

# *Hatfield Peverel*

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# Local events and happenings round and about

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*Front cover - Nounsley ford, swollen by heavy rains at the end of April. Photo by Andy Simmonds*

## Whatever the weather....

*'There is really no such thing as bad weather, only different kinds of good weather'* Lord Avebury got it right when he made this remark. Some of us like it hot, some cold. Some like to wrap up and go for a bracing walk in the rain, others prefer a book by the radiator, or perhaps a kindle in the bath! I shall just say it has been changeable, and mostly not for the better. But for those who have celebrated the Queen's Diamond Jubilee come rain and shine, it has been the 'being there' that has given them pleasure - to be able to tell their children 'I was there, albeit it rather wet'. We do pageantry well in this country and the organisation and commitment by those who have planned and plotted, in spite of everything, has brought delight to many. Roll on the Olympics!

**Congratulations** to Suzanne Evans, our local coach tour operator who lives in Nounsley, for being nominated as a finalist in the National Coach Tourism Awards, to the Weight Loss Challengers who shed 15.2 kilos - 254lbs (page 7), and to Jo Jarvis who took tea with the Queen in May (page 9).

### Lost and found

On our litter picking days you would be amazed at the selection of goodies we find, either on the ground, in the hedges, along the roadside - or in the bins. We are collecting rubbish not looking for items people have dropped or thrown away by mistake or for a prank. But sometimes the items are too good to go in with the litter so what do we do? If the item has been discarded, we hang it on a fence or nearby tree in the hopes that someone will claim it. If it's still there next time round we take it home, wash it and take to a charity shop. We have on occasions returned purses and mobiles to their rightful owners, and if children's clothing is marked we take items to the schools where they're passed on to their owners. We are thinking of starting up a home for single gloves - especially the black ones!

If you have lost something or your children have come home without items of clothing, do let us know. Nothing comes cheap and to replace jackets, waterproofs, jumpers can be expensive.

Give me a ring on 01245 381235 if you have lost/found anything and we will see if we can find out what belongs to whom. Ed.

## Station Road bridge repairs - date provisional don't get too excited!

Over the last few years the bridge surface has deteriorated significantly and following considerable pressure from the Parish Council and our local MP, the Highways Agency and Essex County Council are proposing a major work programme to rectify the problem.

This work is anticipated to start in July and last some weeks. There will be significant disruption to traffic in Station Road due to single lane travel over the bridge, controlled by traffic lights, and some closures at night of the A12 resulting in traffic increases through the village. Detailed information will be made available to residents in the area when the programme dates are finalised.

## Beating the Bounds

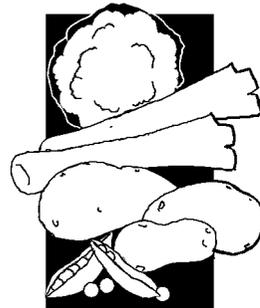
The boundary walk on Spring Bank Holiday Monday, 7th May, was cancelled due to a combination weather, ground conditions and ankle injury of the organiser. It may well go ahead on Saturday 16th June but because of the ankle injury this is uncertain at the time of writing. Also, the continued abysmal June weather may be a factor in considering whether or not to abandon the idea altogether for this year.

For those who were thinking that there was no way that they could manage nine miles, there are opt out or in points along the way. The route crosses Terling Hall Road at Terling Hall farm - that's after about 4½ miles, or Terling Road before Whitelands - about 6 miles. Please contact Ken Earney on 01245 381235 for the latest information.

## Good year for watercress

Allotment Association - David Goodey (01245 380389)

March was wonderful and we all got ahead with our digging and preparation. Then April and the first part of May brought forth the deluge. The allotments were unworkable. I wouldn't have been surprised to see water buffalo ploughing the plots and workers bent double planting their rice crops. People were sinking half way up their wellies and the earth was like a china clay pug. However, May produced some useful periods of drier weather and thoughts of good watercress crops were thwarted. With the best allotment competition timed for the end of June serious work has commenced and the plots are suddenly coming to life. Strawberries are well ahead and potatoes, this year not disrupted by heavy frost, will be available at the beginning of June onwards.



With the help of PCSO Nikki Doubleday we had our etchy-scratchy session with the police etching service engraving our equipment with post codes so that if further thefts occur the police will be able to trace the owners if items turn up at scrap yards, boot sales or someone else's shed! Many thanks to Nikki and PC Simon Hull for arranging this event. There may be a second session later this year which may be extended to the village as a whole.

Presently we have two plots available for letting on the new site next to the cricket pitch (call Paul Waite 01245 380429) and a half plot on the old site next to the church (call John Cockell 01245 381646).

## Exciting events for the coming months

Horticultural Society

Sarah Barker, Publicity Office

A successful May morning - and better weather - for stocking up on bedding and unusual plants at the annual plant sale and coffee morning held at Oaklands, Nounsley Road. Visitors enjoyed the usual wonderful refreshments and the morning realised over £600.

### Afternoon garden walk, Sunday 17th June

Orchard Cottage, 219 Hockley Road, Rayleigh, is a multi-award winning garden which is to be featured in BBC Gardeners' World this year. It is a mass of colour from May to October and well worth a visit. **For information/directions contact Clive on the number at the end of this article.**

### The gardens of Tudor lodge welcome you

Once again, by popular request, we will be holding a **garden event at Tudor Lodge, The Street, on Sunday 15th July**. Lunch and afternoon tea will be provided and there will be the usual games, name that plant trail and croquet.

Tickets, on sale from 1st June, cost £7.50 and must be purchased in advance from Clive.

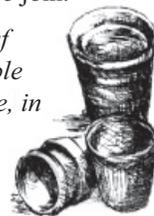
### RHS garden, Wisley, Sunday 12th August

It is five years since we last visited the 240 acres of magical flower beds, orchards with over 1000 varieties of soft, bush, cane or top fruit, lakes, streams and bog gardens at Wisley and there have been many changes since then, notably a new glasshouse and surrounding gardens. There is so much to see and do - and a large cafeteria and restaurant - this is sure to be a popular trip so book early to avoid disappointment. Once again, contact Clive to reserve your place on the coach.

New members to the society are always welcome - membership is just £2 a year (£1 a year for senior citizens). Please contact Trina Butcher (01245 380532) if you would like to join.

*I think that a mature tree in full leaf in high summer is a most remarkable thing. Except perhaps for - a moose, in spats, singing 'Embraceable you'.*

Thanks to Woody Allen and the society's year book!



## The footpath from Baker Avenue to New Road

Ken Earney, Parish Paths Partnership (P3) rep for Hatfield Peverel

Many will know that during the course of the development by Greenfields Community Housing of the garage area between Baker Avenue and New Road, the footway leading from Baker Avenue into the garage area has been closed off. This way has been in existence and used ever since the houses in Baker Avenue were built in the early '60s. The approved plan provides for its retention and it will be reopened once the development is complete. However, to give the path a higher degree of protection from any possible future moves to close it the Parish Council wants to make an application to Essex County Council to have it added to the village's public footpath network on the county Definitive Map. The other path which runs through the site, along from the rec' then turning right up to New Road is already on the Definitive Map, so has that protection (the bold dashed line in the sketch below).

We need to gather evidence of its use as a public footpath over the twenty year period preceding its closure in late March, and we are seeking responses from anyone who has used the path regularly for any significant length of time within that period in the belief that it was a public right of way, ie, as of right, with no-one ever attempting to prevent them from doing so. A small working group has been formed consisting of parish councillors Alan Ingram and Bernie Heard, and Ken Earney, Parish Paths Partnership rep for the village, to put together the application and assist people willing to provide the evidence with the form that needs to be completed.

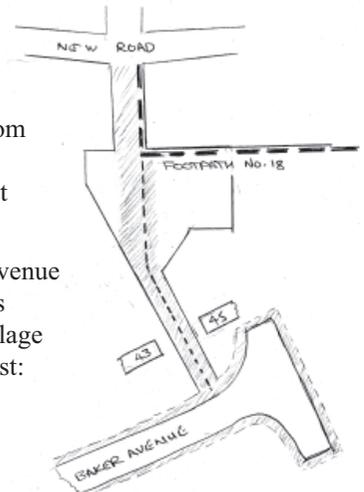
The form asks questions about the time over which you have used the path; the purpose of your journey, eg, to get to and from the bus or train or the shops, journeys to and from school, and so on; how often and when you used the path; did you ever have anyone ever trying to prevent you from using it. It would be helpful if you would be prepared to attend any public inquiry that might be called to examine the evidence that we provide – that way your evidence would carry more weight.

The working group members will be calling on the residents of Baker Avenue and those nearby in Church Road, but we need to spread the net as wide as possible, and indeed to contact people who have moved away from the village who were users when residents here. You can contact any one of us to assist:

**Alan Ingram on 01245 381880, [alaningram@btconnect.com](mailto:alaningram@btconnect.com)**

**Bernie Heard on 01245 380370, [bernieheard@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:bernieheard@yahoo.co.uk)**

**Ken Earney on 01245 381235, [kenearney@hotmail.com](mailto:kenearney@hotmail.com)**



## Tea party for Marie Curie Cancer Care

It will be holding a tea party for Marie Curie Cancer Care at 35 New Road on **Wednesday 11th July from 2 to 4pm**. Cakes, raffle prizes and bring and buy stall. Hoping to beat last year which was a great success.

For further information contact **Wendy Doe on 01245 381276**

## It's showtime!

**An old-tyme vintage rally fun day for the whole family**

**Sunday 12th August 10am - 5pm**

Barons Lane, Purleigh (10 miles east of Chelmsford)

**Entry £5 adults, accompanied under 16s free**

**Contact Tony Turner 01621 852336**

**In aid of Little Havens Children's Hospice**

## Parish Council News

Lisa Miller, Clerk to the Parish Council  
36 Rossendale, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 2UA Tel 01245 344439  
clerk.hatfieldpeverelpc@blueyonder.co.uk

**Please call the above number to make an appointment with the Clerk at the Parish Office**



The Parish Council has a new Chairman. Cllr David Broddle took over from Cllr Graham Bushy who wished to stand down after two years as Chairman but remains on the council. The Parish Council would like to thank both Graham Bushby and David Adams who resigned as a council member for their commitment and hard work over the years as Chairman and Vice Chairman. The members of the Parish Council are as follows: Chairman David Broddle; Vice Chairman Bernard Heard; councillors Graham Bushby, Peter Endersby, Collin Giffen, Elise Gwyn-Williams, John Hannah, Alan Ingram, Ted Munt, Eugene Murphy, Alan Steele and Diane Wallace

There remains one vacancy on the council and should any member of the public be interested, please contact the Clerk on the details at the top of this article.

### Planning

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

#### **The following applications have recently been made**

Erection of single storey rear extension at Vinehurst, The Street. No comment other than the dates on the application form referring to related proposals are incorrect; proposed new entrance gates to front and rear at Rainbirds, Paper Mill Bridge. No comment to be made. Erection of two storey side extension with alteration to existing roof at 4 Yew Tree Close. No comment to be made. Erection of a two storey side extension to existing two storey semi-detached dwelling and erection of single storey front porch/bay extension at 29 New Road. No comment to be made. Amended proposal for approved planning application ref: 11/01020/FUL for five dwellings and associated car parking at land at Prospect Close. No comment to be made.

#### **The following applications have been approved by the District Council**

Erection of kitchen extension at Lower Farm Road, Hatfield Peverel; proposal to extend front and rear dormer windows, remove existing first floor left hand side window, brick up to match existing brickwork, replace with new windows to front and rear to match existing at 6 Priory Farm Road; erection of single storey bathroom extension at Darrowood, The Vineyards; erection of detached garage at 4 Ingelrica Avenue; erection of single storey extension and alterations to existing detached dwelling at 3 Woodham Drive; erection of two storey side extension and single storey rear extension, alterations and refurbishment together with a replacement garage and associated landscaping works at Brecklands, Station Road; erection of replacement conservatory at 13 Garden Field.

#### **The following application has been refused by the District Council**

Application for a non-material amendment to approved application 11/01453/FUL (change from facing brickwork to decorated render) - erection of front/side first floor extension above existing garage and new pitched roof to replace existing lean-to roof at 1 Station Cottages, Station Road.

#### **Hadfelda car park**

After consulting with an arboriculturalist, Braintree District Council was advised that the horse chestnut tree in the car park had to be removed. The planter around the tree was broken and the roots were sitting 18" proud of the tarmac. If the roots were cut back, it could destabilise the tree and thus present a risk of serious damage to users of the car park as well as to neighbouring properties.

## Road closures

Essex Highways has notified us that Link Road and Ulting Road will be closed at some time from 4th June 2012 to allow highway maintenance. Further information will be given when dates are confirmed.

Maldon Road will be closed in one direction on Friday 6th July during the Olympic Torch Relay. The traffic will be diverted down Church Road and out onto The Street by the Blue Strawberry where traffic management will be present to assist.

## Update on parking restrictions

The Parish Council is proposing to implement parking restrictions in part of Arthy Close and parts of Stonepath Drive. This proposal has been sent to the Parking Partnership for approval and the council will inform all residents of the details of these restrictions once approval has been given.

## Mobile Library Service

From the 4th July 2012, the Mobile Library will visit Manor Road Nounsley fortnightly on a Wednesday arriving 11.25am and leaving at 11.40am.

**Parish Council meetings - Monday 2nd July, Monday 6th August, 7.30pm village hall**

## Huge congratulations to the biggest losers!

### Hatfield Peverel Weightloss Challenge - coach Val Deal

**O**ur twelve week challenge has reached an end and was a massive success! Sixteen people lost a total of 254lbs between them (18 stone 2lbs, or 15.2 kilos in the 21st century) during the challenge. Prize money of £150 went to winner Julia Foster who lost an impressive 15.1% of her body weight. £100 for second place went to Rev Stephen Northfield with 11.3% of body weight and Julia's daughter Tessa Foster, who lost 10.7% came in third with a £50 prize. The inch loss prize went to Kerry Harvey, who lost an amazing 19 inches - 12.5 inches from her waist! Winner Julia said 'I had tried so many different diets, but this just made sense and was so easy. Twelve weeks meant I knew there was a finish line, and I am thrilled to have won, but we are all winners really'. Coach Val Deal says 'When we give people the facts about food and nutrition it makes it easier to make the right choices and make lasting changes.'



**If anybody would like to join in the next Challenge, call coach Val Deal on 01245 382230 or Kevin Creasey on 07948 805131**

*Utility is when you have one telephone, luxury is when you have two, and paradise is when you have none.*  
Doug Larson

## From Old Smokey to Old Glory!

Peverel Wine Club – Vee Green, Secretary (01245 355723)



Our last three meetings have covered a variety of topics and locations! In March we listened to Graham Bushby introducing a selection of wines from around Backnang, Chelmsford's twin town, accompanied by an excellent Powerpoint presentation of the local area. The quality of the wines and lovely scenery inspired Graham and Peter Endersby to investigate the possibility of a Club trip to Germany. The dynamic duo have come up with an excellent itinerary for a Rhine Valley tour by coach in September - highlights include wine festivals and tastings in the Rheingau and Mosel, plus the opportunity to explore cities such as Cologne and Bonn. There may be places available: if interested please phone Graham (380472) or Peter (381919).

In April Chris and Vee Green talked about Cape Grapes, and how to ensure you pick a good South African wine by remembering a few basic rules. Thanks to some excellent discounts from Majestic, we tasted wines outside our normal price range.

In May, thirty three of us enjoyed an early celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in the Prince's Restaurant at Chelmsford College, with a specially-themed menu including jubilee chicken or smoked salmon, roast beef or chicken supreme Elizabeth, queen of puddings or strawberry tarts, all beautifully served by the College students.

We are looking forward to a summer of expeditions out and about in Essex. On **Wednesday 13th June** a trip to the Museum of Power at Langford features a fascinating collection of machinery housed in the former water pumping station. For the less technically-minded, the grounds beside the River Blackwater are very pretty, with wild flowers and birds including kingfishers and woodpeckers. Bring your own picnic and wine (we'll provide glasses), and member Bernard Prayell will take us round the museum from 8pm. Tea and coffee is available, and picnics can be eaten in or out of doors.

On **Wednesday 11th July** we are holding our own Independence Day celebration in a club member's garden, with everyone bringing contributions towards an American supper plus their own wines, preferably Californian! Attendees are invited to dress American, or in red, white and blue. There will be appropriately-themed activities! Looking ahead we hope to enjoy the now-traditional walking Treasure Hunt around a nearby village on the evening of **Wednesday 8th August**, followed by the equally-traditional pub supper!

**You are very welcome to join us. Please give Vee a ring on 01245 355723.**

## Hatfield Peverel Walkers

For the first time our walk in April was cancelled due to the water logged ground. The May walk was a beautiful day and luckily we were able to catch the bluebells in the wood beyond Toppinghoe Hall.

We continue to meet on the fourth Thursday every month at 10am in the village hall car park, our next walks are on 28th June and 26th July.

Anyone interested in joining us please call Sandra Bushby on 01245 380472 or email [sandraebushby@btinternet.com](mailto:sandraebushby@btinternet.com)

## Badminton players wanted

Do you fancy a game of badminton? Hatfield Peverel Badminton Club meets every Monday from 7pm in the village hall and is looking for new members.

Whether you want to improve your game or haven't picked up a racquet in years, come along and give us a go, we're a friendly bunch and all abilities are welcome.

For information contact Keith Jones on 381123 or Tanya Pearey 01376 570754.

## **An invitation from the Queen**

**Royal Garden Party 22nd May 2012 - Jo Jarvis tells us about the day she took tea with the Queen**

**I**t started with a letter in December informing me I had been nominated to attend a Royal Garden party at Buckingham Palace on 22nd May 2012 - the nomination was for Services to the Community\*. I accepted the invitation from the Queen, and was able to take someone with me who was over 18, and I asked my mother.

In April I received the Official invitation from the Lord Chamberlain at Buckingham Palace - May seemed a long time away but suddenly it was here. The day dawned cloudy but by 10am the sun was out and warm. We got the 12.33 train to Liverpool Street and after a quick bite to eat headed to the taxi rank, only to find the first taxi was a limousine - what a treat. When we arrived at the Mall it was closed because of preparations for the Diamond Jubilee celebrations but the taxi was given permission to go through and we were dropped outside the main gates.

We queued to be allowed in and at 2 o'clock the gates opened, we showed our invitation and passports and walked across the main forecourt and under the arch into the quadrangle where the royal coaches go, and entered the doors The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge went through on their wedding day. We walked through two state rooms with wonderful gold ceilings, red carpets at least 4 inches thick, and paintings on the walls. This led us onto the patio and gardens - what a sight, a tea tent at least 100 metres long, the royal tea tent with its golden chairs and the diplomats' tent to the side. Iced water or iced lemonade was served - by now the temperature was at least 26°C.

We had time to walk around the gardens, the azaleas in so many colours, the smell of lilac, ducks on the lake, and at 3 o'clock we lined up on the lawn and The Queen and Duke of Edinburgh arrived at the top of the steps, followed by Princess Royal, Prince Andrew, Duke of Kent, Princess Alexandra, Prince and Princess Michael of Kent, Duke and Duchess of Gloucester. We stood and sang The National Anthem and everyone clapped as the Queen walked down onto the lawn and was introduced to members of the public - I didn't speak to her but was only six feet away. We also got close to The Duke of Edinburgh.

Tea was cucumber and mint finger sandwiches, ham and tomato sandwiches, tiny fruit tarts, éclairs and small chocolate mousses with tiny gold crowns on top. To drink - tea, iced coffee or fruit juices, and later ice creams. Afterwards we headed towards the Royal tent to watch the Queen depart at 5.40pm. As she left she turned towards us and waved - she seemed to be looking straight at us.

The whole afternoon went so quickly and I felt honoured to be able to attend such a wonderful occasion, in such a wonderful Royal year it makes you proud to be British.

\* Jo is a Learning Support Assistant at Sandon School and was nominated for Services to the Community. This has included some thirty years involvement in the Scouting movement in Hatfield Peverel - she became a Brownie in Terling at the age of seven and was a Queen's Guide at seventeen - as Cub Leader, Assistant Scout and Scout Leader and Group Scout Leader. Jo now runs 1st Hatfield Peverel Cubs. Many may not be aware that leaders of all youth orientated organisations - including Scouts and Guides - are on the job (voluntarily) up to fifty two weeks a year. Jo has also for many years run swimming classes in Terling pool two days a week, from teaching children to swim to getting their life saving awards. She has helped at the local Infant School in Hatfield Peverel and organised cycling proficiency for the children.

Congratulations Jo, you love what you do and you do a marvelous job!



## It's a dog's day...

The second Essex Dog Day is on Bank Holiday Sunday 26th August in the beautiful grounds of Crix, London Road, Hatfield Peverel. Supported by Tolhurst Fisher LLP solicitors and Spring Lodge Veterinary Group, **all proceeds are going to PARC, the charity which provides vital support to children with special needs at the only purpose-built centre in Essex.**

This fantastic dog event is a great day out for the family, especially their pooches. Celebrity Crufts commentator Peter Purves will keep you abreast of the action including displays by the Essex Dog Display Team, gun and fun dog scurries, sheepdog and husky demonstrations, a security dog display and falconry. This year we have more competitions than ever to enter your dog in - including the new four Scruffts Crossbreed classes - • most handsome dog, • prettiest bitch, • children's best Friend, • golden oldie.

There are 13 classes in the Companion Show including - • best puppy (6-12 months), • best pedigree dog, • best rescue dog, • best 6 legs, • best mismatched pair, • best adult handler, • waggiest tail, • best mover and handler, • top dog grand finale and prizes, and the Obedience Dog Show for those who have taken their training to a higher level.

There are plenty of family activities in our children's entertainment area, lots of delicious food in two food courts and the farmer's market. There will be over twenty dedicated Breed Advisers to answer canine queries and a wide range of gifts and accessories in the trade stands and new this year the craft marquee. What better way to spend your Bank Holiday! Details: [www.essexdogday.com](http://www.essexdogday.com); email: [info@essexdogday.com](mailto:info@essexdogday.com); tel 01376 528777 Monday to Friday, 9am to 4pm only

## Big walk, Little splash

Hadfelda WI - Marel Elliston

At our April meeting Angela Lodge gave us an insight into the work done by the Helen Rollason Cancer Charity. As most people probably know, they have moved into the Old Bank building in The Street, now known as Yvonne Stewart House. Angela showed us a film and described the support work undertaken by the charity. She was accompanied by Rosemary, who had been given a lot of help by the charity and is now a fund raiser, and Lindsey Glasman, who is a local fund raiser.

Hadfelda is taking part in a WI challenge called 'Big walk Little splash' where members are encouraged to walk and swim a certain distance, although not all in one go! On Friday 5th April Catherine organised a walk from Terling village hall which counts towards our total.

Unfortunately our May speaker was unable to attend and we are very grateful to Sue Pitt who stepped in to help out. She showed us some of the beautiful dolls she makes and told us about this fascinating craft and how she became interested.



The coffee morning in April was a great success and we were able to give the church £50 towards replacing the Hadfelda tree which was blown over in the January storms.

Don't forget we are having our Jubilee celebration on 27th June. Remember to wear your 'posh frocks' and bring a home made crown. Please also remember to bring your own plates and cutlery.

We are a very friendly group and always happy to welcome new members, why not give us a try?

**St Andrews is holding a**

**Messy Olympics**

**Crouchmans, Ulting Road**

**Tuesday 24th July**

**10.30am - 1.30pm**

**Fun and games for everyone**

**Please ring Anna 380359 or Mary 380566 if you would like to come or find out more details**

## At home in the village

Our charity office address is  
**Yvonne Stewart House,**  
**The Street, Hatfield Peverel,**  
**Chelmsford, Essex CM3 2EH**  
Our new telephone number is  
**08456 80 20 47** - calls at local rate  
**Heather Baldwin, Marketing and**  
**PR Manager, Helen Rollason**  
**Cancer Charity, tel: 08456 80 20**  
**47, email: heatherbaldwin@**  
**helenrollason.org.uk**



*In the photo, fund-raisers thank the volunteers at Yvonne Stewart House*

## Fund-raisers in Hatfield Peverel

**O**ur fund-raisers have now moved into the first-floor offices at Yvonne Stewart House which is the first step in our plans to open a new cancer support centre in the village. Thank you to everyone who has worked so tirelessly to help us get here at the start of April. Head of Fund-raising, Angela Lodge, is delighted with the new offices: 'The Fund-raising Team is very busy and it's great to finally have the space we need to plan our big events, like this summer's Vintage Fayre.'

Angela and her colleague Rosemary Jensen have had a very warm welcome from people in the village: they were invited to give a talk on the charity at the April meeting of the Hatfield WI. Several local businesses have also taken tins to collect spare change for us. The local estate agents, Paul Mason Associates, are also talking to us about how they can support Helen Rollason Cancer Charity over the coming months.

We are also very grateful to our Hatfield Peverel Fund-raising Group, led by Lindsey Glasman, which has now raised over £1,350.

### Vintage Fayre, Sunday 17th June

The Fayre is at Cressing Temple Barns, near Braintree. It promises to be a great day out with attractions including live music, vintage bicycles and Harley-Davidsons plus donkey rides and face painting for the children. Visitors can also browse through a vast array of stalls in the barns selling all things vintage - from clothes and jewellery to household and garden objects - plus plenty of tasty food and drink.

**For more information, please visit our website: [www.helenrollason.org.uk](http://www.helenrollason.org.uk)**

### Film night, Tuesday 3rd July

The fund-raising group's next event is a film night at Hatfield Peverel village hall showing 'The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel' (rated 12A). Tickets for this popular British comedy-drama starring Bill Nighy, Maggie Smith and Judi Dench are only £5 (paid for in advance or reserved and picked up on the night).

Doors open at 7pm, the film starts at 7.30pm. Drinks can be bought at the bar before the film and during the interval when tea and coffee will be available. Lindsey is organising snack boxes of savoury and sweet nibbles at £5 each which need to be reserved in advance and there will be a raffle. Please contact Lindsey to reserve your tickets and snack boxes: 01245 380682 - [lindsey.glasman@hotmail.com](mailto:lindsey.glasman@hotmail.com)

## Handing over the reins...

Hatfield Peverel Football Club

Chairman, Gareth Howard 07778 408051/gareth.howard@tiscali.co.uk

Website: [www.pitchero.com/clubs/hatfieldpeverelfc](http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/hatfieldpeverelfc)



This will be my last update as HPFC Chairman, as I will be formally standing down after eight years at the helm at the end of the season. Whilst I have enjoyed my time in charge immensely, I feel that now is the right time for me to 'hand over the reins' – I am confident that the new incumbents who take over the running of the club will continue to build on the success we have enjoyed in recent years.

Since I took over the chairmanship of the club in 2004, we have attained 'Charter Standard' status, and this summer we will formally move all of our operations to Wickham Bishops Road. The amount of work undertaken to achieve this, by a small but enthusiastic bunch of volunteers, should not be underestimated, and I would like to thank you all for your support - you know who you are!

On the playing side our new facilities will enable us to expand our operations meaning that in 2012/13 we will have a full contingent of mini and junior teams (eleven in all from U5s to U16s), we will also have two senior men's teams (plus two teams from Hatfield Swan Inn). We have an ambitious 5-year Football Development Plan endorsed by Essex County FA, in which we will seek to expand footballing opportunities to minority groups including female only teams, and disability teams.

I will still be around and about watching how the teams progress, but for now I would like to wish everyone involved in this fantastic club all the very best for the future.

### Season 2011/12

With the season drawing to a close please visit our website (or the following) for the final standings for all teams: [www.essexsuffolkborderleague.freeserve.co.uk/](http://www.essexsuffolkborderleague.freeserve.co.uk/) and <http://www.juniorfootball.org>

### Thomson Day 2012

Our annual club tournament, (running since 1972), will be held on Saturday, 7th July 2012 at the recreation ground followed in the evening by our end of season presentation event at the village hall.

Further club news, updates on the New Venture and full details of fund-raising activities and events can be found on our club website: [www.pitchero.com/clubs/hatfieldpeverelfc](http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/hatfieldpeverelfc)

## Four teams to play in Summer League

Hatfield Peverel Table Tennis Club  
Andy Simmonds (01245 381020)



We are a friendly club, with members of all ages and varying abilities, established 30 years ago. Our home playing night in the village hall is Tuesday.

The 2011/12 season is now finished, and our 5 teams in the Chelmsford League ranked from Division 2 down to Division 4. We have entered four teams in the local Summer League where teams of two play during June and July.

Congratulations to the winners of our recent well attended club competitions -

Handicap singles	Ray Eldridge
Handicap doubles	Dave Carter and Dave Calleja
Open singles	Andrew Halling

We are always looking for new members, male or female of any standard. It is an excellent time to join the club and get to know us before the new season starts in September. Anyone wishing to restart their playing career would be most welcome and we would be delighted to hear from you.

**Please call Neil Freeman on 01245 382249 or myself Andy Simmonds on 01245 381020.**

## Unwelcome rain for bowling green opening

Bob Gammie, President (381497)



Five inches of rain on the days either side of the opening of the bowling green is not a greenkeeper's delight, not does it enthuse players to give up the comfort of playing with a roof over their heads! However, thanks to the efforts of our working parties dodging the rain, the green is playing very well, although a little heavy.

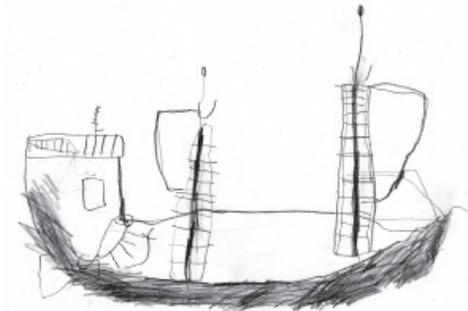
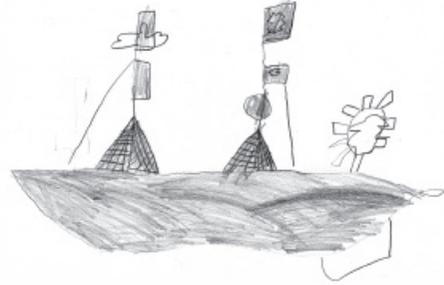
We look forward to sunnier times with a long list of friendly matches, our league games in the Central Midweek League and the Chelmer Ladies League and our own internal competitions which will culminate on finals day on 18th September. Our president versus Captain's match followed by a strawberry tea with libation maybe lacking ripe strawberries by the 7th July.

Our indoor season on the short mats culminated in our annual dinner, excellently prepared as a Jubilee celebration by Roger and Daphne Hoare, for which the club is exceedingly grateful. There followed the presentation of trophies won variously throughout the season, and for the Jim Cowell Triples Shield it was nice Joan was able to do the honours

Our finals night proved that a player who has only just taken up bowls can soon reach the top and there is a message here to the novice player. In just over a year of playing Roger Tomsett beat John Franklin for the Peter Brazier cup and for the Alan Doe Shield Steve Barry and Irene Richardson beat Denise Brazier and Eric More. In the Essex Short Mat League our two teams finished a creditable mid-table. In our own internal league Ann Holliday's team of John Russell, Sheila Dover, Sid Gentry and John Garner topped Roger Hoare's team. Needless to say the ladies beat the gents in the annual Easter Egg junket.

We have it on good authority that the rains will stop, so come and join us in a gloriously hot summer, even if you are taking up bowls for the first time. Initial coaching will be given and our green and its surroundings are more than therapeutic.

## Piracy on the seven seas.....



*Infant School 5 - 6 year olds in Base 5 studied a topic on pirate ships in the Spring term, and took a look at materials used for the sails and included building models of the ships. Thank you to Brandon Spreadbury, Hermione Wood and Robert Gansbuehler for these imaginative drawings.*

*A fishy story....*

*Doctor, doctor, I need a pair of glasses.*

*You certainly do, sir, this is a fish and chip shop*

## A few reminders from your community police team

PCSO Nikki Doubleday



**W**e're now into June, the weather is better after the flooding and really cold spell in May, so before BBQ season gets into full swing, a few reminders.

**If you open windows** don't leave valuables in plain sight as opportunist thieves will have your treasures away.

**When you leave the house** close the windows - and be aware of open doors especially if you can't keep an eye on who could be popping into your home without you knowing.

**If you leave doors open** to let the breeze through don't leave car keys, handbags and purses, mobile phones within arms reach - they may be stolen.

**People are busy on allotments and in the garden:** lock your tools and your shed as there have been incidents of tool and mower thefts. If you would like your bits of equipment marked or coded please get in touch with me and I will be happy to oblige. This aids police in enquiries: if people are caught with stolen equipment or tools and it can be proved they have been stolen then the offenders can be dealt with appropriately.

**Remember to lock your vehicles** and don't leave windows wound down if you cannot see your car; don't leave valuables on display in your car if it is left unattended and insecure.

**Taking your car to walk your dogs further afield?** Heat in vehicles is amplified - if you take dogs on long journeys stop to let them stretch their legs and take water for them to drink.

**Bear in mind when driving** that sunlight can be reflected off the road; at sun rise and sunset conditions can be difficult, especially if you on a narrow windy lane and you are heading into the sun. This can affect the way you can or cannot see oncoming traffic.

**With Jubilee celebrations and holidays** many children will be out and about in the sunshine Keep in mind where they are, what they are doing and who they are with. Neighbours may not be as tolerant as you so please be considerate.

**Essex Police is working to tackle anti-social behaviour**

If you see something suspicious or out of the ordinary call 999 in an emergency, 101 for non emergency and we will aim to deal with your reports.

## Paintings for sale at Art Group exhibition

Peter Walker, Secretary  
(01245 381798)

**T**he Hatfield Peverel Art Group exhibition will take place on Saturday 16th June, from 10am to 5pm, in the Salvation Army hall, Maldon Road, Hatfield Peverel. There will be a large selection of paintings for sale by local artists and a display of paintings by students from St Andrews Infant and Junior Schools. Trevor Harwood, Art Group tutor, will give a demonstration of his painting skills during the morning, and a children's painting workshop under the guidance of member Brian Corrie will be a feature of the afternoon. Refreshments at reasonable cost will be available throughout the day. Admission to the exhibition is free, and limited car parking is available at the hall.

### Adventure of a lifetime

**Story lab**

**There's the adventure of a lifetime**

**coming your way this summer**

**Join the Summer Reading Scheme challenge for children at your local library**

**From 21st July to 3rd September for children aged ten and over we have a special activity called Metropolis**

**Library opening times**

**Tuesday 1pm - 5pm**

**Wednesday 9am - 1pm**

**Thursday 1pm - 5pm**

**Saturday 9am - 1pm**

## The Giants are coming!

The school has been invited to take part in the 'Sparks Will Fly' Festival organised by Braintree District Arts Council. As part of the festival the Arts Council commissioned artist and sculptor Dave Taylor to produce fifteen giants with local organisations. St. Andrew's Junior School was chosen because of the connection with the Olympic Torch Relay which runs through the village on 6th July.

Dave visited the school in late March to work with all the children on possible designs for the giant. Then, together with staff, he chose the best design to turn into the real thing. Tall Tina, designed by Kaitlyn Cottrill in Year 3 was the winner. Dave came back into school in early May with a steel skeleton of the giant. Over the course of the day, with much gluing, papier-maché and tissue paper - see photo on right - Tall Tina came into being!

She has a permanent home in our school hall but it is hoped that she may be out and about during June and July at various events

planned by the Arts Council as part of the 'Sparks Will Fly' Festival.



The final picture, left, shows designer Kaitlyn Cottrill standing with the finished sculpture.



### Special summer events 2012

For a good local day out visit the Museum of Power in Langford. For attractions ring 01621 843183 or go to [www.museumofpower.org.uk](http://www.museumofpower.org.uk)

**Sunday 17th June - Heavy Horse Show 10am**  
Parades of heavy horse in harness. 'Marshall', steam driven pumping engine will be in steam  
**Sunday 1st July** Free entry to tea room and grounds, train rides on miniature railway £1  
**Sunday 5th August - Bikemeet 10am-5pm**  
**9th August She Stoops to Conquer** outdoor theatre company, doors open 6.30 for 7.30pm.

## News from St Andrews

As I write I see brilliant sunshine and temperatures in the mid-20s. Spring has finally sprung and summer is on its way! With reckless abandon I have been leaving my jacket behind and I think I might wash my jumper. (*That was rash Stephen, the cold has returned!*). My cat Pommery, judging by the fur he's leaving behind, is of the opinion the warm weather has come and it won't get cold again!



Cold or warm, the grass in the churchyard and vicarage has got going and to the casual observer it might look as if we are hay-making. Thanks to our dedicated team who look after it so well and for Gretta Clarke who supplies tea and biscuits to re-energize us.

We are past Pentecost and well into the Trinity season. This year we are following Year B readings which are largely St Mark with some sections of St John, as Mark is a much shorter gospel than Matthew or Luke.

Since Holy Week and Easter a number of things have happened. We have a new Parochial Church Council with new members and we are taking on board some ideas put forward at our Parish Awayday back in March. As I write we have had a United Parish Pentecost service 'Pentecost Place' and a special service honouring our Queen's Jubilee. Coffee mornings, luncheon club and 'soup and sandwich' have taken place where we look forward to meeting old friends and making new ones. Thanks to everyone who takes part.

**Harvest for the Hungry** - this year we are collecting rice, sugar and lentils, which will be sent to the most impoverished areas of Eastern Europe. Our Junior School will be joining in this initiative.

**WaterAid** - we are collecting small screw top water bottles to be turned into collecting 'tins' and if you have any, just leave them at the church or vicarage, preferable without the paper label. If you want to join in, the intention is to fill them with change, and present them at the Harvest Festival Service in September.

### A few dates for your diary

**Saturday 7th July - coffee morning** 10am to 12 noon in the church hall. Cakes, coffee, nearly new stall, books, raffle. Everyone welcome.

**Sunday 8th July 10.15am – Outdoor All-Age Service** - as is our custom, this will be held in the vicarage garden (weather permitting). Everyone welcome; please put in your diary NOW.

**Tuesday 24th July - 'Messy Olympics'** - fun for all the family. See poster on page 10.

Please pray for: the residents of New Road, Nounsley Road, Nursery Drive, Old School Road, Orchard Close, Peverel Avenue, The Pines, Priory Close, Priory Farm Road, Priory Mews, Prospect Close.

## 'Brainwave' helps children

### Mother's Union

**17th April** - At the evening meeting Gerry Gould spoke about the children's charity Brainwave which helps to unlock the potential of children with various learning disabilities. Brainwave works with families to give home-based therapies and exercises to help their children to become more independent when they grow up. Gerry, who works in Brainwave's Witham centre, explained the working of the centre, how families are referred and the vital support they are given.



Since its inception in 1982 Brainwave has helped around 2,000 families from the UK and is always busy fundraising as demand for its services keeps growing. Members made a collection and the speaker donated her fee for the evening.

**1st May, 2.30pm** - Jean Ashby conducted the opening service and then gave an entertaining and interesting talk of her '70 years of singing' which began at a young age listening to her mother's lullabies. Her father had a pleasant voice and was asked to sing at social gatherings, and

although she loved her dad singing at home, she was embarrassed when he sang in front of other people!

The family moved to Hatfield Peveler in 1940 and Jean joined the Methodist Church where she met a lady interested in her singing ability and encouraged her love of drama, and she became a member of the Choral Society run by Mr West. Jean and her future husband Dennis both sang with the society and Dennis also sang in the church choir which Jean joined after she married and became a member of St Andrew's Church.

When the children were young Jean joined Boreham Ladies Choir where she had the honour of performing The Messiah with other choirs in the Royal Albert Hall conducted by Sir Malcolm Sargeant. After Boreham Choir folded she joined Witham Choral Society, performing together with Weinham Choir in Germany and singing at Snape Maltings.

While teaching in the 70s at Springfield C of E Primary School Jean shared her love of music with the children and had fun participating in numerous music festivals.

Jean concluded her fascinating talk by saying as long as she can manage to reach the correct notes and sing in tune, she will go on. Long may that be.

## Methodist Church

Our pre-Easter craft event proved a delightful occasion when the ladies of the church rediscovered their skills in making Easter bonnets, decorated Easter eggs, an Easter cross and a papier-mâché depiction of the Easter tomb. After this skilled work we sat down to lunch and admired our efforts. These items were put into use on Easter Day when we celebrated the risen Lord. The church looked lovely with all the extra handicrafts and the tomb, which had been left bare in the period leading up to Easter, was covered by the congregation in spring flowers to illustrate the new beginning which Christ's death on the Cross gave to us all.

On 20th April our members had a Spring outing to Sandon garden centre for afternoon tea. The

heavy rain, lightning and thunder in the morning gave way sufficiently for us all to stay dry, and let us wander around the centre to work off the large cakes and pastries we enjoyed.

We celebrated 137 years of Methodist worship on 6th May in a service led by our Minister Rev Sue Lambert. She reminded us of the beginnings of Methodism when John and Charles Wesley preached in the open air and wrote many of the hymns we sing today. We proved how memorable the words and music of the well-loved Charles Wesley Hymn 'How can it be' by singing unaccompanied and without hymn books and got as far as verse 3 before our memories failed us. We sang choruses from our Sunday school days which have left an imprint in our heads – who remembers 'Jesus wants me for a sunbeam'?

We have discovered newspaper cuttings from the time the church was opened in 1875 which shows the building of the Methodist Chapel was controversial at that time and led to the resignation of the Parish vicar who was of the opinion that the new church was totally unnecessary. He believed promoters of the new church, including a subscriber from Maldon, were trying to weaken the Christian community here and the church is 'no more wanted than the Crystal Palace (built in London in 1851) is wanted in the parish'. Times have changed and we have a good relationship with members of St Andrews and the Salvation Army and share a United service with them once a quarter as well as individually supporting one another in our Christian lives.

**Pianist wanted** - our church is looking for a pianist to play on Sunday mornings at 11am. If you have the skills and can offer an occasional morning we would love to hear from you. Please contact John on 380852.

### Regular events

**Every Sunday** 11am Morning Service - everyone welcome

**Every Thursday** 10am -12 noon Open Door - come and join us for tea/coffee and friendly chat  
**2nd Saturday in month** 10am - 12 noon coffee morning and cake stall

**1st Monday in month** 7.30pm - House Group

# 1st Hatfield Peverel Scout Group

Suzanne Evans, Group Secretary

(01245-382397)

## About us

The group consists of four units for children, age 6 - 18 years, and one unit for adults, the Scout Active Support Unit (SASU), open to any adult with an interest in scouting. All contact numbers and other details can be found on the Hatfield Peverel website [www.hatfieldpeverel.org.uk](http://www.hatfieldpeverel.org.uk).

If you would like your child to join one of the units, the Post Office and library have application forms. Preference is given to children who live in Hatfield Peverel, Nounsley and Ulting and/or attend the village schools; however, children from outside the area will be accepted subject to conditions and availability of places.

Our youngsters (and leaders) have been very active over the past weeks, enjoying exciting opportunities associated with the world of scouting.

## Beavers

... have been learning about first aid and have all achieved their Stage 1 Emergency Aid badges. The annual Duck Race took place in May, the closely fought competition being won by Gabriel Davies (*below right*) by a very narrow margin. For the Environmental Challenge badge, the Beavers planted flowers and vegetables in pots around the HQ.

## Cubs

Since the Easter holidays, Cubs have practiced tying knots and have gained their Road Safety and Home Safety badges. After much searching, a new Assistant Cub Leader has been found and Cubs excitedly welcomed Julie Davies to the unit. They promptly named her Shere Khan (tiger from Jungle Book). Didn't realise you were so scary Julie!

## Scouts

During May, Scouts took part in the County 'More than a Walk' event. They navigated their way from Kelvedon to Wickham Bishops and camped overnight at Prances campsite. The two teams - Hatfield Hopefuls and Peverel Possibles - did extremely well and Hatfield Hopefuls came second overall. Some of the older scouts camped overnight at Riffhams recently; the very wet,



'back to basics' camp was enjoyed by all.

## Help and thanks

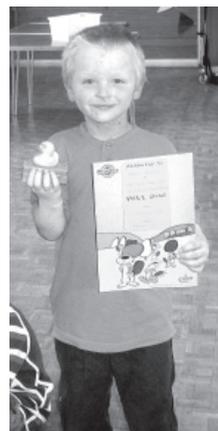
We would like to thank Frances Grayston for her help and support in her role as chairperson of the Group Executive Committee. Frances held the position of chair for a number of years and recently stepped down. Her resignation means we **require a new chairperson** and we would love to hear from anyone who is interested. We also need **an Assistant Explorer Leader** to help on Thursday evenings. **If you feel you could take on one of these roles please get in touch.**

## Newspaper collection first Saturday of month

To raise funds, the Scout Group carries out a monthly paper collection. Please leave out your newspapers, cardboard and cereal boxes etc by 9am on the first Saturday of the month. In the unlikely event your papers are not collected, please **contact Jonathon Dorman, on 01245 382981 ([jonathan.dorman@btinternet.com](mailto:jonathan.dorman@btinternet.com))**

## Stop Press

Our AGM was a great success with awards, a film show, BBQ and drinks. Many thanks to everyone who supported the event by helping, attending, donating prizes and buying tickets for our fundraising raffle and tombola (the prizes literally flew off the table!). If you missed this extremely enjoyable social event, make sure you're there next year. Full report in the next issue.



## Useful telephone numbers

Please contact the editors for additions/errors.

<b>Age Concern Essex</b>	01245 264499
<b>Anglian Water</b> , 24 hours	0800 919 155
<b>Braintree District Council</b>	01376 552525
Witham Area Office	01376 519625

### Churches

St Andrew's (C of E), vicar	01245 380958
Methodist Church, minister	01621 853423
Salvation Army, officer i/c	01245 381897
Catholic Church, Witham, priest	01376 512219

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

### Doctors, health services

Hatfield Peverel doctors' surgery	01245 380324
Boreham doctors' surgery	01245 467364
NHS Direct	0845 4647
Pharmacy, Hadfelda Square	01245 380130

<b>Electricity - emergency</b>	0800 7838838
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<b>Essex County Council</b>	01245 492211
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<b>Essex &amp; Suffolk Water</b> 24 hours	0845 7820999
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<b>First Essex Buses Ltd</b>	01245 293400
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<b>Gas - emergency</b>	0800 111999
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<b>Harlequin Children's Centre</b>	01376 535270
Free support and services for children under 5	

### Hospitals

Broomfield (A&E); St John's,	0124 5443673
St Peter's	

### Libraries

Hatfield Peverel	01245 380988
Witham	01376 519625

<b>Police</b> , non-emergency calls	0300 3334444
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Local Officer PC Jason Corrigan	07974 457258
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<b>Post Office</b>	01245 380201
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### Railway Information

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

### Registrar of Births, Marriages & Deaths

Witham, by appointment only	01376 323463
Braintree, by appointment only	01376 320762

<b>Relate</b>	01245 258680
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<b>Samaritans (24 hours - toll free)</b>	08457 909090
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### Schools

St Andrew's Junior School	01245 380131
Hatfield Peverel Infant School	01245 380220
Hatfield Peverel Day Nursery	01245 382450
Acorn Childcare	07979 851257

<b>Social Services</b>	0845 6037630
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<b>Village Agent</b> Sally Austin	0800 9775858
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<b>Village Hall</b> (after 7pm)	01245 381481
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Let us know of useful services to add to this list

## Hatfield Peverel Parish Council

### Councillors and their working parties

<b>Lisa Miller, Parish Clerk</b>	01245 344439
clerk.hatfieldpeverelpc@blueyonder.co.uk	

<b>David Broddle, Chairman</b>	01245 382829
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<b>Graham Bushby</b> ,Traffic	01245 380472
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<b>Peter Endersby</b> , Env (chair)	01245 381919
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<b>Colin Giffin</b> , Planning (chair)	01621 892351
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<b>Elise Gwyn-Williams</b>	01245 382883
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<b>John Hannah</b> , Traffic (chair)	01245 381874
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<b>Bernard Heard, Vice Chairman</b>	01245 380370
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<b>Alan Ingram</b> , Environment	01245 381880
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<b>Ted Munt</b> , Environment	01245 381135
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<b>Eugene Murphy</b>	01245 380113
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<b>Alan Steele</b>	07739 398453
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<b>Diane Wallace</b>	01245 381485
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## After-eight Social Club

After-eight runs social activities every month with something for everyone - single, married, divorced, separated or a couple - looking for a new circle of friends, varied company.

The club comes to Hatfield Peverel but is usually based around the Maldon area and offers excursions, quiz nights, dances, walks, live bands. If you're not sure whether the club is for you come to one of our coffee evenings. A smaller crowd in a more relaxed environment can be an easier way to get to know a few people.

For further information please call Mike on **01621 856219** or visit our website at: [www.aftereightsocialclub.co.uk](http://www.aftereightsocialclub.co.uk)

## Darts players wanted

If you enjoy darts, come and join our HPCA friendly competitive bunch who require more players. If you are interested in playing a match and socialising **leave your contact details with the bar staff at the village hall** and a message for Sandra, or call her on 01245 381451.

# Olympic Torch passes through Hatfield Peverel 8.30am on 6th July

Come and join day-long celebrations to mark this historic event.

The Torch starts its journey through the village at the entrance to Gleneagles Way, along the Street and down Maldon Road to The Green, before moving on to Heybridge and Maldon. The 'Party in the Park' committee (under leadership of the Salvation Army) and the Community Association has laid on a full day of events in and around the village hall - come and take part, whatever your age.

- **For the thirsty**, the village hall opens **from 8am to 8.30am for teas and coffees** and after the torch has passed through the village, will reopen **from 9am for teas, coffees and bacon sarnies**. The Community Association has **bingo at 11am** if you are in the mood.
- Throughout the day in the main hall there are **craft stalls - handmade cards, 'Jacqui's Gems' (fashion jewellery), hair accessories, handbags, pashminas, giftware, framed and unframed prints of local places**.
- The **bar opens at 12 noon and sandwiches are available**.
- For relaxation, as well as an **Olympic Quiz, at 2pm Cliff Haydn will sing to you**.

## Entertainment for the children

Children's entertainment starts at **4.30pm and goes on until 7pm: 'Mr Happy' will include puppets, a disco, balloons, games, magic and at 6.30pm a local dance troupe JTD PerformingArts will perform.** (Image right © *topendsports.com*)



## Evening on the rec

Entertainment will be from a stage on the playing field with the Community Association's bar open in the hall. There is a **bouncy castle and food stalls - salad bowls from the Sportsman's Arms, hot food from 'Fryer Tuck' and 'Roosters' ice cream van**.

- **Festivities kick off at 7pm with the Salvation Army Band** followed at **7.45pm by singer and guitarist Ian Jordan**. Two live bands, **The Wanderers (8.30pm)** and **Loaded Dice (9.45pm)** will play until we close at 11pm.

This event would not have been possible without many offers of help for which we are extremely grateful. We have received generous offers of donations from Arla Foods, Essex County Council and Hatfield Peverel Parish Council. The entertainers have given their services free of charge, and we have received other offers of help, ranging from the trailer for the stage on the field to lighting for the field to ensure it is safe for people to get home afterwards.

**To make this special, we need you to come along and join the celebrations.** If there are village organisations that would like to join us, or anyone who would like to volunteer to help, do get in touch.

Any surplus from the day will be donated to the Helen Rollason Cancer Research Charity, which has recently opened up in the village.

**Ed Dean 01245 381506 (on behalf of the 'Party in the Park' committee)**

## Happenings in the village hall

Enjoy a drink and a chat in a friendly atmosphere

**Opening times** - Monday to Saturday 7pm - 11pm and Sundays 12noon - 4.30pm, 7pm - 10.30pm.

**Bingo - third Thursday in month 7.30 for 8pm**  
Thursday 21st June, 19th July (cash prizes)

**Poker** - Saturday 16th June, 21st July

**Brag card night** - Friday 13th July

**All booking for hall and meeting room please ring 01245 381481 (village hall telephone number), or call Allan on 07741 140732**