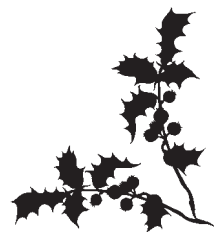


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Local events and happenings round and about

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*Front cover - Rainbows celebrate their 30th birthday with ice creams! See report on back page.
Photo by Julie Downe*



The village needs your help

In this frenetic, busy Christmastide has come the most important event in our on-going fight to keep our village safe from inappropriate development. The inquiry by the Planning Inspectorate, on behalf of the Secretary of State, into the current applications for development on **Gleneagles** and **Stone Path Meadow (SPM)** will start on **12 December**, possibly for up to eight days.

Alongside these proposed developments, the speculative developer's overlapping and conflicting earlier application, dismissed on appeal and subsequently challenged by Gladman, is to be re-determined.

It is the hard work, foresight and dedication by a number of our villagers who recognised the dangers of development that has got us where we are today. And the support too, from you our residents, has been amazing. Your letters, emails, many fund-raising events have made a vast difference. **Can we do it all over again? Not only can we, we must.**

Please show your support by attending the inquiry whenever you can - this will be very formal and similar to a court of law. The public will be allowed to speak at this hearing but only by registering their wish to do so in person at 10am on 12 December.

The venue for the inquiry is: Howard Hall, 36 Bocking End, Braintree, CM7 9AA. This is near to Causeway House, and there is a pay and display car park which accepts coins only.

If anyone could offer, or would like, a lift to attend the inquiry please contact: **Lisa Hanikene** on stonepathmeadow@yahoo.com or 07831-180775

Village Development – update

Braintree District Council will be explaining its decisions at the inquiry but the ultimate result will be determined by the Planning Inspector/Secretary of State for Local Government and Communities.

Hatfield Peverel Parish Council (HPPC) and **Stone Path Meadow Residents Group (SPMRG)** elected to have Rule 6 legal status at the inquiry and **Gleneagles** elected to have Interested Party status. The HPPC and the NDP team are working hard on behalf of residents. They have instructed their own barrister to act on their behalf at the inquiry.

Along with the concern regarding the sites themselves, the Rule 6 parties together, with Gleneagles as Interested Party, will be defending on the grounds including overstretched NHS doctors etc; lack of availability of primary school places and the access routes to secondary schools; traffic congestion in the village; and the environmental impact these developments will have.

Grateful thanks to all those who have supported the fund-raising so far (Halloween Dog Walk and Quiz Night) for SPMRG to appoint a barrister. The Just Giving page is still open <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/stonepathmeadowinquiry> - online donations start from JUST £2. **There will be other initiatives to support this cause, so please do keep a look-out for leaflets, posters etc.**

It will be appreciated by both Stone Path Meadow and Gleneagles residents to have people attending the inquiry in support. Whilst more like a court and, therefore, with no opportunity to question, challenge or behave in any manner that is disrespectful to the Inspector, the mere presence of supporters will be beneficial even if only for half-a-day. *This will not be an environment amenable to young children.*

Lights on for Christmas Party in the Park

Adrian Coombs, Events Co-ordinator, 01245 380272

Sunday 10 December is the day to remember

We will meet around the tree from 3pm onwards, Paul the Piper will appear and at 4pm lights will be switched by Paul and Sue from the EMC Club. This year we have purchased two trees, a real one to be planted in memory of Vic Olley who switched on last years lights and sadly passed away not long afterwards. We shall have the pleasure of watching it grow.



From tree to carols in the village hall for everyone (a large screen for those of us who have forgotten the words) and festive refreshments, mince pies, mulled wine, and Santa and games for the children.

Events team look back on a most successful 2017

At the end of April we ran both the pram race and the Peverel's Got Talent contest. The pram race was well supported by the community and 400 cheered on the five teams of racers. **How about getting your own team together for 2018?** The talent contest was a complete unknown when we came up with the idea, but how it delivered. We had 12 talented acts plus Mark Weale, a packed village hall and several hours of first class entertainment. A wealth of talent and the four judges - Emma Cook, Ian Jordan, Mark Parr and Kevin Marshall had an impossible task to decide the best act. In the end 6 acts were taken through to the final at Party in the Park. The committee will run the event again in 2019. A big thank you to the village hall for supporting these events.

July 8 annual Party in the Park event. The weather was perfect and the community turned out to support us. The whole day was a huge success with a diversity of exhibitors and fun things to do. We had additional food outlets this year including freshly cooked oven pizza, noodles and waffles as well as the traditional fast food from the Girl Guides. The event was supported by some excellent acts and bands. Most of the credit for this success has to go to the committee and volunteers who work tirelessly not only during the event but also year round in getting the plans in place, without them we couldn't function.

Our former Chair, Mark Weale, recently stood down to take up residency at the head of the Parish Council and our new chairman is Emma Cook. Thank you Mark for a grand job and we wish Emma the very best and will work to support her in 2018.

2018 - Stop Press - proposed Easter egg hunt - Party in the Park, Saturday 7 July

NDP Inquiry preparation

The Examiner has raised a query regarding an Assessment in view of the site allocation of Arla in the plan. This is currently being dealt with by BDC, ECC and our consultant, Ann Skippers.

As you are aware the Secretary of State called in both Stonepath Meadow and Gleneagles Way sites to determine these applications himself, and the bespoke Inquiry will also now include the 80 dwelling scheme as well as the 140 scheme at Stonepath Meadow. The appointed Inspector for the inquiry is Brian Cook. Cllr Mike Renow

will be representing the Parish Council in relation to the NDP at the inquiry which starts on the 12 December along with Philippa Jarvis, Planning Consultant, and Barristers Sarah Sackman and David Graham on behalf of the Parish Council.

A visit was arranged at the beginning of November to look at Stonepath Meadow and Gleneagles Way. We also looked at Wood End Farm, Arla, Bury Farm and Sorrells Field, sites proposed in BDC's draft Local Plan. The day proved very useful for everyone to continue work in preparation of the inquiry.

Queen of the pumpkins

Horticultural Society

www.essexinfo.net/hatpevgardens/

Six entries in the annual competition for the largest pumpkin were gathered together for the weigh-in before the society's AGM in November: the combined weight was over 471 kilos (941lbs in old money). There were no scales man enough to handle Trina's winner which alone stood at 400lbs before the scales gave up. No wonder then that the traditional weigh-in, usually held in the sight of visitors, was done in-situ. It wasn't Scruffy atop the winning pumpkin that tipped the scales. *(See photo right)*

Results: Trina Butcher 400lb+, Les Brann 149lb, Juliette Brann 140lb, Mary Brann 134lb (keeping it in the family), Jenny Clemo 66lb, Hedley Janes 52lb. Some families will be fed up with pumpkin pie and soup!

Start planning now if you are trying your hand at a prize-winner next year. There are catches: Trina has been banished to the front garden to grow her 2018 entry - the size of this years meant it was almost impossible to get it from the back garden.

Chairman Neville Bright reported a successful year, with an excellent five day break in the lovely city of Wells at The Swan Inn overlooking the cathedral. Next year (15th to 23rd July) the society will be visiting Cheshire.

The year book and schedules for 2018 will be available in the New Year.



A little understanding...

... for the difficulties our doctors' surgery is having to cope with at present. One GP Partner, Dr Simon Butcher left the practice at the end of September and will not be replaced. In order to facilitate the loss of some appointments the practice has recruited a medicine consultant and 2 part-time physiotherapists. The new staff are currently undertaking induction but will be seeing patients face-to-face during December 2017. The NHS, unless things change in the forthcoming Autumn budget, will suffer another serious cut in funding due to the Government's on-going austerity programme and our surgery, like most others, will feel the effects. The patient list is at a maximum, and if any of the forecast housing developments go ahead there will be pressure to take on yet more patients. The changes in the way that we are all experiencing the day to day provision of the services appear to be causing difficulties for some, but these result from the practice's best assessment of how to cope with the demands placed upon it. So please folks, a little understanding. (See Doctor Cunningham's article on page 14)

Parish Council news

**Sarah Gaeta, Clerk to the Parish Council, Parish Council office,
Community Association, Village Hall, Maldon Road, Hatfield Peverel, CM3 2HP
Tel 01245 382865. Email: parishclerk@hatfieldpeverelpc.co.uk**

The Parish Council has welcomed the new Clerk, Sarah Gaeta, who is based at the Parish Council office in the village hall from 9.30am – 1.30pm Monday to Friday.



Councillor vacancies

We currently have two vacancies for Parish Councillors. If you are interested in local issues and would like to help the community, please contact the Clerk, Sarah Gaeta, on 01245 382865 or the Chairman, Mark Weale, on 01245 381726 to discuss what is involved. In brief, there is one full council meeting per month and, if you wish, you can join one or more of the working parties or committees which concentrate on specific issues. There are regular training courses available (not compulsory), which are free for Parish Councillors to attend, all designed to enhance your knowledge of local council issues and procedures.

If you do not wish to become a Parish Councillor, it is still possible to make a valuable contribution by supporting one of our working parties. We look forward to hearing from you.

Planning

All planning meetings are open to the public. Notification of these meetings will be erected in the village notice boards three clear days prior to each meeting.

The following applications have recently been made

Loft conversion and single storey rear extension at Rosemead, Station Road. Demolition of existing barn complex and erection of new barn-like building containing 6 supported living residential units at Massenet, Wickham Bishops Road. Erection of single storey rear extension and conversion of roof space including dormer windows and roof-light at 32 Priory Farm Road. Erection of 3 dwellings with garages, access, related infrastructure and landscaping at land north east of Sportsmans Lane. Application for a proposed lawful development certificate – proposed single storey rear extension at 8 Garden Field. Construction of new single storey rear extension in place of existing conservatory at 44 New Road. Conversion of existing garage into gym with shower room, removing garage door and installing new window with brickwork to the sides at Berwick Bungalow, Terling Hall Road. Application for variation of Condition 3 of approved application at 22 Chestnut Avenue; the roof to be raised on the two storey extension. Erection of single storey side extension at 51 Priory Farm Road. Erection of two storey side extension with carport under and single storey rear extension including two flat skylights at 2 Rock Cottages.

The following applications have recently been granted

Erection of single storey front/rear extensions and two storey side extension at 18 Remembrance Avenue. Erection of a bungalow at Acres Down, Station Road. Erection of front and rear extension together with alterations at 1 Priory Farm Road. Proposed new entrance at Smallands Cottage, Spring Lane. Erection of conservatory at Farthing Cottage, 2 The Street.

Tree Preservation Orders

Treeworks at 119 Church Road – passed to tree warden. Notice of Intent to carry out works to tree in a conversation area at 7 The Pines – part granted, part refused.

Website - you can view Parish Council news on its website: <http://www.essex.info.net/hatfieldpeverel/>
Council meetings: Monday 4 December 2017 and Monday 8 January 2018, 7.30pm village hall.

Rainbow celebrations

Hatfield Peverel Girlguiding Group - Julie Downes

This year Rainbows are celebrating their 30th birthday! The theme has been 'Under the sea'. We attended a trip to the Southend Sea Life Centre and it was such lovely weather we did a beach scavenger hunt and even had ice creams! (*see photo right*) We also had an activity day which consisted of a beach party, seal life craft, Punch and Judy, outside amusements and more ice cream! (*see cover photo*). We made lots of sea life craft - a socktopus, bouncing jelly fish, weaving rainbow fish, fluorescent orange jellyfish and plastic bag jellyfish! You can see examples of our work on display at Hatfield Peverel library and in the photograph (*middle right*) - our birthday cake is in the middle!



Brownies

This term we have finished off our Agility Badges: many thanks to Prue Carter for being our tester. We are currently concentrating on our Artist Badge. We have made bookmarks, written and illustrated poems, printed, made collages and the girls all produced amazing still life pictures, using pastels.

Guides have been doing patrol Go For It and had a trip to Witham fire station to complete their fire safety badge. These next few weeks we are creating displays for Hatfield Peverel library and will end the year with a trip to Madison Heights for bowling.



Small community project grants

Braintree District Council's councillor community grants are available to support a range of projects benefitting people within their ward.

Each BDC Councillor has facility to make contributions to appropriate local groups to help fund projects that benefit their local community through a fund allocation for their ward of £1500 in total. Funds will be spread quite thinly. Grants are intended to support smaller projects that are easy to deliver, and cover the full, or more likely a contribution to, the full cost. **Examples of projects so far funded include new goal posts at Nounsley and a projector screen for Terling village hall.**

A BDC guide is available providing full details about the scheme and details of what the Council can fund, who is eligible to apply, any restrictions and what you need to provide in your application form. Any formally governed 'not for profit' organisation can apply for a grant which can be used to fund a range of capital and revenue costs. In appropriate cases, the parish council may be prepared to process an application on behalf of an applicant.

Please look at this link for more details: [www.braintree.gov.uk/councillorscommunity grants/](http://www.braintree.gov.uk/councillorscommunity%20grants/)

Applications need to be made direct to the local BDC ward member, Cllr David Bebb or Cllr Daryn Hufton-Rees, see contact details on the inside back page of the Review.

Mug of tea and a cake in the sunshine!

Hatfield Peverel Walkers
Graham Bushby (380372)

Eight walkers took part in our October walk in beautiful Autumnal weather out through Nounsley, passing the derelict Sportsmans Arms, down to the ford and on past Cardfields education establishment to the bridge over the Chelmer canal and along the footpath to Paper Mill Lock.

Advantage was taken of the warmth to sit by the lock in the sun and enjoy a mug of tea and cake before returning across the fields towards Mowden Hall Lane. Since our last walk in this area two fields appear to have been set up for game shooting purposes so walking on barren land instead of beside crops or cereals was a surprising alternative and changed the scenery.

We crossed over the River Ter bridge upstream from Nounsley Ford, walked up to Sportsmans Lane, up the footpath past the new site allotments to the Scout HQ. Total distance around 4 miles.

Next walks are on 30 November and 19 December 10am at the village hall. Please check with Graham if you would like to join our walks as we do often go further afield using car share. (Please leave a contact number if the ansaphone is in use).

New Year's day walk

Ken Earney, 01245 381235
kenearney@hotmail.com

No mention was made in the last edition of a New Year's Day walk, and none since, apart from me to the Walkers group. I am not organising one this time: if anyone wants to take on the mantle, I'll act as a point of contact for anyone volunteering to organise, lead, or just walk.

Walkers beware!

The farmer allows walkers across the field for free, but the bull charges - **sign on an Irish gate**

Marry an outdoor woman - if you throw her out in the yard for the night she can still survive!

Like time to do your Christmas shopping, alone?

Charlotte Greaves, who runs the village hall child care, and her four assistants*, have very kindly volunteered to run a child care session so that parents can have the opportunity to do some Christmas shopping.

On Saturday 16 December we will be opening the village hall childcare from 9am - 1pm for anyone who would like some quiet and peaceful Christmas shopping. The children will be able to have glitter tattoos, make Christmas decorations, decorate biscuits, play games and much more. The price is £15 for the session and this includes activities, drinks and snacks. **All proceeds donated to the Save Stonepath Meadow fund.**

Please book early as spaces are limited.
Contact Charlotte Greaves on 07527 763038 or
Greaves.charlotte@yahoo.com

*All staff are signed off with Ofsted and have relevant checks

Knitty Gritty UK Craft Fayre

Hatfield Peverel village hall

Maldon Road

Sunday 26 November

Doors open 11am - 5 pm

50p entry fee to Stonepath Meadow Group
fighting fund.

Refreshments available from SPM group

Info Jackie Shenley 71 New Road
Hatfield Peverel CM3 2JA 07901 841 009
jdjmaa@yahoo.co.uk

New Year resolution - give up plastic

But can we! Plastic was introduced 70 years ago, most of it still exists - it is believed it takes 500 years to decompose. Shall we have a try, every little helps! Suggestions on a post card please.

Grapes, saints and tinsel!

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



Back to the village hall for our autumn programme. Chairman Graham Bushby introduced 3 white wines from the same grape (Pinot Gris) but from different parts of the globe, followed by three reds (Malbec), all of which demonstrated how very different one grape variety could taste when grown in different climates and soils, and tended by wine growers with different techniques. An informative evening; honours were divided between those who preferred Old World examples and those who preferred New!

Our 40th AGM took place in October, and passed in an orderly fashion. Alan Porter stepped down as membership secretary after 5 years, and will be much missed. Steve Spearman, already a committee member, volunteered to take over the role, and Jim Lane and Ann Riddleston were re-elected to committee after serving 3 years since 2014. Chairman Graham Bushby reflected on another great year, the highlight being the 40th Anniversary Dinner Dance at the Forresters Country Club in March.

November's meeting, For All the Saints, involved a tasting of 6 wines named after a variety of saints. These were introduced by halo-sporting St Christopher and St Veran (aka Chris and Vee Green) who entertained us with tales of the saints – who are the patron saints of postmen, wine-drinkers (and apparently BBQ-ers), women in labour and baseball players?*. A couple of white wines were a bit nondescript, but the New World redeemed the situation, with the best wine a Santa Rita 120 Carménère from Majestic. We are looking forward to the club's Christmas party in December enjoying a 4-course supper provided by members and committee and accompanied by live music from Ian Jordan. Members are encouraged to make a special effort to attend with their guests, we are sure this will be the highlight of our Christmas season!

If you would like to join us for a light-hearted evening you are very welcome: please give Vee a ring to confirm attendance (and to ensure we have enough of everything to eat and drink) on 01245 355723. The club meets normally on the second Wednesday of the month at 8pm in the village hall, but with some exceptions, so phone first.

* Saints Gabriel, Vincent, Anne and Rita!

Christmas greetings from the Library

Come and celebrate Christmas in the library on Saturday 2 December between 10 - 11am, bring the children to see the Christmas trees and to write their letters to Santa. Join in carols sung by Hadfelda Ladies Choir, and enjoy refreshments, coffee/tea, soft drinks and mince pies. Everyone welcome.



The first Wednesday of the month, 6 December, is the last of the old year for our regular coffee mornings. Come and join us and enjoy more tea, coffee and friendly chat. And see what your local library has to offer.

The Book Group meets on the second Tuesday every month at 7.30pm - you can have a good talk about what you have read - no test questions, and knitting and natter on the second Wednesday 10am until 12 noon. A jigsaw group is also being considered.

Perhaps there is something you would be interested in, do let us know. We don't want to lose our library because it is under used.



Thank you to Infant School children Anna, Oliver, Summer and Thomas for their clown drawings

Lucky Beavers sit on a Harley Davison!

1st Hatfield Peverel Scout Group (boys and girls 6 -18 yrs)

Suzanne Evans – Publicity 01245 382397

info@boons-holidays.co.uk

Please visit our website - www.hpscouts.org.uk - it is jam-packed with useful information for existing members and those seeking to enrol their young person in Scouting activities within the village.

The 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.

Beavers (6 - 8 yrs) have been busy this term, with lots of activities to keep them entertained - mini hikes around the village, rocket making, exploring and Halloween cake making. Rock climbing at Prances Scout site was very popular, as was a visit by Peter and Dave from the Royal British Legion. Dave brought along his lovely Harley Davidson motorbike, which he uses to help fund-raise for the RBL, and the Beavers where thrilled to have their photo taken sitting on it.
(See photo with Dave right)



Cubs (8 - 10½ yrs) have had an enjoyable autumn term, with fun activities and badge work to keep them busy. They completed their World Faith Badge, spent an evening learning different types of knot, competed in the annual conker competition (well done to Ciaran, the overall winner) and experienced Krav Maga, a military self-defence system developed for the Israel Defence Forces. In addition, they paid a visit to our local farm; many thanks to John Upson for a very informative tour.

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

Scout Group fund-raising - newspaper/cardboard collection

Scouts are out collecting on the first Saturday in the month (9am -1pm). The group receives payment for all paper items collected - please help us raise funds by putting your newspapers, magazines, paper and cardboard outside your property, where it can be clearly seen 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. Volunteers to help with the collection are very welcome. Thank you.

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

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

HQ bookings Debbie Fuller, 07920 512 471, copper_ben@hotmail.com

Monthly newspaper collection Jonathan Dormon, 01245 382 981, jonathan.dormon@btinternet.com

Publicity Suzanne Evans, see above.

Picture quiz

The photographs on the opposite page have all been taken (with the exception of the windswept tree, thank you Neville) by Ken and myself around the village in the past three weeks. The pictures are set out in three rows of three. Jot your answers down and the results will be published in the February issue. No prizes!





From top to toe, freshwater to salt

Tony Hocking, Alison Davie and Jess the dog travel the Thames by kayak

Part 1 - planning, preparation, launching - 220 miles of The Thames in a kayak - how it all began

The thin blue light of dawn spread slowly above the roof tops of west London. In the shadows by the river, two figures quietly packed their kayak and checked watches for a final time. It was time to go. They launched without a sound, the black hull slipping silently into the inky water as a police car sped by on the opposite bank, blue lights flashing intermittently across the glassy surface. The last hours of the receding tide drew them down towards the city, the plop plop of their dripping paddles

Tony at Kings Lock, near Oxford

the only sound, deafening against the pre-rush hour calm. At Richmond, autumn mist spilled from the parkland, filling the river to the top of the bank and obscuring them from the early morning dog walkers. A closer look might have revealed the wash from an unseen craft, but nobody noticed. Before long the low rays of sun dispersed the mist, but by then, there was nothing left to see.

The Thames. Not Britain's longest river – that accolade goes to the Severn – and not the largest – that one goes to the mighty Tay. But arguably the most famous, steeped in history from its origins in the Cotswolds, all the way down its 200 or so meandering miles to its mouth at Southend on Sea in Essex. Every period has left its mark, from pre-Roman to medieval to present day. Magna Carta, Traitor's Gate, HMS Belfast, Waterloo Sunset, the list goes on and on. What better river to descend by kayak, from top to toe, freshwater to salt? Three men and a boat went up it. Alison and I would go down it, only this time we really would take a dog.

And so the three of us found ourselves in the Cotswold countryside, nervously assembling our folding Klepper kayak as a herd of cows munched their way slowly across the riverside meadow until we were predictably surrounded by the hairy beasts. They noisily chewed the cud and eyed us nonchalantly. Jess our high mileage lurcher was not impressed, and we rapidly launched and jumped aboard, filling the boat in the manner of a bin being emptied and finally pushing off before things got a bit barky. The cows didn't care; it's just that we were on their lunch.

When you finally start off on a long planned adventure, a curious transition takes place in your mind, and it goes a bit like this. The journey that was eminently achievable by the fireside, glass of wine in hand and the maps open on the coffee table, almost overnight becomes a seemingly impossible and frankly embarrassing challenge you've set yourself. "Where are you heading?" asked a lady out for a stroll that morning. The true answer – two hundred and twenty miles down the Thames, through London to the sea, along the Essex coast and up the Blackwater estuary to my home port of Maldon – although technically correct seemed so preposterous, so fraught with obstacles, so awkward to phrase convincingly, that I just said "Er, well, down the river for a couple of days, we'll see how far we get!", followed by us quickly paddling away before she thought to call the police. I mean, were we really going to do all that? And with a dog?

Jess and Tony at Runnymede



In its upper reaches the Thames is not unlike the Chelmer & Blackwater Navigation. It's roughly the same size, runs through open countryside and may have a few more bends, but now and then a lock punctuates the miles and, inch by inch, the river- and us - descended to the sea. With our Environment Agency licence we were permitted to operate the locks and, where it was available, to camp alongside. Mid-September saw the first fruits of autumn arrive; shining blackberries overhung the banks, spikey horse chestnuts plummeted to the ground and spilt their polished cargo. From the tent one morning we watched a squirrel make its choice of windfall apples before claspings the bounty in its paws and returning to safety. On the water, each day brought the flash of not one but tens of Kingfisher, hurrying up and down their own stretch of bankside property and determined to make the most of the remaining warm days.

We arranged to meet Alison's parents at Sonning, for a riverside dinner at The Great House Hotel. I have no doubt the décor has changed since Jerome K Jerome's visit, but the sentiment remained as we tethered our kayak to their pontoon and walked up the lawn to approach the maître d'. When the bill was settled and goodbyes said, we returned in darkness to the pontoon. After four days on the river our movements were swift and silent, and we sat contemplatively in our kayak until our eyes grew accustomed to the moonless night. Downstream lay a secretive island campsite where we would sleep undisturbed. At daybreak we left, leaving only a dry patch on the leaves where our tent had stood. A brief shower fell, and that too was gone.

The reality that we were fast approaching the start of the tidal Thames was not lost on us – and with it we had to say goodbye (temporarily) to Jess. From Teddington lock onwards the river and sea is no place for a dog in a kayak and so we swapped our furry friend for a food parcel and deck for the Klepper. At a stroke, our dog friendly flatwater craft was transformed into a formidable and seaworthy kayak. Things were about to get serious.

Part 2 will appear in the February edition



A brief rest. Alison by the Thames at Cliveden

Village hall festivities

Facebook: Hatfield Peverel village hall

Yearly membership £5

Opening times

Monday to Saturday 7 - 1pm

Sunday 12 noon - 4.30pm

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

Special happenings over the festive period

Saturday 25 November Craft Fayre 11am - 5pm

Saturday 25 November Poppy Appeal quiz, 8pm

Thursday 7 December

Ronnie Buckingham Medium 6 - 10pm

Sunday 10 December Lights on the Christmas tree from 3pm onwards, followed by carols, mulled wine, mince pies. See Father Christmas!

Saturday 24 December Christmas draw 8pm

New Year's eve Come and celebrate, members free, guests £5

Booking for hall/meeting rooms

HPCA bookings @mail.com

Village hall 07541 516243

Village hall (after 7pm) 01245 381481

Sidney House and The Laurels Surgeries

Dr Tom Cunningham, <http://www.sidneyhouseandthelaurels.nhs.uk>

Appointment System

It has been a couple of months since we introduced our new appointment system. Overall, patients that have successfully negotiated the system are delighted, however, we are aware of teething issues which are inevitable with any new system. The main comments have been the difficulties getting through on the telephone. We have responded to this by increasing in-coming telephone lines and employing more Reception staff to answer telephones during busiest times. Unfortunately, the process of advertising, vetting, and training new Reception staff will take time so please bear with us during this transition period. We encourage patients with internet access to register for online facilities which gives direct access to a GP for a telephone consultation. Furthermore, please remember your local pharmacist can deal with many complaints - insect bites, rashes, coughs and colds. With the introduction of the new telephone appointment system, it is important to keep your contact details up to date. If you have moved, changed telephone number or got a new mobile phone number, please inform the reception staff so they can update your details accordingly.

New Staff

We would like you to welcome Badar Aslam and Hannah Broadbridge. Badar is a Medicines Consultant who will be able to deal with queries about medications and will be able to undertake medication reviews. Hannah is a Physiotherapist, who will be able to give help and self-management advice for patients with back, joint and muscle problems.

Practice list size

With the new residential developments being built in and around the village, you may be aware that the practice has applied to close the list to new patients so we can continue to practice within safe limits. Regrettably, the application to close the practice list has been rejected by NHS England who feel the work the practice has undertaken with the changes to the appointment system and the employment of new staff is appropriate and satisfactory. Although we believe the changes in the practice are prudent, we are still evaluating the new system and temporarily closing the practice list will help with that process, so we will be appealing against NHS England's decision. **Finally, the Partners and Staff at Sidney House and The Laurels wish you a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year.**

Oh I do like to be beside the seaside...

All-in holidays 5gns (£5.25 new money) a week

All-in holiday scheme 'See it all, do it all, enjoy it all' on five guineas a week including all tips was launched last night in Southend. For a five guinea ticket visitors will be able, in June, to stay in a guest house - morning tea included - have three meals a day and enjoy free theatres, dancing, the pier, golf, bowling, swimming, deck chairs on the sand and boating for the kids.

Backed by the Town Council, the Southend Hotel and Catering Association decided to help the staggered holidays plan.

'The landladies and hoteliers have made a terrific reduction of normal prices to make the scheme a success' said councillor J E Longman, Publicity Committee chairman.

'Five guineas will be the minimum charge and it will be possible to anybody to have a holiday on that without paying an extra penny, except for the fare. The inclusive ticket varies from five to eight guineas, depending on type of accommodation. Children between five and fourteen get a one third deduction.

'We can accommodate 10,000 people a week'.

I would like to say enjoy your holiday but alas, this offer has expired: it appeared in The Daily Mirror on 7 January 1949! - Ed

Welcome to the firefighters!

Hatfield Peverel Nursery

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

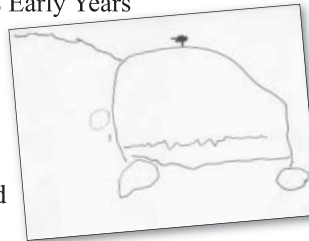


The firefighters from the Witham fire station brought the fire engine for us to see. We enjoyed sitting in the fire engine and shooting water out of the hose - *thank you to the children for their drawings*

Our Grandparents came in to play. They had a great fun with us. We are now starting to prepare for Christmas. We are making Christmas puddings Christmas cards and decorations. The children are practising their Christmas songs to sing to their parents.

We would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas.

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



Schools Open Day

Thursday 23 November

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

Take this opportunity to see the Infant and Junior Schools of Hatfield Peverel in action. Come and see the children and staff at work in the classrooms and around the school, talk to the Head teachers and Governor representatives, enjoy an informal chat over coffee and find out what we can offer!

Tours for both schools are scheduled during the morning and afternoon of 23 November and last an hour. To find out more and book your place on this open day tour, please contact the Infant School office on 01245 380220.

Hatfield Peverel Infant School
Church Road, Hatfield Peverel
CM3 2RP
Telephone 01245 380220

Hatfield Peverel St Andrew's Junior School
Church Road, Hatfield Peverel CM3 2JX
CM3 2JX
Telephone 01245 380131

Mary's meals - food for school children in Africa

Hadfelda WI - Marel Elliston

We were delighted to welcome Geraldine Beaurain, who stepped in to give us a most interesting talk about Mary's Meals. This excellent charity provides food for school children in Africa, encouraging them to attend school and making sure they have one good meal a day. Geraldine played a video of interviews with some of the children helped by the charity and it was lovely to see how it has changed their lives for the better.

Dot and Marion gave an amusing report of their visit to Denman College, organised by the Essex Federation of WIs. Denman is experiencing financial problems and has asked WIs to help with fund-raising. It was decided to make the October raffle a bit special, and to donate the profit to Denman. Eight members enjoyed an excellent afternoon tea at The Mildmay Group in Little Baddow where speaker, Sadie Nine from BBC Essex, was most amusing and entertaining.



The president opened the October meeting with two pieces of good news. Firstly, the Mildmay Group meeting had made a small profit so all WIs in the group had received a refund of £6! Secondly, seven Hadfelda members had taken part in a quiz run by Boreham WI and come joint third. Enough excitement for one meeting!

A report of the Centenary County Annual Meeting held at the Civic Hall at Grays was read to the members. It had been an excellent day with interesting speakers. The afternoon entertainment, four young men called the West End Jerseys, a tribute group for Frankie Valley and the Four Seasons, was excellent. Members were reminded of the Boreham carol service on 13 December, and to bring suitable unwanted items to the November meeting to sell on a Christmas stall.

The speaker, Debbie Brady, gave a very witty and amusing talk about life as a female in Fleet Street. When she had started work, some years ago, she was one of a very few female photographers and she had some interesting experiences to share!

In November Lyn Croot's talk entitled 'I had a Dream' was about diving in Tobago.

Winter season under way

Rita Thomson, Bowls Captain (01245 380038)



We have played two League matches, won at home to Whitehall Wasps and lost away to Sanguine. Early days, twelve more games to play. In the friendlies, we beat Canvey Island and lost to Herm Park.

We held a social evening in October 'Round the World', each shot scored gave the teams 'air miles'. The winners shared a box of groceries from around the world.

The club has lost two of its long-serving bowlers in the past month: Chrissie Harris was a great bowler and a lovely lady. Over the last several years she battled with cancer, but never complained and carried on, a very brave lady. Maurice Ball was the club's treasurer for a few years: he passed away suddenly, we shall miss him, and always remember them both. Bowling goes on, several new bowlers have joined. Come and see us, you will be made welcome.

On behalf of us all at Hatfield Bowling Club we send best wishes for Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year.

St Andrews Luncheon Club

The club meets on the second Tuesday every month (12.30pm start) in St Andrews church hall. A two-course meal with tea or coffee costs £4.

Soup and sandwiches (12.30pm)

On the fourth Tuesday in the month soup and sandwiches also in the church hall.

Transport can be arranged for both luncheon club and soup and sandwiches. **If you would like to volunteer to help with the driving you would be most welcome.**

For information please ring Belinda Hull on 01376 512540 or 07854 122 728.

Bonfire and fireworks - Cricket Club sets sky alight!

The club was chuffed with last year's attendance but on our Saturday bonfire celebrations that was surpassed big time. Over the last few weeks the bonfire had been steadily increasing due to deliveries of assorted rubbish and ended up quite a size. The day itself started as expected with rain but it did not deter donations of fireworks dropped off during daylight hours. As forecast, the afternoon and early evening mercifully became dry as showtime arrived. Gates opened at 6.30pm, fire lit at 7 and the fireworks started at 7.30.



improvement of our club. In return, we sincerely hope that we laid on a display and evening worthy of the massive 500+ support from the local community. Most comforting to know it's there. Please keep an eye out for other news from HPCC throughout the forthcoming months.

Winter well, very many thanks. Paul Thorogood.

Enjoy a game of table tennis - and keep fit

Andy Simmonds, Chairman

We are a local friendly club with 4 teams in the Chelmsford League - and always looking for additional experienced players.

Home playing night is Tuesday and we have around 30 members of all ages, 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 fun with 3 players from each team in a match playing 3 singles and one doubles game.

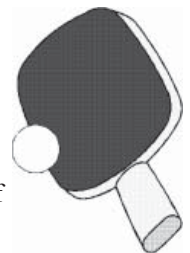
There are often spare tables on a Tuesday when new (experienced) players either male or female

may come along to get to know us and possibly join one of our league teams.

If you wish to play non-competitive social table tennis, the village hall has its own table. Contact Alan Benfield on 07741 140732.

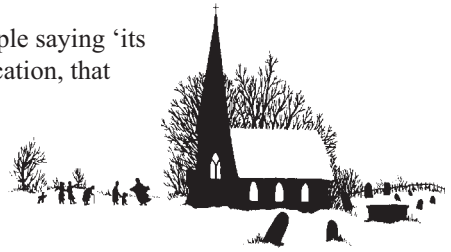
On the social side, this November we have a club visit to Romford Dogs for a meal and in February next year we will have our annual club meal out.

Anyone wishing to play competitively or to re-start their playing career would be welcome. Please leave your details with either Secretary Neil Freeman 01245 382249 or myself chairman Andy Simmonds 01245 381020 or 07932 057 205



News from St Andrews:

Probably since the end of the summer holiday I have heard people saying ‘its only days to Christmas!’ You could say, with some justification, that Christmas at St Andrews does begin in September; rehearsals for the Nine Lessons and Carol service, and other Christmas music and gifts were being gathered together for the Samaritan’s Purse project. This year, as a church, we filled 50 boxes which, along with boxes from our two schools, meant that a good two carfuls has gone to needy refugees, often living in camps displaced by war and inhumanity.



On a more reflective note St Andrews took part in a Deanery Choral Evensong at St Luke’s, Tiptree and, although not many of the congregation were from other churches, we were made very welcome at St Luke’s and the combined choirs enjoyed it very much. At All Saints Ulting 50 people came to a special Pet Service led by Fr Derek and I have just come from an Armistice Day service also led by Fr Derek that was partly held around the First World War Memorial there. Since the last Review, St Andrews and All Saints have hosted concerts and have had Harvest Thanksgiving services which were well-attended; our schools too have held services in St Andrews over the last two months, and will hold more over Christmas period.

What is happening over December and January?

With this Review you will have a Christmas card itemising the services to be held over the Christmas period. These will also be found in the Parish magazine.

Below is a quick resume of various services and events

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| Saturday 2 December | 10am Christmas coffee morning and toy sale |
| Sunday 3 December | 5pm Carol Songs of Praise St Andrews. Collection in aid of Children’s Society |
| Sunday 10 December | 10.15am All-Age Nativity presentation for the young and young-at-heart. |
| Sunday 10 December | 4pm Christmas Carol Service at All Saints: Ulting. |
| Sunday 17 December | 6.30pm Nine Lessons and Carols. |
| Christmas Eve | 4.30pm Toy Service ‘The Greatest Gift’ toys to be given to local children through ‘Homestart’. |
| | 11.30pm Midnight Mass |
| Christmas Day | 9am Holy Communion (1662) at All Saints Ulting. |
| | 10.15am Family Carol Service with Holy Communion. |
| Sunday 31 December | New Year’s Eve 11am We will be joining our friends at Hatfield Peverel Methodist Church for their special New Year’s Eve service. |
| | No 10.15am Service at St Andrews. Please correct Christmas Card. |
| Saturday 6 January | 10am New Year’s Day coffee morning. |

A facinating illustrated talk on our church of St Andrews

Mothers Union - Jean Ashby

In October John Strange spoke about the history of our church, beginning with the story of Maud Ingelrica, born in 1032, daughter of a powerful Saxon nobleman in Essex. In her early life she

attracted the attention of William (the Conqueror) Duke of Normandy and it seems he fathered her first child, William. When the Duke became tired of her she was given to one of his distinguished knights, Ranulph Peverel. Maud (Ingelrica) and Ranulph had 5 children between 1060 and 1069, but records show they married just before Ranulph’s death in 1272.



Inglerica, to recompense for her life with the Duke, is said to have founded here a college of Secular Canons

dedicated to St Mary Magdalene. She died around 1100, and was buried in the Church.

During King William II's reign Maud's first child William Peverel converted the foundation into a Priory of Benedictines dedicated to the Virgin Mary subordinate to the Abbey of St Alban in Hertfordshire. In King John's time the Priory became a retreat for this monastery as a convalescent hospital for monks. In March 1231 the greater part of the Priory was destroyed by fire. It was rebuilt and around 1280 an aisle on the north side of the nave was added including, at its western end, a small turret with a single bell.

Life continued until Henry VIII began his dissolution of the monasteries in 1536. Buildings were pulled down, but the Nave being parochial - belonging to the parish - (our present day Church) together with domestic buildings was left standing. After the dissolution, Giles Leigh became the owner of the Priory. His 2 daughters married 2 brothers of Sir John Allyn and the Priory remained in this family for 200 years until 1762 when, with the death of the last descendent, the Allyn estate was sold and in 1764 came into the possession of John Wright, a London coach maker. He repaired the fabric, demolished the old Priory House, leaving just our present day church.

The dedication of the church was changed at the time of the dissolution to St Andrew and has undergone many alterations - what remains is less than a sixth of the original. John showed us many pictures including the church around 1760 when it was joined to the Priory. He explained various pieces of stained glass adorning our windows.

His talk was an eye opener for us who take our lovely old building as an unchanging, stable presence, when really it has had a life of its own! .

November 2017

John and Anna Tomlins were our speakers this month. They shared a fascinating account of a pilgrimage they took last April on the Camino de Santiago de Compostela in Northern Spain. From St-Jean-Pied-de-Port, a small town in the foothills of the Pyrenees on the French side, they joined the Camino (Spanish for 'the way') and Santiago (Spanish for St James), one of Jesus' apostles.

St James was executed in AD 44 on the orders of Herod Agrippa and there was a legend that he had spent time in what is now North West Spain. When bones were found in the 9th Century by a shepherd at a place now called Compostela, the then Bishop declared they were the remains of St James and a cathedral was erected over the burial place. Santiago de Compostela became, with Rome, one of the two most important places of pilgrimage in Europe.

Over the centuries pilgrims have come from Europe and beyond to walk the Camino and pay homage and pray in the great cathedral. Numbers average 300,000 per year. They walk, horseride, cycle, and bus. John and Anna's group of 40 went by bus but at certain points they were able to leave and walk some of the way on ancient paths trodden by early pilgrims. They visited attractive towns and magnificent cathedrals which we saw on the photographs John had taken.

Serious pilgrims intending to walk not less than 100 kilometres can obtain a pilgrim's passport stamped along the way. The coach party walked 50+ miles, were not eligible for a passport but got their itineraries stamped at towns they visited. When they reached Santiago Cathedral they took part in the Pilgrim's Mass held at noon every Friday. Anna said as their party had only eight days to spend on the Camino they were taken to a comfortable hotel each evening for a meal and to spend the night, the best of both worlds!

We were sorry to hear of the death of one of our members - Molly Spearman, we will miss her. We send our sincere sympathy to her husband Roy.

5th December is our members meeting with Christmas carols and readings. Everyone welcome.

Methodist Church

Welcome to our minister Rev Barry Allen and his wife Ria

Our new Minister and his wife were welcomed to our Harvest Service on 10 September when the Church was decorated with produce and flowers from our own gardens. We were very pleased to see a number of villagers to welcome them to our community including a lady from South Africa who gave them an Afrikaans welcome and a couple who visited his previous Church in South Africa when on holiday.

Rev Barry is aware our congregation is small and as an encouragement to us he spoke on the Old Testament reading in 2 Kings where a woman was faced with the debts of her recently deceased husband which she had no resources to settle. The prophet Elisha pointed out she had a little olive oil and asked her to borrow empty jars from her neighbours. Her own tiny supply was blessed and miraculously provided enough to fill all the empty jars which gave her income sufficient to settle her debts. Rev Barry reminded us that God's will to grow our Church is always there if we have the courage and will to use his power to fulfil the needs of our community. We enjoyed singing our harvest hymns and thanked God for the abundant harvest this summer. Our special collection will be forwarded to the Methodist Charity, All we Can, campaign, which supports a pig farm with piglets provided to vulnerable widows, who have lost possessions and hope, due to discriminatory practices they face in Cameroon (widows lose the assets they have worked for if a husband dies). We enjoyed a meal together and Rev Barry and his wife Ria thanked us for the happy time that we shared.

Tribute to Joan Louis

We held a service to commemorate Joan's life in November. Joan moved from London into a Lovibond cottage and subsequently joined many village organisations. She was a regular worshipper at the Salvation Army until it closed, when we welcomed her into our church community. She became a committed member to our services, Bible study and social events. At her memorial service the Church was filled with family and friends from the village who remembered her as good company and a colourful character.

Special Service Sunday 26 November 11am

At this service we have invited Mrs Sarah Carter from Chelmsford Anglican Diocese to talk about a project being carried out at the cathedral. They assist immigrant ladies and their pre-school children to learn English and understand our customs to help them to feel at ease. If you would like to learn more do join us.

Christmas boxes We are collecting for Operation Christmas Child, the campaign that sends shoe boxes filled with Christmas gifts to children in Europe or Africa who would not otherwise get any presents - due to war, poverty or refugee status. So far we have collected 17 boxes. If you would like to support this charity there is still time to bring boxes or individual items to our Church or contact us on our website www.hatfieldpererelmethodist.com for us to collect (before 27th November please). It is rewarding to collect gifts in the knowledge we can give joy and love to a child receiving the box. **For information on items suitable for gifts see charity website www.samaritans-purse.org.uk**

Special Services

Sunday 26 November - 11am Morning Service see details above

Sunday 3 December - 4pm Carols by Candlelight Service, with the Guides and Brownies

Sunday 24 December - 11am Carol Service led by John Clemo

Sunday 31 December - 11am service with St Andrews - looking forward to the New Year with Gill Songer

Regular events

Every Sunday 11am Morning Service

Every Thursday 10 -12 noon Open Door join us for tea/coffee and friendly chat

2nd Saturday in month 10 - 12 noon coffee morning and cake stall

3rd Monday in month 7.30 - 9pm Bible study

Goodbye to a lovely lady - Marianne Gilder (1927 - 2017)

Marianne was born in Germany where, in 1947, she met her 'beloved Gordon' as she liked to call him. They married, moving first to Saffron Walden, later to Chelmsford and the TA centre in Victoria Road; where Marianne was caretaker; maintaining the offices in a pristine condition. The family then moved into the TA Centre in Springfield Road where, in 1980 in recognition of her services to the Territorial Army, she was awarded the British Empire Medal from the Lord Lieutenant of Essex. After the ceremony, Marianne said she never thought a Mrs Mop would win such an award!



Retirement from the TA centre meant a move to 2 Baker Avenue in Hatfield Peverel. After Gordon died in 1992 she devoted her life and energy to the church: as part of the WI, helping with church bazaar's and every Thursday morning at Edward Bear club. She kept her eye on Father Stephen when he visited Edward Bear, making sure he only had one custard cream and suggesting rich tea were more suitable! She was an MU member responsible for arranging speakers, and she attended Deanery meetings. She especially loved it when they sang Happy Birthday to her on her 90th birthday.

When her great-granddaughters Ella and Betsy were asked to describe Nana they used words such as: lovely, caring, loveable, generous, helpful, joyful, hard-working, sweet, lovely smile, thoughtful - and bossy (she loved to be in charge) - and that 'Nana would always be there to help us out'. Mention to of Paul, her neighbour - her third son she said, always there when she needed him - and her other neighbour John Boy, as she called him. She was very appreciative of all the help he gave her too. And not forgetting Pat, her best friend. Marianne looked forward to her Monday afternoons, having a catch up over a cup of tea and a slice of lemon cake.

She was delighted to attend her 90th Birthday party at her grand-daughter Lucie's house where she had a wonderful time celebrating with her family. She said that she felt like the Queen because she had three birthday cakes. One of the highlights of the day was her eldest grandson Warren playing Happy Birthday in her native German language, and she joyfully sang along smiling that wonderful smile of hers. Four weeks later she sadly passed away but she was a fighter until the very end and such a strong lady. I wonder if that was because of the rocket fuel that she drank as a teenager, that powered her until the end.

Marianne was a wonderful, brave and special person, everyone who knew her most certainly loved her.

Music by the River

Carole Hodgkins

The concert held at All Saints Church, Ulting, on the afternoon of 14 October was a pleasurable event. The weather was warm and sunny and the audience enjoyed listening to the wonderful music and singing of 12 performers which included clarinets, bassoon, violins and bagpipes. It was truly a magical medley of music from Mozart to Musicals.



the church where wine, fruit juice and nibbles were served. A total of £695 was raised, of which £70 has been donated to the Lepira Charity in Colchester.

Thank you to Jean and Anne who organised the refreshments and to Geoff Austin for the design, printing and publicity of tickets, posters and programmes. Also to the William B

There was a lovely sociable atmosphere as those attending mingled in the grassy glade by

who donated a £30 voucher for the ticket prize.

A History of Ideas

WEA

An in-depth look at ten important ideas that have shaped human development, - from the Renaissance to post modernism - has been the subject of our autumn course which is now coming to an end. This diverse subject has kept us on our toes - and led to lively discussion with our tutor Edward de Maunsell on most mornings. Tuesdays will not be the same again!.

December evening talk

The last autumn evening talk, on Tuesday 5 December in the Methodist Church, has a local theme. Dr Patrick Chaplin will speak on 'Langford - an Obscure Essex village?'

Spring is coming

Gardens in British Art in the 19th and 20th centuries

is the title of our ten week spring course starting on Tuesday 9 December with Susan Pownall.

We will begin with a brief history of gardens as seen in art, exploring how they have been represented in these centuries. Further topics will range from formal gardens to allotments, greenhouses to garden sheds as represented by artists including botanical artist Margaret Mee and painter Eric Ravilious.

Information: Lesley Naish 01245 380037.

Christmas shopping list

Braintree food bank - small items of Christmas fare, sealed packets, best before 31 January 2018

Small Christmas cakes and puddings, festive biscuits, chocolate fingers/wafers, snacks/nibbles, Christmas sweets or Advent calendars, large tubs of sweets (Roses, Quality Street), mince pies (check best before date), bottles of squash, tins of meat (tear-drop shaped tins of ham).

Collection points in the village: St Andrews, Methodist Church, Co-op Stores. Schools too have been collecting.

Maldon Film Club

Maldon Town Hall 8pm every other Tuesday until 2018
www.maldonfilmclub.info Tel 01621 869340

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| Tuesday 5 December | Julieta |
| Tuesday 19 December | Ethel and Ernest/social eve |
| Wednesday 3 January | In the Heat of the Night |
| Wednesday 17 January | The Brand New Testament |
| Wednesday 31 January | I, Daniel Blake |
| Wednesday 14 February | The Salesman |

Chelmsford Film Club

Cramphorn Theatre, Fairfield Road, Chelmsford.
Mondays 8pm. www.chelmsford-filmclub.co.uk
Telephone 01245 224064

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| Monday 4 December | Startess Dreams |
| Monday 13 December | Paterson |
| Monday 23 January | Certain Women |
| Monday 5 February | After the Storm |

An Evening
at
Hatfield Place
The Street
Hatfield Peverel
CM1 3ET

Friday 8th December
7.30pm

Music
Auction

Tickets £12.50 in advance
(Limited to 100)
Includes glass of wine and canapés.
Dress - Smart/Casual

Short talk on the history of the house

Contact Lisa on 07831-180775
or Elise on 07769-657411 or
stonepathmeadow@yahoo.com

In aid of SPMRG's legal fund fighting unwanted development in Hatfield Peverel

Useful telephone numbers

Please contact the editors for additions/errors.

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| 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 01376 519625

Churches

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

Citizens Advice Bureau Witham 0344 4994719
Drop-in sessions Mon/Tue/Thur/Fri 10am - 1pm
Appointments only Thurs afternoon 1 - 4pm

Doctors, health services

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| 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

First In Essex Buses Ltd 01245 293400

Gas - emergency 0800 111999

Harlequin Children's Centre 01376 535270

Free support and services for children under 5

Hospitals

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

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

Witham Police Station opening hours

Monday - Saturday, 12 noon to 6pm

Post Office 01245 382787

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

08453 727701

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

Tiger Tots Toddler Group 07886 021048

Charlotte Greaves 07527 763038

Social Services 0345 6037630

Community Agent for Hatfield Peverel

Jan Hawkins 07540 720605

Village hall (after 7pm) 01245 381481

Hatfield Peverel Parish Council

Committees and working parties

Burial Ground Working Party (B)

Country Park Focus Group (CP)

Employment (EMP), External Audit Review (A)

Finance and Budget (FB), Football Pavilion (F)

General purposes (GP)

Keith Bigden Memorial Ground User Group (KB)

Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)

Party in the Park (PiP), Planning (P), Traffic (T)

Village Environment (E)

Councillors (and their working parties)

Sarah Gaeta, Parish Clerk 01245 382865

parishclerk@hatfieldpeverelpc.co.uk

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David Broddle (CP/E/FG/KB/P) 01245 382829

Marel Elliston 01245 380827

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Kevin Gallifant 01245 381850

Elaine Gill

Simon Hinkley 01245 381847

Ted Munt (E/EMP/FG/NDP) 01245 381135

Mike Renow 01245 380071

Linda Shaw (CP/P) 01245 382669

Diane Wallace (CE/CP/NDP/P) 01245 381485

District Councillors

David Bebb 01245 381065

Daryn Hufton-Rees 07729 458757

County Councillor

Derrick Louis 07918 721526

Parish Council full update next issue

Times remembered - happy Christmas!

Thank you Parson James Woodforde and his Country Diary 1759 - 1802. This is dated Dec. 25, 1773. What to have for your dinner!

December 25th

I dined in the Hall and fourteen Sen'r Fellows with me. I invited the Warden to dine with us as is usual on this day, but his Sister being here, could not. We had a very handsome dinner of my ordering, as I order dinner every day being Sub Warden.

*We had for dinner two fine Codd's boiled with fried Souls round them and oyster sauce, a fine sirloin of Beef roasted, peas soup and an orange Pudding for the first course, for the second, we had a lease of Wild Ducks roasted, a fore QU: of Lamb and sallad and mince Pies. We had a grace cup before the second course brought by the Butler to the Steward of the Hall who was Mr Adams a Senior Fellow, who got out of his place and came to my chair and drank to me out of it, wishing me a merry Xmas. I then took it of him and drank wishing him the same, and then it went round, three standing up all the time. From the high table the grace Cup goes to the Batchelors and Scholars. After the second course there was a fine plumb cake brought to the sen'r Table as is usual on this day, which also goes to the Batchelors after: Do **not** let us know Geoff, it's Old English!*

If at this moment we had a grace cup we would of course toast your health and wish you a merry Xmas and peaceful New Year: as we haven't we wish you a happy, not too busy time before the festive season. Thank you to everyone that contributes to the Review - not forgetting the printers and deliverers who get your reading matter through the door in all weathers Without you there would be nothing!

Thank you Brownies Sophie and Millicent for your poems about winter (and Christmas) which you entered in the Horticultural Society's Autumn Show in October

