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It has been a quiet time for the WFA...

...but we have the all clear to use the Scout and Guide HQ (we are looking forward to seeing the new curtains) and hopefully we'll meet face to face next year.

The course starts on Tuesday 18 January at 10am in the Scout HQ. Andy Beharrell is our tutor for 'Economics, have we learnt anything from history?'

Information from Leslie Naish 380837

A welcome return for our Every Members Club (EMC)

Hatfield Peverel Village Hall will be restarting EMC from the second week of January

The club will be held on Tuesdays between 1pm and 3pm - but we need your help! We are looking for volunteers to lend a hand at the Club. If you can spare some time and would like to chat about it in more detail, please email the Assistant Clerk on:

assistantclerk@hatfieldpeverelpc.com or telephone Carley Truman on 01245 382865.

A very happy Christmas to you all

Yesterday we went to celebrate my 21st birthday, again, on the other side of the river and Ken misjudged the narrowness of the Hoe Mills bridge (as you will know, still in a state of weight limit narrowing) and met with a metal post. We would like to thank the thee villagers who came to our aid. We are OK, the car is less so!

How can we forget Christmas. Thank you everyone for articles, photographs, drawings - and especially the poppy images. We have shared so many memories of those far off days, life was tough then as now. Thank you too to those who organise the delivery of the review and the many who, in all weathers, put them through our letter boxes.

And special thanks to our young people of all ages, you keep the Review going with your drawings, poems and stories. Enjoy your break.

But how could we have forgotten! Reading this page you may have noticed the Christmas tree lights poster is in colour, as are most of the other photos and some graphics in this edition. We thought it would be great to give readers a once-only Christmas present, the print edition in colour. The parish council agreed, but for



this issue only. Those looking at the Review on the parish council website and on the email distribution list in recent times know how it looks.

It is all happening at the Village Hall

Emma Cook - Committee Member

It is with great delight I can tell you our bean to cup coffee machine has been of great comfort to many of you on these cold winter mornings - and now it is available in the afternoons too. If you haven't caught it yet, please pop into the Community Cafe between 8 and 10am and 2 until 4pm on weekdays and try some delicious coffee or hot chocolate.

Live music is returning to the Village Hall, with monthly 'Live Lounge' sessions. We started on Saturday, 27 November; the doors and bar opened at 6pm, with our featured band - The Allykats - playing from 7pm. It was a great success, and we implore you to look at the website (www.HatPevVhall.org) and Facebook pages (Hatfield Peverel Village Hall) to see further upcoming live music. Tickets are normally £10 via https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/hatfield-peverel-village-hall. Early booking is suggested as numbers are limited.

You may have noticed some smartening up of the hall, painting has commenced – with a big thanks to Chris Ward at The Swan – and we meet regularly to work on new projects and activities. There's a lot going on behind the scenes. We all really want the hall to be a Community Hub, and we'd love you to come and find out what we've been doing so far.

Best wishes for a long and happy retirement to a special postman who has been on the job for many years— There may have been more horses and carts than cars in those happy days!

Christmas at the allotments — or in your own home garden?

'It's not what's under the Christmas tree that matters, it's who's around it.' ~ Charles M. Schulz

As Site Manager and Letting Officer, I've become very familiar with the comings and goings of our members. There are about 12% of them that are there even briefly almost every day of the year. Yes, even Christmas (if only to get a few sprouts). Christmas becomes all time consuming, which pushes your normal routine out of sync. Clocks go back, nights draw in, followed by a turn in the weather, leaving the ground either too frozen to work or too sodden and mucky.

Next is the usual festive madness involving socialising, purchasing, wrapping, and sending of presents and cards. As this carries on, time for gardening becomes limited and the next thing you know, it feels like time has run out leading to allotment withdrawal! Allotment withdrawal involves feelings of anxiety, pressure or wanting that occur when one hasn't had a fix of gardening or working an allotment longer than expected. At this time of year, except for the die-hards, the average allotment visit rate is approximately once every two or three weeks – which emphasises that allotment time is precious. Most are grateful for cold, wet, windy weather, and lack of weed growth - it gives them the chance to crack on with choosing what seeds to grow and what to leave out. And on mild, sunny days, re-building the beds at the plot and tidying up.

Anyone else feeling trapped?

A bit of cabin fever/allotment loss can set in. There is no daylight passed 4pm and unless you skive work, there's zero chance of time on the plot during the week. That's a lot of pressure on weekends and then feeling thoroughly disappointed when the weather fails us, or other things (like life stuff) gets in the way on those two sacred weekend days?

There are opportunities to get some connection with the allotment. Start your plan for crops, a fantastic way for a gardener to spend an evening. Right up to the point you open the seed box or boxes? After sorting, shuffling, resorting, and making no progress towards a decision, decide to switch from cup of tea? to wine?

But you must! You realize how bad you are with planning crops each year. And in the summer, you frantically rush around, seed packets in hand, finding gaps, to sow right at that moment. And we've all done it.

Have a cosy winter, special Christmas, and a healthy vision of your spring garden.

The good times are coming!

The Horticultural Society has been going from the late nineteenth century, and has carried on with only breaks during the two world wars. Its aims are to promote all aspects of gardening from the smallest of front gardens, to the largest of plots, kitchen gardens or allotment.

Spring Show Saturday 22 April 2022

Gardeners who wish to show the results of their efforts at the twice yearly village shows are encouraged to do so. Help and support is offered to those who need advice At the shows there are flower, fruit and vegetable classes to enter, also handicraft, photography and cookery classes. And classes for children too. **Photography** classes are 1 - Autumn tints, 2 - old buildings, 3 - fungi, 4 - human portraits. Get busy snapping!

We have a plant sale and coffee morning in the spring, to raise money to fund the two village shows. A great place to find a bargain and something new to plant in your own garden.

Summer break to Nottingham (3 - 7 July 2022). Keep your fingers crossed!

How good to be going away again! This year's trip takes us to the Nottingham area, to Eastwood a few miles north of the city. Four nights dinner, bed and breakfast. Our base is Eastwood Hall Hotel on the outskirts of this former mining town, birthplace of author DH Lawrence. The hotel has an indoor swimming pool, wellness centre, a lift and terrace with gardens. We will visit Easton walled garden en route, Norwood Cottage, Meadow Farm, Felley Priory and Parchings Art Centre. Tuesday is a free day - the hotel has many facilities and the town centre is a short drive away. We hope to visit the DH Lawrence museum on the way home.

Cost per person double/twin £465, single £505.

Bookings to Clive Emberson, 62 New Road, Hatfield Peverel CM3 2JA Email cliveemberson@outlook.com
Tel 01245 381704 mob 07771 536938

£50 deposit per person - cheques payable to Clive Emberson.

Like all organisations the Horticultural Society needs new faces and ideas to keep it thriving and vibrant. If you have a love of gardening or have other skills please join and take part in the activities on offer.

Nursery welcomes back parents

This term we have been able to welcome parents back into the nursery to see our new stimulating and enabling environment.



Emily age 4

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

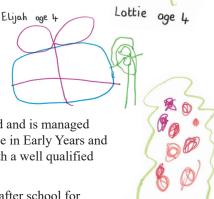
We have been able to explore our local community, visiting the allotments and the duck pond, and the Tommy silhouette to lay a remembrance wreath made out of the children's handprints (see above). This has given us the opportunity to discuss our feelings and introduce British values.

We are now preparing for Christmas, making Christmas calenders, cards and decorations. The children are practising their Christmas songs which I am sure they will sing to their families at home this year.

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

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

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



Jasper age 3

Parish Council news

Sarah Gaeta, Clerk to the Parish Council, Parish Council office, Community Association Village Hall, Maldon Road, Hatfield Peverel, CM3 2HP

To make an appointment to see the Clerk in person

Please telephone 01245 382865 or email parishclerk@hatfieldpeverelpc.com between the hours of 9am and 1pm Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

New Staff

We would like to welcome two new members of staff. Carly is our Assistant Clerk and has been with us in the office since June. Julia is our new member of the grounds team and started in November.

Tree Planting

We would like to express our sincere thanks to all the volunteers who helped plant trees and hedging recently as part of the Essex Forest Initiative. Your support was very much appreciated.

Crime concerns

You can call 101 for crime prevention advice or to report a crime that does not need an emergency response. It is important to report crime to the Police so they can build up a 'picture' of what is happening in the area. The Parish Council is working in partnership with Essex Police to recruit two Special Constables. If you are interested in applying to be a voluntary Police Officer for the village, see our website for further information and the answers to frequently asked questions: https://www.hatfieldpeverelpc.com/special-constable-recruitment/

Planning

Planning decisions are made by Braintree District Council, following consultation with residents, the Parish Council, and other agencies where necessary. For information on what planning applications have been received, granted and refused by Braintree District Council, please see the weekly planning lists which are updated daily and available to view here:

 $https://www.braintree.gov.uk/info/200225/search_and_track_planning_applications/592/weekly_lists$

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

21/02666/HH – Two-storey side, single-storey front and rear extensions at 52 St Andrew's Road. Not supported. 21/02656/FUL – Installation of metal plough to form a permanent entrance feature on land north-east of Gleneagles Way.

21/02688/HH (LBC) – Conversion of an existing attached car port to form 1 bed habitable annexe accommodation at Priory Farm, Sportsmans Lane.

 $21/02652/HH-Single\text{-}storey\ rear\ extension\ at\ 20\ Church\ Road.$

21/02673/FUL – Erection of fencing, along the western boundary of St Andrew's churchyard 21/02837/VAR – Variation of conditions relating to application reference number 19/01803/FUL, to allow removal of 2 Affordable Housing Certification items from Section 106 Agreement, Hatfield Bury Farm, Bury Lane.

21/02504/HH – First-floor, front extension over existing integral garage and single-storey rear extension at The Keep, Nounsley Road.

21/02852/TPO – Tree works at land adjacent to 19 Ranulph Way.

21/02923/HH – Erection of a two-storey side extension, single-storey rear extension with balcony to replace existing conservatory, electric gates, post and rail fencing, demolition of existing detached garage to rebuild into ancillary annexe accommodation at Oakleigh House, Crabb's Hill.

21/02857/OUT - Outline planning application for demolition of existing dwelling and associated outbuildings,

and construction of up to 17 dwellings with open space, access, landscaping and associated infrastructure at Small Acres, Maldon Road. The Neighbourhood Development Plan team to formulate a response.

21/02916/VAR – Removal of Condition 9 and variation of Conditions 16 and 18 of approved application 20/00906/REM at land northeast of Gleneagles Way.

21/03040/FUL – Alterations to existing flats and creation of an additional 1 x 1 bed flat at roof level and erection of dormer roof extensions at Valid Point, Maldon Road.

21/03023/LBC – Retention of 3 CCTV cameras to exterior of dwelling at 2 The Limes, The Street.

21/02894/TPO – Tree works at 57 Willow Crescent, and 21/02946/TPO – tree works at 51 Willow Crescent.

Parish Council meetings

The Parish Council will be holding its meetings in the lounge area of the Village Hall from December onwards and will no longer meet in Room 2. Members of the public remain welcome.

Website - you can view all Parish Council news on the website: http://www.hatfieldpeverelpc.com

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

Facebook: @hatfieldpeverelpc Twitter: @HatPevPC

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

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

The next meetings of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 10 January and Monday 7 February 2022. Both will be held at the Village Hall, in the lounge area. Public participation is welcome, please see the agenda which is published on the Parish Council website and on the noticeboards.

We wish you a peaceful and happy Christmas and best wishes for 2022.

A12 Widening Update – Dec 2021 Ron Elliston

Junctions 20a & 20b will be closed and traffic using The Street and Maldon Road is to be linked to the A12 via a new junction 21 at Witham. National Highways originally planned a link running south of the A12 from the Duke of Wellington junction, passing Gleneagles Way, to a southern roundabout at junction 21. The Wellington road bridge was to be replaced by a narrow bridge for pedestrians, cyclists and horseriders, with The Vineyards connected to junction 21 by a separate road north of the A12. There was no space at the southern roundabout of junction 21 to connect a future by-pass for Maldon traffic.

National Highways is now consulting on reinstatement of a Wellington road-bridge, linking Hatfield Peverel to junction 21 via a road to the north side of the A12 and dispensing with the originally proposed link road to the south, with the following advantages;

1 Room created for a spur at the southern roundabout of junction 21 for a future Maldon Road by-pass to the A12.

- 2 Residents of The Vineyards will not be cut off from direct vehicular access to the village.
- 3 Residents of Gleneagles Way (including 100 new dwellings now being built) will not have to negotiate flows of two-way traffic at top of their road.
- 4 No need for two link roads, north and south, with a saving on land-take and costs.
- 5 Traffic from the village and Maldon will not have to give way to vehicles from Witham and Braintree at the southern roundabout in the morning rush period.
- 6 HGVs exiting Maldon Road towards the A12 would have a less acute turning angle.
- 7 Construction traffic using land east of The Pines for soil and a groundworks compound will gain access north of the Wellington road-bridge, east of The Vineyards.

This consultation ends on Sunday 19th December and comments may be submitted by post to FREEPOST A12 WIDENING or online by completing the response form at: www.nationalhighways.co.uk/A12 and clicking on the link to A12 Chelmsford to A120 widening scheme - Highways England.



Lest we forget Margaret Freeman

n 28 October 2021 at 11am, the Parish Council held its service to mark the beginning of the Remembrance period in Hatfield Peverel. Attendees gathered around the commemorative 'Tommy' soldier at the Village Hall.

The assembly was asked to remember those from Hatfield Peverel and Nounsley who were caught up in the courageous but tragic events of the First World War, 1914-1918. The group reflected on those who were:

Killed in action or by disease; the bereaved, the lost, the families that were shattered; the wounded; and those who held in silence unspeakable memories of warfare. Respects were paid to villagers who remained anxiously at home as they kept 'the home fires burning'.

At the service, Councillor Kevin Gallifant read an extract from War Horse by Michael Morpurgo. Councillor Diane Wallace read the poignant poem In Flanders Fields by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae. Councillor Mark Weale laid a wreath on behalf of the parishioners of Hatfield Peverel. The Last Post and Reveille were exquisitely performed by Mattias Archer.

The Parish Council wishes to thank all those who served this year as poppy collectors for The Royal British Legion. The list of poppy collectors for 2021 are: Peter Archer (our wonderful Village Poppy Appeal Co-ordinator), Mattias Archer, Alan Mabbutt, Nicky Shelley, Ken Harrison, Miriam Harrison, Ian May, Jackie Earney, Councillor Kevin Gallifant, Lyn Gallifant, George Haste, Shirley Gadsby, Louise Kirsty, Molly Hendrick, Cheryl Louis, Councillor Derrick Louis, Ron Elliston and Marel Elliston.

The Parish Council is also grateful to those who helped with the poppy collection in previous years.

The collection has raised a fantastic £8,868 - thank you to everyone for your support.

Ideal weather for walkers Graham Bushby 07484 864712

The last few weeks have been ideal walking weather and the group has seen an increase in numbers over the last two walks.

Fourteen joined our October walk starting from Wickham Bishops Church and following footpaths across the local golf course, the old Maldon to Witham railway line and wooden railway bridge through woods, high points and scenic views and back to the Church and transport back to the Village Hall.

We took the cars to Langford on Thursday 25

November for our walk to Maldon via Beeleigh when we made our way to the quay in time for a cup of coffee at The Queen's Head before our return along the river bank - we covered about

four miles.

Next stop our Christmas meal at The Wheatsheaf on 23 December to set us up for the festive season!.

Our next scheduled walk in the New Year is on 27 January..Meet 10am at the village hall car park

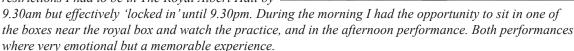
If you would like to join our group please ring Graham on 07484 864712 for further information.

Festival of Remembrance at The Royal Albert Hall

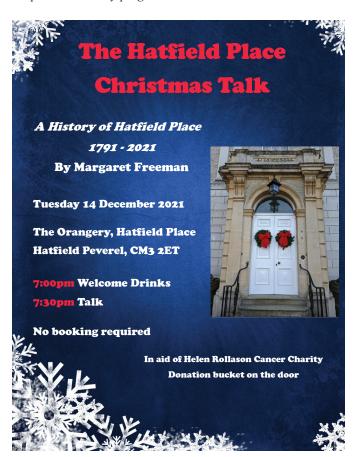
Kira Jarvis, as a member of the Queens Scout Working party, helped at the Festival. She writes:

On the 12 November 2021 I was honoured to be able to help at the Festival of Remembrance This role was assisting with Front of House in selling poppies and programmes but also speaking to some legends of the military and RBL including a Cold War and Afghan veteran.

Because of the nature of the event and Covid restrictions I had to be in The Royal Albert Hall by



It was a long day but well worth it for the inspirational people I met and the honour of assisting. I would definitely recommend to anyone to see the afternoon performance if you can, this is the only one open to the public, it is very poignant.





A date for Party in the Park 2022

Emma Cook - Committee Member

The date for next year's Party in the Park has been set for Saturdy 4 June - chosen to coincide with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee festivities. Please mark this in your diaries as planning has started in earnest. Skamite and Hotsteps have confirmed so far.

We really need more local help, and if you can spare a bit of time to join a friendly volunteering group please contact:

Email: partyinthepark2022@gmail.com Twitter: @park party

Facebook:

Hatfield Peverel – Party in the Park

See you there!

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What does Santa Claus teach his elves? *The elphabet (Remi)*

What do you get if you cross Santa with a duck? *Christmas quacker (Sam)*

Autumn term ends - the festive season begins

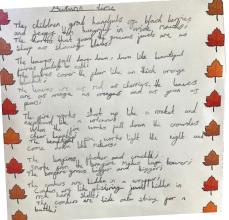
Hatfield Peverel St Andrew's Junior School

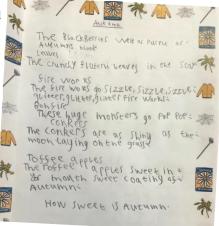
The children have all settled well into the start of the Autumn term despite flooded classrooms and disruption. Newly cleaned and dried carpets flooded yet again so we are hopeful that Essex County Council will expedite remedial work before further damage and disruption is caused. Positive Covid cases within school are on the rise again as we make our way through the second half of the Autumn Term — we continue to be enormously grateful to our families for their support during this challenging time by testing their children twice weekly and arranging PCR tests when guidance asks for this.

School trips are once again on the agenda at St Andrew's

– Year 3 enjoyed a Stone Age themed day at Chelmsford

Museum in line with their topic and Year 4 visited Colchester





Castle. Monday 22 November

sees our Year 5 children visit The Royal Observatory in Greenwich.

We have been delighted to welcome our families onto the playground over the last week or so to share 'book look' with their children. It was lovely to see the children being so proud of their work and we will definitely be repeating these events.

The Festive Season

We are looking forward to an exciting few weeks ahead with many Christmas themed activities planned (at the time of writing this piece, unfortunately our festivities hadn't yet taken place). Our Year 4 children are rehearsing hard for

their Christmas performance, Year 3 Tableau plans are starting to take place and we have a Christmas Disco scheduled for the children towards the end of term as well as a Children's Christmas Bazaar.

Outdoor Christmas market for the whole school

On the 13 December we plan to invite the whole school to an outdoor Christmas market on the playground – initial plans are:-

Hot chocolate / mince pies / panettone to buy

Christmas cookies to buy

Children's Christmas crafts available to buy

Christmas Carols sung by the children

Grand Christmas Raffle

Other Christmas themed items to buy.

We also hope to have a very special visit on the last day of term from Father Christmas himself!



Sunrise and Sunset Clubs - Wraparound Care

Our before and after school clubs continue to grow and we are pleased that more and more families are signing up to them.

Sunrise Club – runs from 7.30am to 8.40am. Sunset Club – runs from 3.10pm to either 4.30 or 5.45pm.

Further details of our wraparound care can be obtained from the Junior School Office on 01245 380131 or: clubs@hatfieldpeverel-jun.essex.sch.uk

On behalf of everyone here at St. Andrew's we wish you a Happy Christmas and send our very best wishes for a safe and healthy 2022.

Becky Black - Headteacher

The illustrations on page 10 and that on the right are all from Junior School pupils' project work during the autumn term.



A young pupil visiting Cardfields drew this card

Christmas lunch at Cardfields

Celebration! Our favourite festive eating place, Cardfields, has invited us to join them for Christmas lunch on Tuesday 14 December 12 noon for 12.30pm. Places are restricted to 60.

Booking is open now - 9am - 5pm..

Speak to Angie on 01245 380371 to be sure of a seat.

Look forward to seeing you all there - give your best bibs and tuckers an airing - it's been a long time since we dressed up!



Hadfelda WI celebrates Christmas early

Marel Elliston

Infortunately I was unable to attend our meeting on 27 October, but it sounded very interesting and informative. Chris Chippendale (could the name have had something to do with our increased number of visitors?) talked about The Lasting Power of Attorney, something we should all consider.

Hadfelda WI does not meet in December, so our Christmas lunch was at Cardfields on Wednesday 24 November. Members got into the festive spirit early by wearing something Christmassy.

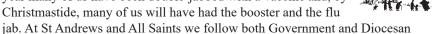
Despite the strange year, we have managed to meet regularly and enjoyed various speakers, outings, lunches, afternoon and cream teas. Most of all we have enjoyed camaraderie and friendship, a chat over a cuppa with old and new friends.

Our next meeting will be 26 January 2022 and in February we hope to have a 'Post Christmas' meal at The Wheatsheaf.

We meet in the Church Hall on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 2pm and are always delighted to welcome visitors.

News from St Andrews

Last year at this time (mid November) I spoke of hope and expectation and that these themes characterize the season of Advent. As you will see from the Christmas card, we intend to run all the services we would normally expect. The virus is still around but unlike last year many of us have been double-jabbed with a vaccine and, by Christmastide, many of us will have had the booster and the flu



advice and in terms of applying this in practice, we look to Chelmsford Cathedral. My hope is by being careful and with a large proportion of the population being vaccinated we can look forward to the future in terms of new beginnings.

This year we had Remembrance Sunday services at St Andrews and All Saints. Both started at 10.30am in order that the Act of Remembrance could take place at 11am. At All Saints the service was outside at the War Memorial in the upper churchyard and the light refreshments served afterwards had a wartime theme. Although I wasn't present, Fr. Derek said oxtail soup was freely available.

At St Andrews the whole service was held inside since the War Memorial is inside. We had a full church with representatives from uniformed organisations, the Parish Council, a wreath from our MP and other wreaths from village organisation and of course the British Legion. Remembrance Sunday is like a two-edged sword. On one hand, we commemorate those who fell in war and are still doing so, though these days it is mostly peace-keeping. On the other we give thanks that we still live in relative freedom. Yes, our democracy is flawed, but it is still a democracy none-the-less. Remembrance Sunday also reminds us that everyone who gave their lives during times of war (and are still doing so!) will leave loved ones; a grieving widow, relatives, friends. It reminds us of the old truth that there is no such thing as a mass of suffering, it is much better to speak in terms of a large number of suffering individuals. By so doing we are recognizing that each person who suffers loss will cope with that loss in their own individual way.

What is happening over December and January?

With this review you will receive a Christmas card which, along with good wishes from Fr. Derek and myself, gives a programme of services we hope to follow over the Christmas period. This year we intend to reinstate the 'Light of the World' service on Christmas Eve as well as Midnight Mass.

Home-Start Essex envelopes and boxes are available in both churches and early offerings may be left here Volunteers are working in reduced office space and will have problems storing large numbers of presents if not received until Christmas eve. Therefore monetary donations towards helping Home-start Essex deliver their vital support services will be gladly received and much appreciated. This can be less appealing for the children, and we will never turn down a present given in kindness. Gifts received early will be taken straight to Home-Start and distributed to families.

Whatever you decide, you may bring your gift/donation to St Andrews or All Saints services, or ideally to the Light of the World Service on Christmas Eve. More about Home-Start Essex page 19 or if you have any questions phone Anna Tomlins 01245 380359.

For services during January please refer to the website

Our January coffee morning will be on Saturday 8 January - second Saturday in January NOT the first! And finally may I wish you all a happy Christmas and New Year!

(Please see also urgent note at bottom of page 13.)

Hatfield Peverel Methodist and Reality Church



We enjoyed our participation at the Village Hall Open Day on 3 October. It was good to re-connect with familiar faces and also speak to other village residents to explain what we offer at our Church at Little Bears Nursery each Sunday morning at 9.15am. Sandie's mystery box proved an intriguing draw. Sunday services continue to reflect a wide spectrum of subjects relevant to our lives today.

Jeff spoke on the worries that surround us – and we discussed the issues that kept us awake at night. High on the list were health, finance and environment and we realised that these matters varied in importance on an individual basis depending on our own circumstances. We came to the conclusion that sharing our worries, amongst our families, friends, Church group and in our prayers to God helped us feel supported and gives us the strength to deal with our concerns.

Glenda's subject was 'rules'. She had gathered together some strange rules regarding our Queen – did you know that you should not be presented to the Queen without wearing socks? She asked us to invent new rules – the children came up with chocolate every Sunday at Church, adults wanted cake – a theme there. Glenda referred back to the Bible rules in Mark 12 – Love the Lord thy God and love your neighbour as you love yourself. Jesus said that these were the most important commandments – not easy for us to follow all of the time. John Wesley, the founder of Methodism explained these commandments as 'Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can'.

David based his recent service on the parable of the wheat and weeds which represents the good and bad people in this world. Jesus said that both should grow together and at harvest time the weeds would be removed before the good grain is gathered. We cannot judge a person's heart or faith and we were encouraged to do our best to show our own Christian faith to others and live our lives in such a way that it thanks God for what he has done for us.

Stitch to Enrich

Our therapeutic stitch group, held at the Duke of Wellington on the first and third Thursdays of the month, is a very happy get together. Currently we are working on stitching material baubles for the Essex United in Kind organisation for inclusion in Christmas parcels to be distributed to people experiencing loneliness and isolation. We are also working to produce a piece of textile artwork to decorate one of the windows at the Duke of Wellington over the Christmas period. Look out for our effort!

Christmas Services

5 December at 4pm – a candlelight service of carols, readings and much more. Do join us for a happy occasion at the start of the festive season.

19 December at 9.15am – our regular service with the Christmas story. Everyone welcome.

Urgent- the December/January Parish Magazine will be the last one since Virginia Strange, after more than 27 years has decided to call it a day. We thank her for her dedication to our magazine over many years, and for making it one of best publications of it's type in Essex, and very much a part of St Andrews and All Saints mission and Ministry to our communities.

If we are to continue we need a new Editor, so if you know of someone who would like to take it on, please contact the Vicar 01245 380958 as soon as possible. Virginia is very happy to show any potential Editors the ropes.

All Saints Ulting

Whichever way you travel to Ulting you are bound to pass fields of corn and other crops so it's no surprise that, with its rural surroundings, the Harvest Thanksgiving Service at All Saints has special significance. The autumnal theme of the floral decorations in the Church set the scene beautifully and donated food and other goods were sent to the Braintree Food Bank.

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For the Harvest Thanksgiving Service, it was a particular pleasure to welcome to the pulpit Kit Speakman from Little Braxted Hall whose farm responded to the importance of maintaining the environment long

before it became a popular talking point. As a farmer, Kit spoke of his responsibility for the conservation of the land and how he balances this with managing a working farm. Whilst introducing otters and more hedgerows to encourage wildlife, Kit spoke of the need to diversify in order to keep farms profitable and how his farm now issues fishing permits for lakes, produces potatoes for Walkers Crisps, grows cornon-the-cob for street food at the Notting Hill Carnival and harvests wood from its willow trees. In fact, seventy percent of cricket bats are now made from willow trees grown on Blackwater river banks. Kit also emphasised the need to look out for the 'red tractor' on packaging which is a sign the produce comes from Great Britain whereas the 'Union Jack' sign shows it has been simply been packaged in this country. Kit and his family stayed after the Service to chat to the congregation over tea and cakes served from 'Olive' the hospitality unit.

Another welcome guest to the pulpit recently was Carole Hodgkins, who offered her insight on the passage from the Bible which speaks of 'a new heaven and a new earth'. This reading contains one of the most quoted passages from the book of Revelations, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end". If you would like to remind yourself of the whole reading it is in Revelations 21 in verses 1 to 6. Carole showed admirably that its message is as powerful now as when it was written by St. John, two thousand years ago.

A damp and drizzly morning for the Service of Remembrance at All Saints on 14 November. However, after hymns and readings inside the Church the rain cleared away as the congregation walked to Ulting War Memorial at the top of the track leading to the Church and stood together as two minutes' silence was observed and names of men from Ulting who died during the war were read out and remembered.



Afterwards Olive was there ready with welcoming hot soup and sausage rolls.

Olive was also on duty on 28 November when Simon Brice, Deputy Lieutenant, came to All Saints and spoke to the congregation about his role as High Sheriff of Essex. The position dates back to Anglo Saxon times when the 'Shire Reeve' was responsible to the king for maintenance of law and order within the county and collection of taxes, paying out of their own pockets any money owed! Thankfully this is no longer the case and Simon explained how, for one year, he is the Queen's representative in Essex, actively supporting the judiciary, emergency services and voluntary agencies. He said how humbling it was to try to clamp down on County Lines networks which recruit children to traffic drugs and to see the support given to women caught up in situations of domestic violence. Simon chose the hymns for the Service and he and his wife, Emma, stayed to enjoy tea and splendid home-made cakes.

December brings the Carols by Candlelight Service on Sunday 12 December at 4pm — please note the later time as there will be no Morning Service! Last year this had to be cancelled because of the restrictions which were in place so the event is being eagerly anticipated this year. There will be readings from the Bible which tell of the birth of Jesus, some Christmas poems and, of course, Christmas Carols for everyone to join in singing. Olive will be on hand to warm everyone up with tea, coffee and light refreshments.

And so to Christmas itself and the Service on Christmas morning at 9am when everyone is welcome to come to All Saints to celebrate and there will be more Christmas Carols to sing! St. Stephen's Day on Sunday 26 December will also be celebrated with a said Service at 9am l look forward to greeting everyone at this special time of year.

Prayers and blessings for Christmas and the New Year, Rev'd Derek

Something different for Christmas

Are you brave enought to try it, can you find the ingredients?

If you would like to taste an 'authentic' neolithic mince pie, get yourself down to Stonehenge where English Heritage volunteeers, every Monday in December, will have the oven (maybe a flat stone or ceramic pot heated in the embers of a fire) ready to cook.

Archaeologists, in excavations two miles from Stonehenge at Durrington Walls have found remains of houses and middens, rubbish heaps providing information about diet and lifestyle of the people who used and built Stonehenge. Amongst the ingredients possibly unknown to most of us is Emmer flour (Doves Farm supply it, other brands may be available!). It was



made from the main cereal grain grown and consumed in the Bronze and Iron Age settlements, the result of cross-pollinating einkorn (the earliest type of farmed wheat) grain with a wild grass, creating a larger, squarer seed head than previously known crops. To bake your own here is the recipe!

Neolithic-inspired mince pies (makes 6)

A recipe from the stone age (not tried yet!)

Ingredients

2 x handfuls of emmer flour
½ handful of hazelnut flour
Knob of lard (or vegan alternative)
A few drops of water
Four crab apples or small sour apples
A few blackberries, a few sloes
Pureed rose hips (about a spoonful)
A spoonful of honey
A handful of whole berries
A couple of crushed hazelnuts

For the decorations

Crushed hazelnuts, linseeds

Method

- 1. Preheat oven to 210C/190C fan/gas mark 5. Cut up filling ingredients apples, blackberries, sloes, rosehips and honey stew until tender.
- 2. Mix flours with lard and a few drops of water to a firm dough.
- 3. Create six circles for the pie bottoms and six slightly smaller circles for the tops. Place bases into cases in a muffin tin and spoon in cooked compote.
- 4. Brush one side of lids with water. Place water side down, pressing edges to seal.
- 5. Once lids on, brush tops with water and sprinkle.
- 6. Bake for 20 minutes or until golden brown and firm to the touch.



Mad dogs and Englishmen - the east coast by kayak

Tony Hocking - a family friend and former villager

You have probably never heard of Harold Orton. A Victorian by birth, he became a Professor of English and was fascinated by dialects and phonetics. He is probably best remembered for his painstaking efforts that led to the astonishing 'Linguistic Atlas of England', in the 1950's. Visiting over 300 locations throughout England and the Welsh borders, Orton set out to study and record the full range of speech before local differences might disappear in the post war era. In 2021 it still comes as a shock to visit a different region of the country and hear an unusual accent, or even words we just don't use or even recognise. Do you put your cheese in a cob, a bap or a roll? Or is it a sandwich or a piece? Is it for your lunch, dinner or snap? Orton not only recorded all of these variations and thousands more, but also who said what, how they said it, and where.

I was reminded of Harold on the second day of our summer kayak journey. Just over 48 hours after leaving Edinburgh, we turned the corner at North Berwick and entered the North Sea. A damp haar had rolled in from the east, smudging the world in a watery mist that muffled all but the closest sound and sucked the colour out of the day. We were looking for the hidden entrance to Dunbar harbour, a tiny fleet of fishing boats and yachts in a hidden pool. The early tide was in the last throes of its ebb and we hugged the outlying reef until, out of the pea soup, the entrance finally appeared. In a sheltered corner we beached on the slipway and went about the business of refilling our water bottles and buying fresh fish from the quayside. Alison popped into a grocery, and I stood quietly by the kayak and listened, unnoticed, to some voices in the swirling mist. Despite being in Scotland and so close to our home in Leith, I could swear the accents had a twist of geordie. Were they visitors, like us? Or was it possible we had already turned a page of our own linguistic atlas?

Like the summer before, we were continuing our long term project of kayaking along the coast of Britain - two paddlers, a double sea kayak laden with equipment and supplies for several weeks, and a taste for adventure. Ahead of us lay a thin line of indeterminable length, along it a list of places never visited, scenery never experienced. Our last night before the border with England was unconventional.



A committing section of coastline, good weather and a fair tide had conspired to put us in the position of having only one option to land, at the tiny harbour village of Burnmouth. At the limit of our endurance, we crept slowly into its shelter with high hopes of a suitable corner to pitch the tent and cook a meal before getting our heads down for the night. Our hopes were immediately dashed by an unusually officious sign on the slipway, and what looked promising from our maps failed to live up to expectations. We were stuck, and

with a tide now against us and a very long day behind us we had little choice but to find a solution where we were. A couple and their grandchild strolled by and we made casual comment about our predicament. After a period of chin scratching, our new friends tentatively suggested an idea - could we make use of their tiny patio? And so there we lay, thankful for our airbeds and lulled to sleep by the distant and gentle

song of seals in the summer night. Before dawn we packed by streetlight, slipped out of the harbour and crossed the border at daybreak.

It's a cliché' of course, but history really does have a habit of repeating itself. Exactly 25 years earlier I had sat on the uninhabited Priest island in the Summer Isles, eating dinner and listening to the final of the 1996 European Football Championships play out on long wave. It was the first night of a sea kayak journey around the very north coast of Scotland, and for a 26 year old, it felt like the moon. I could never have



guessed that in 2021 I would do the same, only now the game could be watched live, on a telephone screen barely bigger than a cigarette packet! So much had changed in those intervening years, and I wondered where I might be in 2046. If you are old enough to remember Michael Caine in the 70's movie 'Get Carter', you'll recall the absolutely apocalyptic images of mining waste dumped non-stop into a sulphurous looking sea, waves breaking brown around the film's protagonist as the gruesome finale is reached. I don't know why, but I realised we were sitting exactly where that scene was filmed. Yet now we were sat in what I can

honestly say was one of the most beautiful bays I had seen. The sand was Caribbean, the sea emerald and sparkling, long lines of the cleanest surf curved along the bay northwards and southwards. Not a cloud punctuated the early evening sky. After suffering some of the worst pollution imaginable and creating an ecological disaster zone miles out to sea, the tide finally turned, and in those years since I sat on Priest Island, millions have been spent removing the colliery waste and returning the coastline to a pristine habitat. Let's hope that history, and not the former, is repeated.

As we crossed the Tees, another page of Orton's atlas quietly turned. Although we were now in Teesside rather than Yorkshire, there was no mistaking the accents that confronted us at a seaside kiosk. Set to be the hottest day of the year, it looked like the town was heading for the beach. While we waited for the tide to turn in our favour, we were to be beachgoers too, only we were desperate to shelter from the sun! It climbed higher, the temperature likewise. By midday it was stifling and we were reduced to sitting in the shallows to cool off. Around us pink, then lobster red bodies basked and sizzled, closely followed by burgers on barbecues. Children in floppy hats built sandcastles. Tennis balls flew, closely followed by excitable lurchers. It was a glorious display of seaside joy but I could not wait to leave the heat and madness behind. On the water we were in our element, masters of our destiny - here we were neither kayakers nor beach-goers, we were fish out of water!

The geology that marks the transition between land and sea is as varied as the accents upon it. Seen from

the inshore perspective of a sea kayak, the coastline gives a remarkable slice-like view of the enormous cake that is Britain. It's a badly mixed cake admittedly, but that is to our advantage, for the ingredients are constantly changing from one to the next. A low frontage of sandy bays might become a battlement of towering shales. Caves tempted us in to their booming damp bowels and cathedral structures, and we would back gingerly out into the brightness, startled by the returning sound of the sea birds and swell that had been absent. But rounding Flamborough Head brought us perhaps the most startling transition of all....



To be continued

Hatfield Peverel Girlguiding Group

Julie Down, Rainbow Leader

Rainbows

With restrictions in place, we have been meeting back at Rainbows since May. We made the best of it, and we all agreed it was great to be back faceto-face guiding.

Since September, we have been meeting as a full unit and it has and



continues to be amazing! Yes, we still have a few restrictions in place but overall, we are having a wonderful time! Thank you to the Rainbows and parents for your commitment. We've spent a lot of time getting to know each other again with activities, games and craft. The majority of the unit now need to make their promise as because of restrictions, we have delayed this so that parents can come and celebrate with us! We've made a start and it's such a pleasure to see these little reds embrace their rainbow journey.

We took part in the Remembrance Parade and the Rainbows helped in making a wreath which is now on display at St. Andrew's Church (along with the other wreaths) for all to see. We are so proud of our girls for whatever part they took in Remembrance which at 5 and 6 years old isn't easy to understand!

Many of the girls have completed badges and proudly bring in their work to show. We are working on a skills builder (activities that focus on certain skills) and this will be completed soon so more badges to give out!

Plans are being made for Christmas with craft and a party.

May I take this opportunity to thank all my fellow Leaders in the Rainbow unit and District for their support through these difficult times.

At Guides we have enjoyed being able to get face to face again. Whilst evenings were light we took advantage with cooking on fire outside but have now moved indoors with activities including adding to the Remembrance display outside the HQ.

We are revisiting a badge that we started a long time ago and hopefully we'll get to finish it this time, in the form of a Christmas party. We prepared Christmas themed displays for the library - for many years we have made displays and really missed not being able to do them last year - but here they are so please do go to the library and check them out. See photo above.

The Brownies have been busy too with some first aid, made bonfire cakes which the girls enjoyed and have made slime too! They're also looking forward to some Christmas fun.

Happy Christmas from our Library

The Guides have enjoyed decorating the library, see photograph above, the first time since 2019.

Home library service

If you enjoy reading but are finding it difficult to get to the library. you can join the Home Library Service. Your voluntary library assistants, there are always two, will get to know you and your tastes and what you enjoy - and will introduce you to new literature. You can chose your own titles or order specialised ones and these will be delivered to you on the first Tuesday of the month together with those your library assistant has selected..

To get started you need to talk to someone from head office in Witham, telephone 0345 6037628. There may be a long wait, but persevere!



Essex

What does Essex Home-Start Do?

We provide practical and emotional support for families with young children who are experiencing a range of challenges including isolation,

mental health issues, financial hardship, single parenthood, or domestic abuse. We always seek to be supportive, non-judgmental, approachable, professional, collaborative, inclusive, family-led, and safe.



We have been so grateful for the support from our funders and all those who give generously to Home-Start Essex, thus enabling us to continue to make a real difference to our families. Between April 2020 and April 2021 we have supported 634 families, with 1,231 children benefitting from our services.

Welcome back to Edward Bear

Thursdays Church hall 10 am 11.30 £1.50 per family

Edward Bear is excited to be back each Thursday. and this week we welcomed Angela who has very kindly offered to read our stories in church. The children were very excited to be back - they have certainly missed their Edward Bear group.

Nicky Shelley

A poppy display in the church by Nicky's group



'Nothing beats kindness,' said the horse.
'It sits quietly beyond all things.'
Charlie Mackery's The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse' taken from Listen to a Tree.



Tuesday Toddler Time Tuesdays - 9.30 to 11.30

£4 per family

Come and meet new friends

Refreshments available

Nicky Shelley - 07590 618343

Try something new in 2022

It is fast approaching that time of year when you may be thinking about making New Year resolutions. You may wish to make new friends, take up a new activity or improve your level of fitness.

All these can be achieved by joining Hatfield Peverel Bowls Club. Our modern purpose-built pavilion and green are situated on the outskirts of the village with ample parking. The pavilion has four short mat rinks which enables bowls to be played throughout the year. Short mat differs from carpet bowls as it is played with normal sized woods over a distance of a minimum of twelve metres. There is the opportunity to play roll ups with other club members, friendly matches against other clubs as well as taking part in competitions. Do not worry if you are a complete novice as a warm welcome awaits you and full tuition will be given. All you need to begin with is a flat pair of shoes.

The outside green opens in the spring and remains open until the end of September. Again there is the opportunity to participate in roll up sessions and friendly matches. Annual membership of the club enables you to play both inside and outside and is very competitively priced. We are able to keep our membership fees low as we are a self help club and our members all do their bit to maintain the premises.

Hopefully this article has inspired you to give bowls a try. It is a sport all ages can enjoy. For further information visit our website at http://www.hatfieldpeverelbowling.org For a try out at indoor bowls please ring Jackie Spooner on 07790313137.

Fiery Fred clean bowled!

Chris Johmson writes - Thank you for the April edition of the Hatfield Peverel Review which has prompted the following:

The story of Fiery Fred in the April edition of The Review reminded me of my own memory of Freddie Trueman. In 1965 when I was living in Sheffield just along the road from the Bramall Lane ground where both Yorkshire and Sheffield United played at that time (just google 'Bramall Lane cricket' to see how this strange arrangement worked).

I went along late in the afternoon when you could get in for free (as a student I could not afford to pay) hoping to see Fiery Fred bowl. Instead I saw Fred batting. The first ball he received he hit about three feet over the boundary for a six. But the umpire signalled a four. Even from the stand you could see how angry Freddie was at this injustice as he stared at the umpire. He hit the next ball so hard it went into the upper stand leaving no doubt that it was a six and Freddie again looked at the umpire as if to say 'now tell me that is only a four'. The next ball he tried to do the same again and was clean bowled! Brilliant memory.





Good Riddance, but now what?

Come, children, gather round my knee; Something is about to be. Tonight's December thirty-first, Something is about to burst. The clock is crouching, dark and small. Like a timebomb in the hall. Hark! It's midnight, children dear. Duck! Here comes another year. Ogden Nash

AGM, Aldi versus Lidl and a lot of unusual grapes!

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

October was the Club's Annual General Meeting, where we looked back on the year from September 2020 to August 2021. Chairman Graham Bushby reflected on an unusual year, where members had kept in touch via Zoom meetings, emails and a monthly edition of Vine Cuttings. Treasurer Linda Fisher's report reflected on a year where finances remained stable because of little activity, but highlighted that the months ahead could be difficult if people were still cautious about meeting publicly because of the continued pandemic.

Officers and committee members standing for re-election (Graham Bushby as Chairman, Linda Fisher as Treasurer and Jill Shakespear committee member) were duly re-elected, but we failed to lure anyone else on to replace Henryk Podlesny who was retiring from the committee. The evening finished with a light-hearted tasting of Aldi versus Lidl wines hosted by Steve Spearman. Lidl won by 3 wines to 1, slightly to everyone's surprise, but all the wines tasted were enjoyable and good value.

The theme of November's meeting was Strange Brew: Would I Lie to You? Members tasted 6 excellent wines from unusual grape varieties; each described by 2 different speakers, one telling the truth about the wine and the other describing a totally different wine. Neither speaker knew whether they were the liar, and each table had to guess which they thought was the truthful description. Much fierce rivalry between the 3 tables culminated in a dead heat between all three! Wine of the evening was undoubtedly Behind Closed Doors, a red blend from the Lisbon region of Portugal, available from Majestic. Close second was Passione e Sentimente Appassimento, a white wine from the Garganega grape, also from Majestic.

Our thoughts are now turning to our Christmas Party on the third Wednesday of December. Continuing pandemic precautions may make this a bit different from previous years' celebrations, but we are sure that, whatever we do, we shall have a very happy evening!

If you'd like to join us at any time for a light-hearted and inexpensive evening out, you would always be very welcome, but please give Vee a ring beforehand on 01245 355723 to ensure there is enough food and drink for all.

We normally meet on the second Wednesday of each month with some exceptions, especially during the summer months, and so it is always worth phoning first. Why not catch up with what's been happening at the Wine Club over the last few months by viewing our website at www.peverelwineclub.co.uk . Remember – stay well, stay cheerful, and keep drinking the wine!

Betty's blackberry liqueur

You may have some fresh fruit left over from the wonderful crop we've had this year, otherwise frozen is fine.

2 lbs fresh/frozen blackberries 3 pints red wine 1lb caster sugar half pint brandy

Put blackberries and wine into a stainless steel pan Bring to boil, reduce heat and simmer for 15 - 20 minutes until fruit is soft. Put through sieve, allow to drain until it stops. Measure out 1 pint fruit juice.

Put into clean saucepan, add caster sugar on low heat until completely dissolved.

Remove from heat and stir in brandy.

Pour into bottles and seal with a cork.

Store 1 - 2 months before using.

Should make 1½ bottles.



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Maldon Film Club welcomes you

The 2021/2022 season opened in September, only to fully paid-up members until further notice. Arrangements ensure everyone who attends is able to watch this season's films in a safe and secure environment. Doors open 7.30pm, films commence from 8pm sharp.

Tuesday 14 December Blinded by Light

English 118 minutes. Comedy/drama/music. A British/Partisan arts student falls out with his unemployed father but an introduction to Bruce Springsteen's music leads him to his own dreams and talents

After short break the club returns with

Wednesday 5 January Portrait of a Lady

French 121 minutes. Drama/romance. New

possibilities in the age-old vein of forbidden love

Wednesday 19 January Jo Jo Rabbit

English 108 minutes. Drama/war A World War 2 satire that follows a lonely German boy called Jo Jo whose world is set upside down when he discovers his single mother is hiding a young Jewish boy

Wednesday 2 February Honeyland Turkish, Macedonian 89 minutes. Drama. The last female bee hunter in Europe must save the bees and return the natural balance in Honeyland

Wednesday 16 February Official Secrets

English, 112 minutes. Biography, crime, drama. A morality tale for the 21st century. The true story of a British Intelligence whistleblower Katherine Gunn who, during the immediate run up to the 2003 Iraq war, leaked a top secret NSA memo

The programme covers a wide variety of themes with films from different regions of the world and continues until 25 May with films fortnightly on Wednesdays in 2022. The annual subscription is £25 which entitles members to free admission to all the season's films. For further details and an application form please check out the web site: www.maldonfilmclub.uk

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Could be your lucky day!

Tickets for Helen Rollason Cancer Charity's winter raffle are available from the fundraising office in Hatfield Peverel. Four exciting prizes to be won: 1st prize £250; 2nd prize Winter Hamper; 3rd prize Benefit Makeup Set worth £100; 4th prize Bishop Nick Beer Gift Pack. Tickets £1 each and closing date is Wednesday 26 January 2022.

Monthly donation days in Hatfield Peverel Our next event is on Saturday 8 January 2022 between 9am and 12pm. Keep an eye on our website for future dates where we will be pleased to accept clothing and accessories, DVDs and books, quality kitchen and homeware, ornaments, collectables or valuable items in new or good condition.

Volunteers wanted for our Witham charity shop Custmer service, filling shelves with new items and donation sortig - there is a role for everyone.

For an informal chat please contact our Head of Retail Alison Matthews on 07984 049 973 or email alison.matthews@helenrollason.org.uk



A red squirrel enjoys breakfast in Judy Witney's garden in Invermoriston, Inverness-shire