

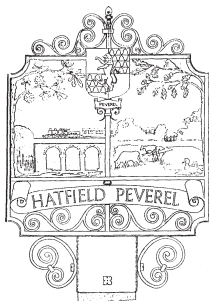
# *Hatfield Peverel*



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# Local events and happenings round and about



## Happy retirement Kevin and Lynn

After nearly forty years of running the garage on the corner of Station Road and The Street - firstly as Cables and later Marshalls, Kevin and his wife Lynn have decided to call it a day.

They will be greatly missed by many people in the village; we have been blest to have a local business we can rely upon and someone who fixes cars - and rescues drivers ignoring the ford with its warning sign - and his wife who runs the office and keeps the books straight. Knowledge and skill comes with experience and getting on with people is a special gift - especially if it comes with a smile.

Best wishes both of you.

*Front cover: an exciting time, the Christmas postbox in the library waiting for the children to send their letters to Father Christmas. Closing date for letters is 3 December*

*Back cover: A watercolour of Tollesbury painted by Pam Warren*



## **Christmas in the Park has got bigger and better this year!**

**Come along to the Village Hall from 1pm on Sunday 11 December and stay until 9pm.**



**F**estivities will include carols from the Junior School choir, real reindeer and a sleigh, fairground attractions, Father Christmas and his grotto, performances from Gyrus Gymnastics and Complete Dance, a wandering magician, a piper to lead us into the switch on of the tree lights, craft stalls galore and a stellar performance from Room 2 around 7pm.

Of course the bar will be open, Topsy Grey will be joining us for Christmas Cocktails and we will have waffles and burgers. **See Facebook and the community news-stands for more information.**

### **Times of attractions**

1.00pm - St Andrew's Junior School choir singing carols

1.30pm to 3.30pm – Reindeer and sleigh

1.30pm to 5.00pm – Santa's Grotto\*

3.00pm – performance by Gyrus Gymnastics

3.45pm – performance by Complete Dance

4.45pm – Piper

5.00pm – Carols around the Christmas tree and switch on of the lights by Santa

7.00pm – Entertainment from the live band 'Room 2'

9.00pm – Finish

Entry is free, with a small charge for Santa's Grotto (\*online pre-booked tickets only).

**What else is going on - see more exciting happenings at our Village Hall on page 15.**

**Emma Cook, Committee Member, Party in the Park, a working party of Hatfield Peverel Parish Council. Email: [emma@ekcoriginal.com](mailto:emma@ekcoriginal.com)**

**Happy Christmas to you all** and a warm welcome to our new residents who have come to live in Hatfield Peverel- we hope you enjoy your first Christmas with us, share 'good mornings' and a smile, explore some of our footpaths in the countryside and settle in. We are an ancient place, Prehistoric man must have roamed here; the history of Hatfield Peverel can be authentically traced back to the first century AD when the Celts had a settlement in Nounsley and buried their dead urns near the junction of the Chelmer and Ter rivers - *I've looked, no luck*. Here the Romans constructed their main road to Colchester - The Street. Just as jammed then with legions, merchants and travellers as now with lorries, cars and cyclists. It has its good days

Best wishes and thank you to those involved with the Review; everyone who sends emails, handwritten/typed articles, phone calls, messages on scraps of paper, photographs or a knock on the door. And Kempco our printers who come up trumps (even when we've missed our deadline) - and next our distributors Marel and Ron and their band of volunteers who deliver hundreds of copies to you come rain and shine. And you, the readers.

This bi-monthly Review comes free to every home and will give you an idea of what goes on, indoors and out. Christmas in the Park, an annual celebration much enjoyed following Covid, is advertised below - well worth a visit to get you into the festive spirit. The Review this December celebrates its 290 editions - sorry no spirits, a soft drink will have to do. Give it a read and if you want to join in with new ideas let us know.

### **Why no Review online?**

We suspect our younger residents never read the paper version of the Review which goes to every household in the village because they live in a predominantly online world. But there is an electronic colour version in PDF format which goes to our printers Kempco of Witham and is available on the parish council website. You will find it at:- <https://www.hatfieldpeverelpc.com/the-review/>

## A successful Annual General Meeting - but a bad year for pumpkins

Clive Emberson, Hatfield Peverel and Ulting Horticultural Society



The AGM was well attended by 23 members. Neville Bright, chairman for 12 years, announced his retirement from the position and took the opportunity to thank his committee for their support over the years. Our president John Upson proposed a formal vote of thanks for Neville's hard work which was endorsed unanimously by all present. The chairman and treasurer then presented reports on the past year's events and accounts which were accepted by the members. The committee for the coming year are Chairman Les Brann, Secretary Clive Emberson, Treasurer Jenny Clemo, Membership Secretary Katrina Butcher. The Committee is John Heathcote, Ben Eng, Marel Elliston, Elaine Harvey and Neville Bright. The meeting was followed by the pumpkin competition which was won by John Clemo with a weight of 14kg. Everyone enjoyed cheese and wine.

**Coming up next year** the society's first event on 23 March 2023 is a talk on the history and future of Hyde Hall garden to be held at St Andrews Church Hall, and the Spring Show is on Saturday 1 April 2023 in the Village Hall. Plenty of time to get growing. Any questions on talk horticultural please contact Clive Emberson on 01245 381704.

**A reminder of our 2023 holiday to Surrey** - if you are interested in next year's five day break in July to Farnham which includes travel throughout, four nights, dinner, bed and breakfast and all admission to the gardens, Clive can give you the details which were printed in the October Review.

### Come and join us

With all the new development going on around the village I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new residents and take this opportunity to bring our society to your attention. The name may sound a little highbrow but in reality we are a group of locals who organise various garden related events during the year including two flower shows, one spring and one autumn which are open to anyone to enter and include cookery and handicraft classes.

Details of how to enter can be found in our yearbook which is available from Upsons Farm Sales or call the number below for details. Annual membership of the society costs £3 and runs from 1 April. We also hold a plant sale in May, and a 5 day annual garden holiday along with other garden related events.

**For information on the above please visit our website - <https://e-voice.org.uk/hatpevgardens> - pick up a copy of our yearbook or call Clive on 07771536938**

## Recycle your Christmas tree for a greener Christmas!

Helen Rollason Cancer Charity, in partnership with JustHelping, is launching its very first Christmas Tree Recycling campaign, which we are really excited about! **We will cover the postcode areas: CM1, CM2, CM3 2, CM3 3, CM3 4, CM8, CM9, CO5 0, CM7, CM7 7.** Once the festive fun is over, we will take the hassle out of getting rid of your tree, no needles in the car, no trips to the tip. Leave your tree out the front, on the lawn, we simply collect it and recycle it for you between Friday 6 - Saturday 8 January.

If you or anyone you know may be interested in helping us over the festive collection weekend, please contact the fundraising team on [fundraising@helenrollason.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@helenrollason.org.uk)

We welcome a donation, and in exchange for the charity's voluntary team, will do the hard work for you.

# Allotments and home gardens have seen effects of climate change

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*Human beings yearn for predictability and stability in life — but look around these days*

Predictability and stability are rare, as life is a series of changes at every level.

Shockingly, the last few years have reconfirmed this. Things have shifted around the world in every area, and this year even our his challenging change.

Some examples include:



The desperately sad loss of our dear Queen, bringing a new King. This follows Covid, the war in Ukraine, floods in Pakistan, climate change, huge energy and fuel bills, inflation, world governmental changes with more unpredictability and instability as other countries struggle with similar issues, and even the simple but uncertain approach of winter and its effects on us all. And the Allotments?

So, *'no birds, no bees, no flowers; no leaves on trees, no wonder – November'*. Not anymore!

This unusual local gardening year saw flowers surge into early winter in full bloom. Late sown vegetable crops produced high yields perhaps to partly make up for the ravages of a hot dry summer. And now, raspberries are still fruiting, and fig trees have produced abundant fruit for the first time in twenty years! That's the great thing about nature, while it may disappoint in many ways, it always seems to compensate in others. And that balance is seldom equal in proportion — like a budget.

Allotment members are now reflecting on crops that did well – or not, and how we might adapt our plans and timings for next year. Can we afford seeds and new plants anymore? Extra early potatoes and tomatoes perhaps? Some crops a bit later maybe – dependent on the new year delivering a mild winter. So much to reflect upon. In this country, never a dull moment. The great benefit of community gardening is that all these thoughts can be shared with neighbouring plot holders, all this “sharing” may be why all the important jobs never get done ??! If YOU like the thought of whiling away the winter days in good company, in the great outdoors, come and join us. We do have a few vacant plots for you.

We humans aren't alone in trying to come to terms with momentous change. This year, our allotments and likely your home gardens may have suffered serious trespass issues by local critters of all types seeking food and shelter. What must they feel? Spare a thought for badgers and deer - we're wondering how we can protect our sweetcorn from! We've been challenged by them, and you too may have had similar issues. These indigenous creatures are being driven from normally self-sufficient habitats by humans changing their creature environments by developing local housing, with little if any thought for wildlife survival.

As allotmenters, gardeners, and/or animal lovers, please avoid the temptation to feed these misplaced animals thus making them dependent on and attracted to handouts from us. These visitors may bring their own threats of disease and damage to people along with developed habits of dependency. Our appeal to you, our members, environmentalists, and those in authority is for all to please help these creatures to thrive in their own environments, not in ours.

Allotments are part of the village heritage, and we allotmenters of Hatfield Peverel would like to thank wholeheartedly our outstanding Parish Councillors who have supported us by helping to renew the lease of our land. Thanks to the PC, we have security of tenure for another seven years and have a commitment to preserve our allotments for you and future generations. Let's create a new stability.

**We believe that having the best family Christmas possible in these challenging times is our starting point. So, to you and yours, Happy Christmas to all!**

## Parish Council news

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

### **To make an appointment to see the Clerk in person**

Please telephone 01245 382865 or email [parishclerk@hatfieldpeverelpc.com](mailto:parishclerk@hatfieldpeverelpc.com) or [assistantclerk@hatfieldpeverelpc.com](mailto:assistantclerk@hatfieldpeverelpc.com) between the hours of 9am and 1pm Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.



### **‘Christmas in the Park’**

We look forward to welcoming you all to our Christmas event on Sunday 11 December at the Village Hall from 1pm until 9pm. Browse the craft stalls inside the hall from 1pm and be entertained by the close-up magician between 4 and 7pm! Enjoy waffles, gin, mulled wine and hot chocolate from our outside stalls, or have a ride on the carousel! The bar and cafe inside the hall will be open from 1pm.

### **Parking is not available in the village hall car park except for some for blue badge holders**

Because there will be attractions and displays taking place in the car park at the hall, you can park your car in St Andrew’s Junior School, Church Road.

## **Crime Concerns**

Please remember you can call 101 for crime prevention advice or to report a crime that does not need an emergency response. It is very important to report crime to the Police so that they can build up a ‘picture’ of what is happening in the area.

The Parish Council is working in partnership with Essex Police to recruit two Special Constables. If you are interested in applying to be a voluntary Police Officer for the village, please see our website for further information and the answers to frequently asked questions: <https://www.hatfieldpeverelpc.com/special-constable-recruitment/>

## **Planning**

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

[https://www.braintree.gov.uk/info/200225/search\\_and\\_track\\_planning\\_applications/592/weekly\\_lists](https://www.braintree.gov.uk/info/200225/search_and_track_planning_applications/592/weekly_lists)

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

- 22/02299/LBC Installation of new front door at 2 Hooks and Sheaves, The Street.
- 22/02297/HH Single storey detached garden workshop/outbuilding at Cotswold, Station Road.
- 22/02417/LBC Replacement of all windows and patio doors and extension in height of chimney stacks at 41 Sportsmans Lane.
- 22/02489/TPO Tree works at 1 De Vere Close.
- 22/02040/FUL Conversion of barn and garage into 1 x 3-bedroom dwelling house at Crabbs Hill Farm, Crabbs Hill.
- 22/01777/FUL Change of use of land from community area to form part of private residential garden at

1 Arthy Close. Not supported.

22/02678/TPO Tree works on land rear of duck pond, Laburnum Way.

22/02278/FUL Erection of single-storey 1-bedroom dwelling house at Shalom, Peverel Avenue. Not supported.

22/02217/HH Single-storey rear extension at 18 Remembrance Avenue.

22/02742/HH Proposed detached garage at 4 Willow Crescent.

22/02911/HH Creation of a raised patio and pergola within the rear garden of 17 Agar Place.

### Website

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

### Social Media

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

Facebook: @hatfieldpeverelpc

Twitter: @HatPevPC

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

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

The next meetings of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 5 December, Monday 9 January and Monday 6 February 2023. All will be held at the Village Hall. Public participation is welcome, please see the agenda which is published on the Parish Council website and on the noticeboard outside the Parish Council office.

**We wish you a peaceful and happy Christmas and best wishes for 2023.**

## **The review of the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) is finally coming together**

**A**t the time of writing the team anticipate the draft Plan to be submitted within the next week or two for its health check by an independent body in readiness for Regulation 14 consultation. This is when residents and statutory bodies will have the opportunity to comment on the reviewed Plan.

The Parish Council outsourced a number of tasks to expert consultants to provide a robust evidence base. It is anticipated these reports will be available on the Parish Council website for viewing at the time of consultation.

The Local Heritage List project report is also near completion. The report deals with non-designated heritage assets (NDHAs) in the parish, and will undergo an independent consultation with interested parties prior to being incorporated into the plan for Regulation 14 consultation.

Please do keep an eye on the Parish Council website and notice boards around the village, and also the Parish Council's Facebook page (if you have access to the same) as to the consultation dates

### **Reporting vandalism and anti-social behaviour**

**A**t the 'Cuppa with a Copper' in the library last Saturday, 19 November, we heard advice from our local PCSO about how to report vandalism and anti-social behaviour in the village - we've experienced a lot of it recently. The advice from the police is that you **must please report all anti-social behaviour directly to the police**. If they don't know about it, they can't do anything!

Emergency calls only 999; non-emergency calls 101, report it on-line at:  
[www.essex.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime](http://www.essex.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime)

## Doctors' telephone system upgraded

Sydney House and The Laurels Surgery

Following a significant number of complaints received from patients over this last year, we are upgrading our telephone system to better cope with demand. Work has been ongoing for some weeks now preparing for the switch-over which we expect to be in place by the first week of December. Our patients will soon have the option to either remain on hold to speak to reception, or they can join a 'smart-queue' and receive a call back from reception when they reach the top of the queue.

To improve access to getting through to the surgery, we can now offer our patients a digital platform called eConsult, via our website, or the NHS app. This is an alternative way to contacting us by 'phone; patients will be able to submit their query by filling out some questions and we will then contact them, on the same working day if the query is of a clinical nature, or within three working days if it is an administration query.

### We continue to offer appointments outside of usual working hours, including

Blood tests on Mondays and Thursdays 7-8am

GP and minor illness appointments on Monday and Tuesday mornings 7-8am

Chronic Disease and long-term condition reviews on Thursday evenings 6:30-8:30pm

GP appointments on Friday evening 6:30-8pm

And finally, if you are eligible for a flu and/or covid vaccine and have yet to receive one, please do get in touch as we still have appointments available.

Drs Siddiqui, Cunningham and Hall.

You read it here....

*Just spotted in M1 service station on way up to Newcastle 'spill response kit'*

*'It's a mop'.*

We have reached week 8 of our autumn course on 'Art inspired by



East Anglia' presented by Sue Pownall. It has two further sessions to go, finishing on 13 December. The work of artists with a connection to East Anglia and influenced by the region - Constable, Gainsborough, Cotman, Munnings and many more less well-known names, including many women - was covered under a number different headings: weather, landscape, the Norwich School of Artists, our counties, towns and so on. She describes, as they arise, the relevant materials, techniques and methods of working employed by them. (I'd no idea what gouache was and had never even heard of impasto!). Plenty of student involvement, all in all a very rewarding course for us.

The next course of 10 weeks starts on Tuesday 17 January 2023, 10am in the Hatfield Peverel Scout & Guide HQ. Its subject is 'Disease and History - a look at the ways disease has had an impact upon the history of mankind', to be presented by Roger Cooke.

Disease destroyed an empire in the New World, while helping an Old World state become a world power. It changed the course of the history of this country, sometimes by killing many people, sometimes by killing key individuals whose death precipitated major shifts in the course of events.

## The orange

by Wendy Cope

*At lunchtime I bought a huge orange -  
The size of it made us all laugh.  
I peeled it and shared it with Robert and Dave -  
They got quarters and I had a half.*

*And that orange, it made me so happy,  
As ordinary things often do  
Just lately. The shopping. A walk in the park.  
This is peace and contentment. It's new.*

*The rest of the day was quite easy.  
I did all jobs on my list  
And enjoyed them and had some time over.  
I love you. I glad I exist.*

*(From Serious Concerns, Faber © Wendy Cope)*



## Urban Wildlife Champions

The Essex Wildlife Trust (EWT) Urban Wildlife Champion project aims to reconnect people with nature, inspiring and empowering them to take action for wildlife in their local area.

My name is Donna and I have volunteered to be an Urban Wildlife Champion in Hatfield Peverel and hope to build a small team of champions and volunteers to work on wildlife projects in the village. It is fantastic our Parish Council is encouraging and monitoring this initiative.



I have decided to start with a small and manageable project to create a pilot mini-meadow in the village. The site is the grass verge bordering Laburnum Way and the duck pond. To allow the native wild flowers to thrive, the mini-meadow will be mown only 2-3 times per year and the cuttings removed to prevent more competitive plants such as nettles from taking over. A strip will be mown around the edge to provide different habitats within the meadow and to keep it looking neat.

I hope that this will eventually result in:

- Increased variety of colourful native wild flowers in the mini-meadow which are attractive to villagers

- Villagers adopt more green spaces and create more mini-meadows throughout the village which I will provide guidance for and the Parish Council will monitor

- Increased diversity of plants and, as a result, insects and other wildlife in the village

- Insects and other wildlife able to move more easily around the village (a wildlife corridor)

Essex Wildlife Trust say that 'Our green spaces and road verges can be home to over 700 species of wild flower, including meadow vetchling, oxeye daisy, common knapweed, bird's-foot trefoil, lady's bedstraw and much more! This diversity not only provides essential nectar sources, a lifeline for our invertebrates, but looks breathtakingly beautiful too. Flower-rich meadows can be supported in the smallest of green margins to the largest parks and recreational grounds. By adopting different mowing regimes and following a few basic management principles you can create flower-rich meadows across any town or village

If you have questions about this project, would like to offer help with this and other wildlife friendly projects in the village or have ideas for other wildlife projects, please contact me by phone (01245 382550) or email [wildlife-champion@hatfieldpeverelpc.com](mailto:wildlife-champion@hatfieldpeverelpc.com).

One of the reasons we chose the duckpond site is that there is somewhere where we can put the cuttings. Last summer we raked up the cuttings and piled them next to the brambles that border the pond. This is OK from the meadow's point of view and for the wildlife but not very neat. I have been told that going forward we can put cuttings in the wooded area to the left of the footpath as you walk from Laburnum Way to the rec.

Asking local residents if they have room in their green bins would also be an option. I will be writing to them to explain the project very soon and may ask them if they would be willing to help in this way. Also, Andy Styles from the Allotment Association would be happy to receive cuttings for his compost heaps.

I'm hoping that this pilot mini meadow will be successful and that we will rewild more areas in the village, so all of the above options may be needed.. and maybe some others!

I am also hoping that, in the long run, Braintree will invest in equipment to remove cuttings.

# What a busy term we are having at St Andrew's!

Becky Black, Headteacher

**I**t began after the summer break to a fabulous new Outdoor Learning area for the children. We are very grateful to two of our parents, Mrs Chasmer and Mrs Winwood, who wrote to Bellway Homes to enquire whether they would be able to support the school in any way. They replied saying YES and our new Nature Base project was started! The 'outdoor classroom' had fallen into disrepair and the rejuvenation of this area, now named 'The Nature Base' has an enormous impact on the learning of all of our children. A big thank you must also be extended to John Clemo who is volunteering to help look after our Nature Base.

**YEAR 3** children have settled well into our St. Andrew's family and we are enjoying getting to know them well. The children visited Chelmsford Museum where they enjoyed an immersive Stone Age Day as part of their Stone Age topic. We are now gearing up for Christmas with Nativity rehearsals and craft making in full swing!

**YEAR 4** were lucky enough to visit Wat Tyler Country Park. As part of their topic this term, the children will be studying rivers, living things, and their habitats. Their visit to Wat Tyler gave them the opportunity to carry out some practical geographical field work and observations as well as undertaking a 'River Study' and completing an orienteering trail.

**YEAR 5** As part of their Space topic, the children visited the Royal Observatory in Greenwich. The children took part in a workshop with observatory staff about the phases of the Moon, visited the planetarium for 'Universe on your doorstep' show and also a self-guided visit in small groups of the exhibitions.

**YEAR 6** the children have been learning about the British Value of Democracy. Hustings – all children in Year 6 who wanted to stand as House Captain made a short film the school watched in their houses. Voting - every child in school voted for their choice of House Captain. Results - we had a special assembly at the end of the day where the results were shared.

## ALL YEARS

We are looking forward to our upcoming Christmas celebrations – a jam packed schedule will be enjoyed including our wonderful Christmas Bazaar hosted and organised by our brilliant JSA (our school PTA) – ALL are welcome – please do join us from 3:10 to 6pm on Thursday 8 December.

Our annual festive tradition of a whole school panto is excitedly anticipated – this year is Sleeping Beauty (oh no it isn't!). We will all enjoy the annual Christmas dinner day and the JSA are hosting a Disco for the children to enjoy. Finishing with a service at St. Andrew's Church at the end of term will bring our school Christmas celebrations to a close – children and staff can turn their attention to their families for the festive break.

## Sunrise and Sunset Clubs – Wraparound Care

Before and after school clubs continue to grow and we are pleased 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 [admin@hatfieldpeverel-jun.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@hatfieldpeverel-jun.essex.sch.uk)

On behalf of everyone at St. Andrew's, we wish our whole school community and beyond, a warm and Happy Christmas.



## **Glowing report from OFSTED for Infant and Nursery School**

**Head Teacher. Mary Gurr**

We recently had a visit from OFSTED and the feedback and report filled us with joy. We are proud to be at the heart of the Hatfield Peverel community and would like to share the results with you. Full details of the Ofsted report can be found by searching for Hatfield Peverel Infant & Nursery school on their website; [ofsted.gov.uk](http://ofsted.gov.uk). Here are just some of the things the report settled on.

It was a glowing report and we are all very proud. It is both delightful and gratifying, to read the praise and recognition of all the hard work, commitment and high standards of teaching and learning in the school. I am so proud and privileged to be the Headteacher of this school where 'Leaders have a steely determination that all pupils will thrive' and where staff 'skilfully implement the curriculum'.

Recognition that we have an 'ambitious curriculum' for all of our children and that the ERIC values of Effort, Respect, Independence and Communication run through the school with Reading at the heart of learning. I agree wholeheartedly that our school is a 'very happy and calm environment', where the children are put first and 'enjoy coming to school'. All of the adults in the school share the same vision, to provide the best for our children and bring out the best of their abilities and talents.

The children are of course the stars of the show and shone in so many ways during the inspection. They talked about their learning articulately and enthusiastically and showed their best behaviour and choices in lessons and at play. The inspector was very impressed with them and we are all so proud of them.

It was wonderful to be able to include the nursery as part of our school and for the inspector to see the wonderful changes and start we had made in just four weeks.

We are currently showing prospective parents around both the nursery and the main school, so if you would like to see our school, please contact us, you will be very welcome..

### **Getting fit for Christmas lunch Hatfield Peverel Walkers.**

In October eight walkers took cars to Woodham Walter on a very pleasant day, to begin a walk from The Bull across the golf course over the hills, through the woods, around the lakes and back to the cars, a very enjoyable six mile walk. Unfortunately the pub was closed for the week!

Our November outing saw a depleted number of walkers due to various other commitments walk down to the River Chelmer and back in between the Autumn showers..



Having enjoyed our annual Christmas meal - the first of many? we are now thinking of 2023. when our next walk, the last Thursday in January 2023, will start from the Village Hall at 10am. New walkers check before attending, see below.

New members who would like to explore the area are particularly welcome to join us. The walks take place on the last Thursday of the month and generally last for about 3-4 hours and cover 4-5 miles, but please no animals. There is no subscription and if you would like more information please contact Graham Bushby on 07484 864712



## News from St Andrews.....

After the death of our late Queen we might, as a country, have been looking forward to a period of 'getting back to normal!' Due to political turmoil in the world and change of Prime Minister after six weeks in office, this did not happen. We had the Climate Change Conference in Egypt and disturbing news about what is happening to our planet. It is unsettling this feeling of uncertainty - who can we trust.



We have heard a lot about trust recently. 'Trust us', the politicians say, 'and we will get this country out of the economic mess it finds itself in'. In what, or whom, can we trust? There is a lot to this little word 'trust' and the more we examine it, the more we realise how important it is to our overall sense of security; the sense that, emotionally and physically' we really are standing on solid ground.

Going back to Remembrance Sunday, I wonder how much those who fought in the two Great Wars trusted those in command? From my late mother and others of her era, people seemed to trust powers and authorities much more than they do now. Of course, religious belief was much stronger then than it is now, and this must have helped. When I feel cynical about the world and its rulers, religious or secular, I remember we are trusted by God, a God who trusts us to speak for him and about him, to act for his sake, who gives us liberty to make mistakes and still gives himself into our hands for us to share his love and promises with others.

In the enclosed Christmas card, as well as good wishes from the parish, you will find a summary of all the main services that will be taking place in St Andrews and All Saints. Please keep this card handy. Below you find these services as well as those in January 2023 and a Diary of Events.

One last thought. Each person's life gives a message to others about what kind of world they believe we live in. As the euphoria of Christmas comes to a close and the New Year begins, rather than think up New Year's resolutions which are largely forgotten after a few days, why not ask this question:- what message does my life give out to others? Or, to put it another way, am I making the world a place where trusting people makes sense? Perhaps deeper still, am I confident that even in my failings and betrayals, I am still loved and trusted? These questions are not just for Christmas, not just for New Year, but for life.

### Services at St Andrews

4 December	2nd Sunday of Advent 10.15am Mattins (Morning Prayer with Hymns) 2.00pm Holy Baptism	25 December	<b>Christmas Day</b> 10.15am Christmas Day Service
10 December	12.00pm Holy Matrimony	1 January	Baptism of Christ 10.15am Mattins (Morning Prayer with Hymns)
11 December	3rd Sunday of Advent 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 10.15am All-Age Service	8 January	1st Sunday of Epiphany 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 10.15am All-Age Service
18 December	4th Sunday of Advent 10.15am Parish Eucharist 4.00pm Christmas Carols and Readings ( <b>note earlier time</b> )	15 January	2nd Sunday of Epiphany 10.15am Parish Eucharist
19 December	10.00am Junior School Carol Service	22 January	3rd Sunday of Epiphany 10.15am Parish Eucharist
24 December	<b>Christmas Eve</b> 4.30pm "Light of the World" 11.30pm Midnight Service (Parish Eucharist)	29 January	<b>Candlemas</b> 10.15am Parish Eucharist

There are baptisms during January which may have to be rearranged due to weather and illness.



## .... and from All Saints, Ulting



For the Harvest Thanksgiving Service in October the All Saints congregation was very generous with contributions for the Braintree Food Bank. At this time when so many families are facing financial worries every tin and packet counts. Guest speaker for the Service was Angus Doe who spoke about problems facing farmers after recent droughts and outbreaks of crop diseases. East Anglia is known as 'The breadbasket of Britain' with its vast fields of wheat, barley and oats but

it is less known for its wine making, now a rapidly growing industry. The clay soil and south facing banks along the River Crouch makes the area particularly suitable and its proximity to the estuary protects the vines from frost. The history of Essex wine goes back to at least 1120 and in fact the wine served during the signing of the Magna Carta came from Purleigh. Bringing the story right up to date Angus said Doe's had just sold the first grape picking machine in Britain to an Essex vineyard. Angus ended his fascinating talk by reminding everyone that when they ate bread and drank wine to remember the local producers who had made it possible. After the Service there was a good supply of hot snacks and cakes which proved very popular.

The Remembrance Day Service on Sunday 13 November began inside the Church with hymns reflecting the occasion, after which the congregation walked to the War Memorial at the top of the track leading to the Church where the names on the Memorial Cross were read out. At 11am the sound of the Last Post sounded across the churchyard and two minutes silence was observed followed by prayers. The congregation walked back to the Church and gave a warm welcome to 'Olive', the hospitality unit, where they were treated to hot soup, rolls and cakes. My thanks to everyone who came during the week to tidy the space around the Memorial so that it was looking its best for the occasion.

Looking forward to Christmas, the annual Carols by Candlelight Service will be on Sunday 11 December at 4pm. This is a popular occasion in the All Saints calendar and this year the Hadfelda Singers will be there to lead the carol singing. Although there will be no Morning Service that day the church will be open between 9 and 9.30 am.

You can be sure that there will also be carols during the Christmas Morning Service at 9am on 25 December. Here is a full list of Sunday services into the New Year.

4 December	9am – Holy Communion
11 December	9-9.30am – Church open for prayer
11 December	4pm – Carols By Candlelight
18 December	9am – Holy Communion
25 December	9am – Christmas Day Eucharist
31 December	9am – Holy Communion
7 January	9am – Holy Communion
14 January	9am – Morning Prayer
21 January	9am – Holy Communion
27 January	9am – Parish Eucharist
6 February	9am – Holy Communion

I wish you a joyous Christmas and a peaceful New Year. Prayers and blessings  
Rev'd Derek

### Other events:in St Andrews

**Coffee Mornings** on Saturdays 3rd December and 8th January, from 10.00am to 12 noon. Stalls usually include cakes, fresh scones, handmade cards for most occasions, raffle, bric-a-brac and of course, plenty of coffee and some seasonable items.

### Witham Choral Christmas Concert

Saturday 3rd December at 6.30pm. Tickets £10.00 available from the Vicar. See posters. The main item on the programme is Bob Chilcott's Christmas Oratorio" and there will be carols including the Harry Potter Carol.

### Hadfelda Choir Concert

**"A Celebration of Christmas"** Saturday 10th December at 7.00pm in the Church Hall. Carols and Christmas Songs with audience participation.

## **Hatfield Peverel Methodist and Reality Church**

**Our services continue to give us lots to consider as we go about our busy lives**

One subject discussed recently was trauma which, when experienced, can bring about disconnection and isolation. We spoke about how we can, with God's help, support one another and reach out to others to help them reconnect.

Our children's craft activity was to build the strongest, tallest tower given only paper, spaghetti and marshmallows. They found that the materials were not perfect for the task and we reminded them that their family and Jesus were their own reliable supports. However, they enjoyed eating the spare marshmallows!

Our Church group hopes we live up to the sentiments expressed in the following poem by William J Crocker:

### *A People's Place*

*If this is not a place where tears are understood, Where do I go to cry?  
If this is not a place where my spirits can take wing, Where do I go to fly?  
If this is not a place where my questions can be asked, Where do I go to seek?  
If this is not a place where my feelings can be heard, Where do I go to speak?  
If this is not a place where you'll accept me as I am, Where can I go to be?  
If this is not a place where I can try to learn and grow,  
Where can I be just me?*

On another occasion we had scenery boards to decorate to make the street scene in Jericho where Jesus called the tax collector Zacchaeus from the sycamore-fig tree to join him in a meal in his home. Zacchaeus had a change of heart and offered to repay the taxes he wrongly collected. Our artists enjoyed working together in the mixed media of paint and fallen leaves and we were reminded how Jesus can call us to know and share his love.

Come and join us on a Sunday morning at Little Bears Nursery at 9.15am for a relaxed service with lots of time for conversation and support.

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

Sessions at the school have continued with Old Testament stories of Jacob and Joseph, discussing friendship, support and dreams. The children have enjoyed making craft items such as compasses, friendship bracelets, stick puppets, paper angels and origami fortune tellers linked to these themes.

We have not been successful so far with finding a replacement for Sandie Hulbert as our Schools and Families worker so members of our congregation have been supporting Rev Barry and Ria to cover each session. The advertisement for a permanent replacement for Sandie is still ongoing – if anybody is interested in this work (or knows someone who could fulfil the position) the information on the role can be obtained by contacting [chelmsford.circuit@gmail.com](mailto:chelmsford.circuit@gmail.com). The work is varied and rewarding and we wish to expand our involvement in other areas of village life.

### **Christmas Events**

Our main Christmas event in the Village will be on the 4th December at 9.30am at Little Bears Nursery where we will have carols, the Christmas story, crafts for the children and refreshments. Do come and join us for a happy occasion as we begin to celebrate Christmas.

Usual services will be also held on 11th and 18th December at 9.15am. There will be no service on 25th December when we are invited to join the Methodist churches in Maldon and Witham

We wish you all a very happy Christmas

## Music, shows and upgraded WiFi at Hatfield Peverel Village Hall

We've had great reviews for our recent shows, including our first 'Comedy Café' event. There's plenty more coming up in December and January and fans of the Pantaloons Theatre Group will be pleased to hear we've booked them in for 3 shows in 2023.

The Community Café remains open weekdays from 9-11am in the mornings and 2:30-4:30pm in the afternoons so do pop in for teas, coffees, soft-drinks, cakes and ice-creams. The Every Members Club meets every Wednesday, 1-3pm and is open to everyone and remains very popular; at just £3 for refreshments and entertainment. It's the best value and friendliest ticket in the village. Margaret Freeman's talk on The Heroes of Hatfield Peverel from the 1st World War was particularly well attended and much appreciated. In all there are nearly twenty different groups and activities at the hall including table tennis, badminton, karate, kids clubs, dance, Thai Chi, weight watchers, wine club, dog training – to see them all, go to the clubs page on our website at [www.hatpevvhall.org](http://www.hatpevvhall.org).

In December, we have a special production of 'The Nutcracker and the Mouse King' from 'This is my Theatre' group, a special Christmas Quiz Night and of course Bingo on Friday 2 December. Christmas in the Park is from 1pm on Sunday, 11 December (see the separate article for details on this fabulous event)

We've upgraded the hall WiFi to provide full coverage across all rooms at the hall, with high-speed business Broadband access – so if you want to work from the hall you'll be able to. In January we have a fabulous Status Quo tribute act (QUO'D) who are beginning their UK tour at the hall on 28 January 28th. Help support the hall charity by coming along to any of these events if you can. If you'd like to get involved, please send us an email or pop into the lounge and have a chat.

### December

Friday 2nd     Bingo 8-10pm  
Sunday 4th     The Nutcracker and the Mouse King  
                         3pm-4:30pm  
Saturday 10th Christmas Quiz Night 8-10pm  
Sunday 11th   Christmas in the Park - from 1pm

### January

Friday 6th     Bingo 8-10pm  
Saturday 28th Music: QUO'D 8-10:30pm

**All details on our website ([www.HatPevVHall.org](http://www.HatPevVHall.org)), on the village hall noticeboards and on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/hatfieldpeverelvillagehall](https://www.facebook.com/hatfieldpeverelvillagehall).**

Stay in touch by signing up to our mailing list (click the link on the website home page), or send us an email to [Secretary@Hatpevvhall.org](mailto:Secretary@Hatpevvhall.org). Alternatively, **for general enquiries call us on 01245 381 481 or to make a booking 07591 041 718.**

## Table Tennis Club

Table Tennis is a healthy, active and enjoyable sport proven to enhance personal, physical and mental well-being.

The Chelmsford League season nears half way and our six teams are all doing well. We currently field teams in Divisions 2 and 3, two teams in each of Divisions 4 and 5. Further experienced players would be welcome to reinforce our teams.



If you wish to play competitively or to re-start your playing career please contact us as soon as you can and we can also help...To join one of our league teams, please leave your details with Club Secretary Neil Freeman on 01245 382249 or myself Club Chairman Andy Simmonds on 01245 381020 or 07932 057 205

If you want to play non-competitive, social table tennis, please contact Carly Truman on 07591 041718.

## A successful season for Hatfield Peverel Cricket Club

Nick Carter -Secretary and Pavillion Manager,



As you read this in December, our Bonfire Night and Fireworks Display will be fresh in your memories. We at the Cricket Club would like to say a huge 'Thank You' to all Peverelers who turned out in such large numbers to support our event. It was a fantastic, almost overwhelming turnout despite the awful weather. Grateful thanks to Skippers Ground Maintenance, Essex Grillaz, NW Consultancy, Universal Engine Power, Perspective Landscapes & Maintenance, Sea Transport Ltd, The Fox and Hounds Pub, Green Recycling and D Farrell Roofing, for all their kindness and generosity in sponsoring the fireworks. It was a great display.

The 2022 season was a great success. We thank sponsors above for their great support for our club along with others such as the Essex Community Foundation for their grant from Longfield Solar Farm Ltd and Southend Sports Charitable Fund, Softflow Plumbing, and Andy Barber.

In cricket news, the 1<sup>st</sup> XI cemented their 2021 success. Although narrowly failing to secure promotion back into the 2<sup>nd</sup> Division they won the Sporting Marks trophy for their division again this season and topped last season's success in the Sporting Marks by winning it outright for the whole league. Our ethos of playing the game in the right spirit is becoming embedded in the club's culture.

We were also successful in fielding a 2<sup>nd</sup> XI on Saturdays. Although only playing friendlies it showed we had the numbers, the will, and capacity to field two teams at a time. This has led to our 2<sup>nd</sup> XI being elected into the T Rippon League for 2023

Our Sunday side played their usual mix of Warsop League competitive cricket and friendlies with great success and enjoyment. We look forward to next season in anticipation. The fabulous T20 All Stars had a fantastic season fielding two sides for much of the season. Their usual friendly side and one in a competitive league with great success.

Our Women's XI enjoyed a successful season in women's hardball cricket with great wins and the odd narrow defeat. Many players showed how much progress they have made since last season when many took up the willow wand for the first time ever, leaping straight into hardball cricket with grit and a determination that could match the men. Our women's captain, Holly Cheek ultimately outperformed everyone in the club, including the men by taking the most wickets in the season, as well as being the only player to take 5 wickets and make a 50 in the same match. As I write, we are hopeful of getting our Women's XI into a competitive league for next season.

For the 2023 season, we are delighted to announce the creation of a Youth Development Team with the appointment of a new level 2 coach and coaching team looking to build a Colts and Young Players section.

There will be many events for Peverelers to enjoy with us in the 2023 season, including our Beer, Gin & Cricket Festival in July and Fireworks Night on 4 November next year. We have had to cancel our planned Santa's Grotto for the weekend of 17/18 December as Santa found he had overstretched his ability to be in multiple places at the same time and was taking a weekend off before his time hopping exploits on Christmas Eve. He has promised a special slot next year.

Play-Cricket.com (Hatfield Peverel CC), Facebook (Hatfield Peverel Cricket Club), Instagram (hatfieldpeverelcricketclub) Twitter (Hatpevcc)

**We look forward to seeing you all in 2023. Have a merry Christmas and a happy, peaceful and prosperous New Year.**

## Hi from the Bowls Club

We are playing full time indoors and have a busy programme, playing two friendly matches and one major Club competition a month.



The Club is open four days a week - more players would be welcome, new or old. Anyone who is interested come along and try what is involved. **Contact our secretary Jackie Spooner 380947 or Derek Wallis 381103.**



## What does Home-Start Essex do?



**Essex**

Home-Start Essex provides practical and emotional support for families with young children who might be experiencing a wide range of challenges including isolation, mental health issues, financial hardship, single parenthood, and domestic abuse. It always seeks to be supportive, non-judgmental, approachable, professional, collaborative, inclusive, family-led, and safe.

Between 01/04/21 and 31/03/2022, Home-Start Essex supported 710 families including 1367 children and continues to provide support both through home visiting and family groups .etc.

Home-Start Essex has problems with storing large numbers of presents if not received until Christmas Eve and so monetary [or voucher] donations towards helping Home-Start Essex deliver its vital support services are gratefully received. We realise that this could be less appealing for children, and gifts for the children in Home-Start families are always much appreciated. Please decide what is best for you.

**Home-Start Essex will appreciate any offering we are able to make.**

Envelopes for cash and vouchers and a collection box for all offerings at St Andrew's and All Saints will be available from Sunday 27 November.

**Everyone is welcome at St Andrew's 'Light of the World' service at 4.30 on Christmas Eve, Saturday 24th, when we can bring our offerings to the altar to be blessed.**



## Happenings for children

### Edward Bear

For children age 0-5. Open in the church hall every week 10-11.30am with a service in church every two weeks.  
£2 per family

The children made a card for Elise who was 103 this week and lives in a BUPA care home in the village. Here is Maisie with the beautiful card - Happy Birthday to you Elise.

### Tuesday Toddler Time

Every Tuesday **term time only** 9.30 -11.30am  
Hatfield Peverel village hall  
£4 per family includes refreshments  
A different craft each week, come along and meet new friends

No need to book  
Nicky Shelley 075906 18343



## Hadfelda (Hatfield Peverel Ladies Group)

What an interesting and entertaining afternoon we had in October. Our speaker was Tim Strange who runs his own butchers shop in Dunmow called 'Steeles' which we learnt is a family name (some of you might remember when we had a 'Steeles' butcher in the village many years ago) Tim demonstrated how to tie sausages and, as it's all done by eye, we are still not sure how he managed to get them all the same size! He then went on to very skilfully bone and stuff a neck of lamb and a chicken. Tim made this look so easy but it seems part of the secret is to have a very sharp knife. These items were generously donated as raffle prizes and some very happy members went home with an unexpected treat for their tea.



In November we were entertained by a ukulele band called 'Turning Heads'. They were great fun and played a wide variety of music and songs which soon had us clapping along, tapping our feet and joining in with the singing. The cups of tea, sausage rolls and mince pies went down well at half time.

This year will be different as we decided to hold an extra meeting on Wednesday 14 December. This will be a social afternoon when we involve members in a fun game guaranteed to have everyone in fits of laughter. To this end, everyone is asked to bring a small wrapped parcel (costing no more than £2) and to wear a Christmassy hat (which will be judged!)

Since leaving the WI in April and becoming an independent 'Ladies Group', Hadfelda has gone from strength to strength. We are a friendly club who meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 2pm in St. Andrew's Church Hall in Church Road and we are always happy to see visitors. Next year we have some exciting and fun events planned, so why not come along to a meeting? You'll be very welcome!

## A bit of local history

Ron Elliston

Agnes Waterhouse, a widow of Hatfield Peverel, was hanged at Chelmsford on 29 July 1566 with the distinction of being the first woman put to death for witchcraft in England under the new Witchcraft Act of 1563. Her trial is recorded in a publication entitled 'The Examination and confession of certaine wyches at Chensforde in the countie of Essex: before the Quenes Maiesties judges, the xxvi daye of July, anno 1566'

At her trial Agnes confessed (perhaps under duress) to having been a witch with a 'familiar' - a cat called Sathan that later turned into a toad. The cat was originally owned by Elizabeth Francis, believed to be her sister, and was credited with stealing sheep, killing several people and terminating pregnancy. Elizabeth claimed the cat willed her to kill her infant daughter and make her husband lame and she later gave the cat to Agnes, also instructing her in the ways of witchcraft. Agnes then had the cat kill one of her pigs to test its powers and after falling out with her neighbours had their cows and geese killed. She went to trial accused of using witchcraft to cause illness and death to one William Fynne, sorcery to kill livestock and bringing about the death of her husband. The testimonies of Agnes's eighteen-year-old daughter, Joan, and a twelve-year-old neighbour, helped to convict her and, under the 1563 Act, witches convicted of killing a person were hanged.

There's a moral to this story. Make sure you keep your sisters, your daughters and young neighbours onside and, more importantly, watch your back when the cat's around! If you'd like to know more about Agnes Waterhouse there's information on the web, including an article from the Essex Records Office ; [www.essexrecordofficeblog.co.uk/the-trial-of-agnes-waterhouse-witchcraft-in-essex-1566/](http://www.essexrecordofficeblog.co.uk/the-trial-of-agnes-waterhouse-witchcraft-in-essex-1566/)

## Bonfire night sparklers and bangers and Peverel wine of the year!

Peverel Wine Club – Vee Green, Secretary (01245 355723) [www.peverelwineclub.co.uk](http://www.peverelwineclub.co.uk) or  
email [peverelwineclub@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:peverelwineclub@hotmail.co.uk)

October saw the Club's Annual General Meeting, which passed without incident or query, members being delighted to learn the club's finances were still in a healthy state despite lower attendances at meetings since our emergence from lockdown. The formal business of the evening was followed by a tasting entitled Six of the Best: we were retasting 6 of the wines which had been voted the best of the evening at meetings during the previous year.

The tasting was led by Steve Spearman, with wines introduced by Vee, Jill, Chris, Steve and Henry, with hard-fought tactics and below-the-belt electioneering speeches, obviously modelled closely on recent national campaigns! After the elimination of less popular candidates, the contest came down to one white wine and one red. Once the final votes were counted, 19 Crimes Chardonnay was declared the winner and Peverel Wine of the Year (at least for the next 45 days!), with 132 points to the Masso Antico Primitivo's 131.\*



November's meeting, seasonally labelled Sparklers & Bangers, we celebrated with fireworks-inspired wine and food: sausages followed by blackberry and apple crumble or Yorkshire parkin! Paul Boreham treated us to a virtual bonfire and fireworks display, accompanied by plenty of oohs and aahs, and the overwhelming winner of the wines was the very-appropriately named Whizz Bang Shiraz from Australia's Barossa Valley.

We are now looking forward to our annual Christmas Party, a 4-course supper provided by members and committee, plus the great bonus of our old friend Ian Jordan's live music, a selection of seasonal songs and Sixties Specials to get us all into the festive spirit!

If you'd like to join us anytime for a light-hearted, inexpensive evening out, you would be very welcome. Please give Vee a ring beforehand on 07821 263931 however, to ensure there is enough food and drink for all. (We normally meet on the second Wednesday of each month but with some exceptions, including Christmas). Why not catch up with what's been happening at the Wine Club recently by viewing our website at [www.peverelwineclub.co.uk](http://www.peverelwineclub.co.uk)

*\*19 Crimes Chardonnay, SE Australia, widely available, often on offer (eg £9 to £6.75); Masso Antico Primitivo, Puglia, Italy, currently £8 in Asda, great value.*

### *Witham Choral*

#### *Christmas Concert*

*Saturday 3rd December - 6.30pm*

#### *Bob Chilcott's Christmas Oratorio*

*Main item on the programme*

*and there will be carols including  
the Harry Potter Carol.*

*Tickets £10.00*

*available from the Vicar*

*See posters*

### **A Celebration**

**of**

### **Christmas**

**Join the Hadfelda Singers  
for an evening of**

**Carols and Christmas Songs**

**Saturday 10 December - 7pm**

**St Andrew's Church Hall**

**All donations to Home Start Charity**

# Parishioners reflect on village life during two World Wars

Margaret Freeman, Heritage Warden



This year's period of Remembrance was explored through local history, heritage and storytelling. Parishioners gathered - in various settings - to learn about village life during WW1 (1914-1918) and WW2 (1939-1945). Institutions, groups and representatives worked in unison to host a series of Remembrance events.

To mark this poignant time on the calendar, a generous programme was delivered by: St Andrew's Church, Parish Council, Library, Royal British Legion, Scouts & Guides and poppy collectors (to mention but a few). Of course, parishioners played an integral role. A testament to Hatfield Peverel's shining collaborative spirit!

Preparation for this year's Remembrance began on 14 September. Crochet and knitting enthusiasts gathered at the Library for an industrious morning knitting red poppies. Maria - one of Hatfield Peverel's talented librarians - built a striking 3D replica display of the Trinity Memorial Gateway. Once the red poppies were knitted and sewn up, they were used to decorate the Library's duplicate gateway.

Visitors were awe-inspired by this visual tribute to those who served King and Country. The replica gateway prompted a moment to pause for thought, lest we forget. A chance to reflect on those who served, made sacrifices or died during WW1 and WW2. An opportunity was also afforded to think about other wars such as The Falklands or Afghanistan.

On 22 October parishioners returned to the Library for a talk about the actual 'Trinity Memorial Gateway'. The Parish Council's Heritage Warden explained the significance of the red-brick built gateway on the Recreation Ground. The structure was indeed gifted to the parish in 1949 by Trinity County School, Wood Green, North London.

The Trinity pupils were evacuated to Hatfield Peverel for most of WW2. The secondary school scholars lived in billets scattered across the parish and in neighbouring villages. A temporary school was erected at The Priory where the Trinity evacuees had formal lessons. PE classes were held on the Recreation Ground. The Trinity Memorial Gateway was constructed to represent a heart-warming tale of friendship, learning and play between the children of Wood Green and Hatfield Peverel. A story about children who formed a precious bond in an era fraught by the Second World War.

On 29 October the service to mark the beginning of the period of Remembrance took place at the Village Hall. Representatives of the Royal British Legion, Parish Council and Scouts and Guides assembled at the 'Tommy' soldier. Commemorative wreaths were laid by the Parish Council along with the Scouts and Guides. Readings from War Horse and In Flanders Fields underlined the harsh reality of war. Mattias Archer's playing of The Last Post and Reveille was simply superlative. As an aside, the wreath laid by the Scouts and Guides was hand-made by the Cubs. Jolly well done!

On 9 November Every Members Club (EMC) was treated to a talk about 'Hatfield Peverel's Heroes of the Great War (1914-1918)'. The Heritage Warden spoke about five brave soldiers from the parish who took part in the military campaigns of WW1 (1914-1918). The five men explored in the talk were a handful of those called up from Hatfield Peverel and Nounsley: Henry Hamilton Gepp (1875-1945); Henry 'Harry' Gozzett Lucking (1892-1974); Ralph Spooner (1890-1919); Alfred John Steele (1891-1935) - (*see photo*); and Herman de Zoete (1877-1957).





On 13 November the Service of Dedication and Remembrance at St Andrew's Church took place. It was an emotional, contemplative and well attended gathering. Parishioners united in their combined gratitude for those who gave of themselves, so we can have our today.

A nod of gratitude to Peter Archer, Alan Mabbutt and Kevin Gallifant for co-ordinating Hatfield Peverel's period of Remembrance. A sincere thank you to everyone who joined forces to commemorate this special time of year. A remarkable effort to keep alive the memory of the past sacrifices, lest we forget. As the American philosopher George Santayana (1863-1952) once wrote: 'Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it'.

## **An evacuee shares her memories**

### **A lovely friend of Every Members Club Pat House remembers...**

**I**n October this year I attended, with several other enthusiastic Every Members Club villagers, a talk given by Margaret Freeman on Evacuees billeted to Hatfield Peverel during the Second World War. To me the information and details were significant for they represented history vaguely similar to mine. I knew about the Gable Gate but the little personal details were excellent.. Also I could relate to evacuation and was sent away three times during the conflict. First with the school I attended in North West London and that was to Reading - the family I was billeted to was kind and I do remember my small bedroom at the top of the house, the bed so soft and the sheets so very crisp and white. I was twelve at the time.

My family in London - Grandmother, guardian and aunt decided very soon after my sojourn in Reading that I would be better off in Essex with a friend of my aunt's so I now found myself in North Burnham with a carer plus her young niece in a cottage. The back garden ran down to the creek. I attended a school in Burnham, walking there and back on my own - the niece was to young to go to school.. We had Christmas in our cottage but soon afterwards our carer was recalled to look after her sick mother. I returned to London and Gran and stayed put. It was the time of quiet - the phoney war - so Gran thought I was safe.

The Blitz started and during this quiet time Gran was arranging for me to sail to India to join my parents and younger brother. The passage was booked, I was packed and a suitable travelling companion was arranged. It was of no avail; a ship

carrying children had been sunk in the Atlantic and the powers said no more children to be sent abroad.

The blitz became severe and Dad in India arranged for his sister and husband to take me into their home in Warminster, Wiltshire. They welcomed me and Gran and there I stayed until my fourteenth birthday, the leaving time to go in those days.

I didn't want to go back to London but Gran had arranged for me to go to Pitmans College so that ended my third and last evacuation.

Margaret's talk was very significant to me, here I was in Essex again, happily living with my husband for forty years. The last ten years I have been on my own but I am not lonely. I have friends a'plenty and family too not far away. Particularly the friends are members of the Every Members Club, an institution going on for nearly twelve years. It's the best, where you can meet and make -friends and ward off any thoughts of being alone. I highly recommend it.

## **Christmas cheer at Cardfields**

**A** warm welcome from our friends at Cardfields to start the festive season with a celebratory Christmas lunch. There are 19 places to fill.

**Date Friday 9 December,**  
arrival 12.30 for 1pm lunch.

Please book your place  
before 3 December - phone  
01245 380371, or email -  
[www.cardfields.co.uk](http://www.cardfields.co.uk)

Any questions ring Elaine  
on number above. See you soon.



## **Hatfield Peverel Parish Council**

### **Committees and advisory groups**

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

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## **Maldon Film Club – into 2023**

**The Club meets at Maldon Town Hall, doors open at 7.30pm and all films commence at 8pm sharp.**

The 18th season continues until 24 May 2023 with films shown fortnightly on Tuesdays in 2022 and Wednesdays in 2023..

Enjoy an excellent film before Christmas - the last of 2022. The Oscar winning Another Round, is to be screened on 13 December at Maldon Town, is described as a fun, touching and thought-provoking drama about friendship, freedom and alcohol.

The film tells the story of Martin, Tommy and Peter who are a close knit group of friends, colleagues and high school teachers facing stale careers, failing marriages and the cruel certainty of lost youth. They are inspired by a theory that people are more relaxed, poised and self confident when they maintain a consistent 0.05% blood alcohol concentration. T

The friends set rules and together start observing the effects of the intoxicating social experiment. Not to be missed

After a short break The Club returns in 2023 when the first two films to be screened are Rams, on Wednesday 4 January followed by the award winning La Belle Epoque on Wednesday 18 January.

This season's programme continues to be screened from February onwards are

1 February	Nomadland
15 February	Minardinari
1 March	Promising Young Woman

The price of an annual subscription is just £25 and new members will be made very welcome.

For further details and an application form please check out the web site [www.maldonfilmclub.uk](http://www.maldonfilmclub.uk) , visit Maldon Visitor Information Centre (1100 – 1600 Tuesday to Saturday) or send a text message to me, John Salisbury, on 07905 971608..

**On behalf of everyone associated with Maldon Film Club, may I take this opportunity to send you all my best wishes for the festive season and for the year ahead.**

## Useful telephone numbers

Please contact the editors for additions/errors.

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

**Braintree District Council** 01376 552525

Clean Team ring number above and ask for

Customer Services

Witham Area Office in Witham Library

- for walk-in enquiries only

**The Change Project** 01245 258680

Personnel well-being through 08453 727701

positive change

### Churches

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

Methodist Church, minister 01621 853423

Catholic Church, Witham, priest 01376 512219

All Saints Church, Ulting 01245 380627

**Citizens Advice Bureau** Witham 0344 4994719

Monday to Friday 10am - 4pm

**Community Agent** for Hatfield Peverel

Jan Hawkins - 07540 720605, 01376 574330

### Doctors, health services

Hatfield Peverel doctors' surgery 01245 380324

NHS - non-emergency helpline 111

**Boots Pharmacy** 01245 380130

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

Electricity - emergency 0800 7838838

**Essex County Council** 03457 430430

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

**Gas - emergency** 0800 111999

**Harlequin Children's Centre** 0300 2470014

Free support and services for children under 5

### Hospitals

Broomfield (A&E) 01245 362000

St Peters, Maldon 01621 725323

**Libraries (enquiry line)** 0345 6037628

Hatfield Peverel opening hours

Tuesday 2pm - 7pm

Wednesday 9am - 1pm

Saturday 9am - 5pm

Witham - use enquiry line above

**Police** Non-emergency calls 101

Use 101 also for the local officer

Emergency calls 999

Police Stations, Braintree, Chelmsford

Opening hours, Monday - Saturday, 12.00 to 6pm

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

Open 7am - 10pm 01245 382606

**Greater Anglia rail** 03456 007245

National Rail Enquiries (24 hrs) 03457 484950

Hatfield Peverel ticket office/waiting room

Open 6.15am to 1.00pm, Monday to Saturday.

**Registrar of Births, Marriages & Deaths**

Witham, by appointment only 03456 037632

Braintree, by appointment only 03456 037632

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

### Schools

St Andrew's Junior School 01245 380131

Hatfield Peverel Infant and Nursery School

01245 382450

**Village Hall** 01245 381481

### Childminders

**Kate Bryant** 07796 851403

**Joanne Logan** 07989 131249

**Social Services** 0345 6037630

Co-op Post Office counter times			
	Morning	Afternoon	Last Royal Mail collection times
Monday	9.30 - 12.30	13.30 - 18.00	16.45
Tuesday	10.00 - 14.00		13.50
Wednesday	10.00 - 14.00		13.50
Thursday	10.00 - 14.00		13.50
Friday	9.30 - 12.30	13.30 - 17.00	16.45
Saturday	10.00 - 12.30		12.00
Sunday	Closed		

Royal Mail's information about last collecting times from our local post boxes can be found at:

<https://www.royalmail.com/services-near-you/#/>

If you can't use the internet, ask a neighbour or friend who can to help.



