffering a surfeit of commuter cars and now having to contend with additional drivers weaving in and out. No chance for emergency services!

'Our Village' was produced in the winter of 1951/52 following a WEA course of local study on our village and its surrounds. Its a wonderful example of the time and talent spent by volunteers who researched Hatfield Peverel. Following our problems with traffic, I thought you might like to see how it was dealt with in those far off days!

Roads

The main road has always been a feature of Hatfield Peverel life since it was built by the Romans from where we get the name The Street. Along it have come kings and queens, preachers and soldiers, a pageant of history passing before generations of villagers who witnessed these things in fear, excitement or indifference.

Today (1951) we are more conscious of the speed and noise of traffic. Motor cars and macadamised roads have destroyed village peace and brought the thunder of goods traffic and on fine summer weekends, streams of Londoners in cars and coaches making trips to the coast so that crossing the road is difficult. There are three garages and five stopping places for coaches and lorries and local people set up stalls at peak periods to sell garden produce outside certain inns.

Before the road surface was metalled hedges and passengers would be white with dust in summer and thick with mud in winter, and in 1917 the Parish Council was making arrangements about the open ditches beside roads in the village. The opening of the railway in the 1840s provided an easier method of transport than roads in this

condition and village children could play in the street until the advent of the motor. Motor traffic was starting to raise problems in 1914 but it was the awkward siting of a warning notice to motorists at the top of Hatfield Hill making the way dangerous

Before the coming of the railway the London to Harwich road was busy and the first to have a turnpike as early as 1695. The toll levied on passengers at different stages was used to maintain that strip of road. Surfaces improved and coaches sped through at 8mph up to the beginning of the 19th century. Goods traffic went in wagons to the musical accompaniment of horse bells.

In 1831 and 1832 widow Kitty Rush was nominated by the Hatfield Peverel vestry as Surveyor of the Highways for the year but did not receive the necessary magisterial approval. Parishes were responsible for repair of their own roads in earlier systems of road maintenance and inhabitants were supposed to give so many days work a year on the roads. As a consequence of such unskilled and unwilling labour, the English road system had fallen to such a deplorable state that travel was probably more difficult than in Roman times. Packhorses rather than wheeled vehicles were used for goods traffic and footpads and robbers were a menace. The important London to Colchester road was one of the first to be improved and the increase in traffic encouraged highwaymen.

Today there is a proposed plan for a bypass in Hatfield Peverel in the next ten years, starting from the present main road at Crix, cutting across Station Road and rejoining the existing main road beyond the Vineyards. This will involve the destruction of houses and the dislocation of some local trade, but should bring something of the rhythm of village life back to The Street.

Traffic Census figures Boreham 1951-52
Winter months traffic during the week averages 5,250 vehicles per day, falling to an average of below 4,000 at week ends,
Summer months - midweek average 6,250 per day, rising to a peak of 12-13,000 on busiest Saturdays



We're getting besotted with roads, this will have to be the last! Thank you to Hilary Doe for this one, taken in the early 60s. The bypass opened in 1965

Language, lore and legends

The language of this country a millennium ago was very different from modern English. Our tutor Graham Platts on this Autumn course has taken us on an adventure into our language and its history, from the Roman influences through periods of invasion from people of Northern Europe - Anglo Saxons, Jutes, Vikings followed by the Norman invasion after 1066. A wonderful and inspiring course.

Autumn evening courses have included New Hall, Chelmsford's Royal Palace, with Tony Tuckwell

A change is gonna come! - world music
Still to come

Tuesday 6th December - 'The changing face of the East Anglian coast' with speaker Fred Boot
8pm Methodist Church, £5 including tea/coffee.

WEA

Spring course - 17th January 2017

The First World War with tutor Roger Cooke will look at the causes, course and outcome of the most bloody war in history.

Information from Lesley Naish 01245 380837.

Christmas Fayre at Hatfield Peverel Lodge



We would love to see you at our Christmas Fayre on Saturday 10th December - doors open from 2 - 4pm. There are various stalls, Ray and Rita will be singing Christmas carols and there will be tea and refreshments.

We welcome you all - please come and support us. Hatfield Peverel Lodge Nursing Home, Crabbs Hill, Hatfield Peverel, CM3 2NZ. For details please ring Nicki or Helen on 01245 380750.

Scouting around

1st Hatfield Peverel Scout Group (For boys and girls 6-18 years) Suzanne Evans - Publicity

The 1st Hatfield Peverel Scout Group consists of four units; Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers. All units are well subscribed and hold weekly meetings in the HQ in Church Road. Currently there is a waiting list for membership to Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, however, the Explorer unit is accepting new members.

Remembrance Day Parade

The whole Group, along with the Guides, took part in the Remembrance Day parade along Church Road from our HQ to St Andrews. Everyone looked smart in neatly pressed uniforms with their white 'poppy' scarves. On arrival flag bearers formed a guard of honour as the congregation entered the church for the hour-long service to remember the fallen.

Beavers visited Pets at Home, in Chelmsford, to gain their Animal Friend Badge. They learnt what the animals like to eat and how to look after them. The children were able to hold a variety of animals, including rabbits, guinea pigs and rats, which was great fun.

Cubs have had a busy term so far; they completed their Fire Safety Badge with the aid of Andy Moore, a fireman based at Witham Fire Station, and gained their Animal Carer Badge, with the help of visitors from Brentwood's Hopefield Animal Sanctuary. An Italian evening was arranged by parents, Emi and Claire, which gave the Cubs the opportunity to try Italian food and to learn about the country and the language. An interesting evening on WW1, and how the Scout Movement helped in the war effort, captured the Cubs' imagination.

They enjoyed looking at memorabilia from an Australian Scout Sergeant, who fought at the Somme, and also from a boy sailor, who served in the Navy during both WWI & WW2. The annual conker competition has taken place; this year's winner was Ben.

The Scouts have been working hard to complete their Creative Challenge Badge; in a recent activity, each Patrol produced some fantastic 3D masks. The Troop is looking forward to a fun themed Festive Night Hike with Chelmsford Scouts; this will take them on a six mile route, designed to test their navigation skills in the dark (see opposite page).

Explorers - 'J's Privateers' as the Explorers are known - welcome anyone between the ages of 14 and 18 years to join their activities. So far this year, they have enjoyed paintballing, bonfire nights, open-fire cooking, hiking, camping and more! Currently, preparations are being made for the Duke of Edinburgh Award, a prestigious qualification awarded to young people who show determination and resilience in Scouting. Early next year, the Explorers will be joining the Scouts on a winter camp at Tolmers Scout Camp in Hertfordshire; as well as a fun weekend, their abilities in outdoor survival will be put to the test.





Celebrating a special occasion or running a club/society?

Why not hire our centrally located HQ? Our HQ boasts a large main hall, a well equipped, newly refurbished kitchen, new toilet facilities and a recently re-surfaced, on-site car park. Our very competitive hire rate is £10 per hour Please contact our bookings clerk, Louise Ware, 01245-381 753 for details.

Don't forget to visit our website - www.hpscouts.org.uk - jam-packed with useful information for existing members and those seeking to enrol their young person in Scouting activities within the village.

Useful Contacts: Group Scout Leader: Nick Nicholas, 07841 597 977

Membership enquiries: Michelle Spicer, hpscoutgroup@gmail.com, 01245 380 630

HQ Bookings: Louise Ware, 01245 381 753

Monthly newspaper collection: Jonathan Dormon, 01245 382 981, jonathandormon@btinternet.com

Publicity: Suzanne Evans, 01245-382 397, info@boons-holidays.co.uk

Oo la la...Beaujolais Nouveau!

The Church hall was transformed into a French cafe in November when Harts, joined by Hadfelda WI Choir, staged an amusing evening of songs and sketches based on the arrival of the Beaujolais Nouveau wine.

With French flags and prints by French artists adorning the walls, night lights and small flags on the tables, the hall had a distinctly Gallic atmosphere. Judging by the communal singing of Alouette and Frère Jacques, the laughter at the sketches and the applause for the choir, everyone had a good time.

During the interval the audience enjoyed a supper of French bread and cheese, followed by a selection of sweets. A genuine French lady in the audience said she had thoroughly enjoyed the evening. Praise indeed!

The event raised funds for St. Andrews Church and Farleigh Hospice, the profit will be divided equally between these two worthy causes. Many thanks to Harts members for staging the event, to the Hadfelda WI Choir, and especially to everyone who came along and supported us.

Schools Open Day

- Thursday 12th January 2017

Are you thinking about infant and junior school places for your child?

Take this opportunity to see Hatfield Peverel Infant and Junior Schools in action. Come and see the children and staff at work in the classrooms and around the school, talk to Headteachers and Governor representatives, enjoy an informal chat over coffee and find out what we can offer! Predicted numbers indicate we should have space for children living outside of Hatfield Peverel.

Tours are scheduled during the morning and afternoon of the 12th January, lasting an hour. To find out more and book your place on one of our Open Day tours, please contact the Infant School office on 01245 380220.

Hatfield Peverel Schools Church Road,
Hatfield Peverel, Essex CM3 2RP (Infants)
CM3 2JX (Juniors)
01245 380220

www.hatfieldpeverelinfantschool.com
www.hatfieldpeverelstandrews.ik.org

Bonfire night meets the challenge...

Hatfield Peverel Cricket Club - Chairman Paul Thorogood

On the back of the Cricket Club falling on hard times, we put out a plea for support from the village at large. Rumours were rife about the state of the club, even to the extent we were about to fold. The most immediate chance of helping our cause was to attend our annual bonfire/fireworks evening.

In recent years the event has been enjoyed by club members but has been low key. An open invitation to join us was put out on social media and very quickly reports were that interest was high as numbers pledging attendance steadily increased. As November 5th approached, expected number rose to 200+, well above what many of us in the club would have dared wish for. Come the morning itself, we had a steady stream of residents dropping off fireworks and the possibility of a 300+ crowd was forecast for the evening.

Due to efforts made, the function turned out to be a success from the clubs point of view. Special mention goes to Len at The Wheatsheaf and Terry at the Football Club whose help was invaluable. We sincerely hope we met the challenge and delivered an enjoyable couple of hours for all that attended. Whilst accepting there are still many hurdles ahead in the quest to restore stability, HPCC now know there are many willing friends in the village (and beyond) to help us on our way. For that, our whole-hearted thanks.

Winter season under way

Rita Thomson, Bowls Captain 01245 380038

The indoor season is going along well. League games have started: the A team won at home to Atte Bower and lost away to Whitehall 'Bees' who play at Westcliff-on-Sea. The B team has also played three games and has had the same results.



Several friendly games have been played - Canvey Island, Wickford and Holland-on-Sea. The club's Tuesday League and the winter Saturday League have started. The social season got under way on 18th October when we played 'Round the World'. Winners were Val Hudgell, Fred Brown and Rita Thomson whose bowling score took them to Japan - they shared a hamper of goodies from around the world. A very pleasant evening.

Fancy a game of table tennis?

We are a friendly club - always looking for additional players for our teams in the Chelmsford League. Home playing night is Tuesday and we have around 30 members of all ages. We play league matches in the village hall in Maldon Road, with a bar, excellent playing conditions and top class equipment. League match

evenings are friendly and good fun with three players from each team in a match playing three singles and one doubles game. There are practice tables) most Tuesdays during the league season, when new members can come and meet us.

On the social side we enjoyed a fun evening at Romford Dogs in November, and next February, for our annual Club meal, we have booked a Chinese restaurant in Chelmsford, where the highlight will be the Chairman's speech.



Anyone wishing to play or to re-start their playing career would be welcome. Leave your details with Secretary Neil Freeman on 01245 382249 or myself Chairman Andy Simmonds 01245 381020 or 07932 057 205.

Foot clinic for Hatfield Peverel

Colchester Foot Clinic is pleased to announce that, as from December 2016, it will be offering an outreach clinic at -

Synergy Health Centre, Hillcrest House, The Street, Hatfield Peverel, CM3 2DL
Saturdays 9.30am – 12.30pm

Please contact the receptionist at the centre here for more details, or to make an appointment, call us on 01206 854300.

Useful telephone numbers

Please contact the editors for additions/errors.

Age Concern Essex	01245 264499
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 01376 519625

Churches

St Andrew's (C of E), vicar	01245 380958
Methodist Church, minister	01621 853423
Catholic Church, Witham, priest	01376 512219

Citizens Advice Bureau Witham 0844 4994719
Drop-in sessions Mon/Tue/Thur/Fri 10am - 1pm
Appointments only Thurs afternoon 1 - 4pm

Doctors, health services

Hatfield Peverel doctors' surgery	01245 380324
Boreham doctors' surgery	01245 467364
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

First Essex Buses Ltd 01245 293400

Gas - emergency 0800 111999

Harlequin Children's Centre 01376 535270

Free support and services for children under 5

Hospitals

Broomfield (A&E); St John's,	01245 362000
St Peter's, Maldon	

Libraries

Hatfield Peverel	01245 380988
Tuesday, Thursday 1 - 5pm	
Wednesday, Saturday 9am - 1pm	
Witham	01376 519625

Police Non-emergency calls 101

Use 101 also for the local officer

Emergency calls 999

Witham Police Station opening hours

Monday - Saturday 12 noon to 6pm

Post Office 01245 382787

Railway Information

National Express East Anglia	0845 6007245
National Rail Enquiries (24 hrs)	08457 484950

Registrar of Births, Marriages & Deaths

Witham, by appointment only 01376 323463

Braintree, by appointment only 01376 320762

Relate 01245 258680

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
Acorn Childcare	07580 834417

Social Services 0845 6037630

Village Agent Richard Ould 0800 9775858

Village hall (after 7pm) 01245 381481

Let us know of useful services to add to this list

Hatfield Peverel Parish Council

Committees and working parties

Burial Ground Working Party (B)
Country Park Focus Group (CP)
External Audit Review (A)
Football Pavilion (F)
Keith Bigden Memorial Ground User Group (KB)
Neighbourhood Development Plan (N)
Planning (P), Traffic (T)
Village Environment (E)

Councillors (and their working parties)

Lisa Miller, Parish Clerk 01245 403071
parishclerk@hatfieldpeverelpc.co.uk

David Broddle - Chairman 01245 382829
(P/KB/CP/A)

George Boyd Ratcliff (T/P) 01245 380496

Peter Endersby (E/KB/A/F/PiP) 01245 381919

Suzanne Evans

Bernie Heard 01245 380370

Suzanne Morris 01245 382940

Ted Munt (F chair/E/A/CP/B/N) 01245 381135

Les Priestley (A/N) 01245 380404

Mike Sayer

Linda Shaw (T/N/P/CP) 01245 382669

Diane Wallace (P/CP/PiP/B?N) 01245 381485

Mark Weale (PiP) 01245 381726

District Councillor

David Bebb 01245 381065

Daryn Hufton-Rees 07729 458757

County Councillor

Derrick Louis 07918 752526

Both lists updated Nov 2016



Stonepath Meadow planning update

A few of us met with Priti Patel today Friday 25th November to discuss the current planning application for Stonepath Meadow (see paragraph 3), and the proposed new sites on Crabbs Hill. We took her to see Stonepath Meadow, some of the surrounding views and the proposed new sites on Crabbs Hill. We were blessed with sunshine which helped! She is very informed on the Stonepath planning issue,

can understand why we do not want it built on and is supportive of our cause. Additionally she is willing to get involved and help; she has a meeting next Friday (2nd December) with the Chief Executive of BDC and will discuss this case at that meeting. She suggested we copy her in on our objection letters to BDC (withamp@parliament.uk). This will give her more ammunition when she is talking to planners and/or councillors at BDC.

She is also happy for people to write to her directly, but suggested **the most important action at the moment is to get as many objection letters to BDC as possible**. Make your views known on www.braintree.gov.uk, by email to planning@braintree.gov.uk or in writing to Tim Havers, Braintree District Council, Causeway House, Braintree, Essex CM7 9HB, quoting 16/01813/OUT. **It's great to have her support, but it is down to us to get our objections in.**

A new planning application for 140 houses on Stonepath Meadow. This was submitted by a 'no win no fee agent' just three days after the previous application for 80 houses was rejected by Braintree District Council. The parish council's Executive Planning Committee met on 16th November and were unanimous in their rejection of this new application: they will be writing to BDC on behalf of residents. To allow residents a chance to have their say the BDC deadline has been extended to Friday 9th December.

Residents are advised that their comments based on proper planning criteria will have the most impact, for example: landscape and heritage impact; environment, wildlife, traffic, infrastructure. We think your opinion on our community's efforts to direct future development via the new Neighbourhood Plan is also valid. Any questions, or to lend your support to the residents group, contact stonepathmeadow@yahoo.com

Arla Dairies consultation on approx. 175 new homes on the redundant factory site was held in the village hall on 23rd November.

Neighbourhood Plan walkabout - volunteers needed to walk to view and help formally classify village landscapes and settings. We need lots of volunteer-helpers please, meet at the library 10am Saturday 3rd December. **Carols and refreshments on return after the walk.**

NB: Braintree Local Plan 'Round Two', Causeway House, Braintree, 15th December 6pm

BDC will discuss Hatfield Peverel and move the emerging plan forward to its final stages on the basis of the consultation this summer. Sites across the village will be discussed including Sorrels Field and Arla Dairy. New sites have been put forward by landowners adjacent to Crabbs Hill and Sportsmans Lane. Residents can register in advance to speak at the meeting.