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- 1 Folk Dance Club
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July

- 1 Coffee morning St Andrews Church 10am
- 3 Parish Council meeting
- 5 Flower Club
- 8 Party in the Park
 Methodist Church cake stall
 Wine Club bottle stall

Front cover: Debbie, our post lady, on her rounds in Remembrance Avenue photographed by Meloney Dale for the photo competition. See page 7

Short and sweet?

This was to be a quick edition of the Review, a combined May/June to see us off on holiday with time to spare. We sent out emails, left messages, phone calls to our contributors - cut off date 10pm tonight, 7th May 2017. Ken's estimate of four pages seemed a bit hopeful, a bit over-optimistic - and it was. By the end of last week it had crept up to eight pages and now, eight hours to blast off, its twelve - and we haven't met our deadline - you can't get the staff you know!

Thank you to everyone who has so diligently got their copy to us - we were taken completely by surprise and because we don't have enough to fill four more pages but too much to fill twelve, judicious pruning has had to be done. And we have had to leave out some of the promised articles. We haven't had time to get in touch with you all so please forgive us! There have been casualties including the follow-up on the identity of the car in front of the Thatched Cottage tearooms - it was a Wolseley - they will have to wait for August.

Stonepath appeal latest

Stonepath Meadow Residents Group is extremely grateful for the support given to its Just Giving page which has enabled them to obtain legal advice in the fight against this unwanted development in Hatfield Peverel.

The most important thing now is to attend developer Gladman's Appeal against Braintree's refusal of the 80 houses. Whilst we must not be a 'mob of angry residents' on this occasion, respectful attention and a groundswell of concern will really aid us.

Please, please, do come along to Braintree Town Hall and support us. A good turnout at the Appeal Informal Hearing is crucial. It will be held on Tuesday 16th May starting at 10am at Braintree Town Hall Centre, Fairfield Road, Braintree, CM7 3YG.

Note that **parking will be available nearby** at Causeway House, CM7 9HB

Teamwork

I attended the group's latest strategy meeting last week and must say it was an eye-opener, a model many would do well to emulate. Focussed, running to timetable, each of the seventeen or so participants allowed appropriate time to make a point, which they did without waffling or grandstanding, then giving way respectfully to the next speaker. Teamwork at its best - crowdsourcing contributions have been well utilised.

If on Tuesday 16th, the team doesn't succeed in pulling off what all their supporters are hoping for then it won't be for want of trying – and there ain't no justice in the world. KE.

NDP update

We are still awaiting from BDC the dates of the six week consultation period under Regulation 16 although the start date is anticipated sometime in May.

Useful contacts list

The Parish Council section of the useful contacts listings on page 11 of this issue will be rendered out of date by the Annual Parish Council meeting taking place this evening (8th May). The August edition will have the fully updated list.

'Blooming Great Tea Party' for Marie Curie Cancer Care

This year our annual tea party to raise funds for Marie Curie Cancer Care will be held on Thursday 29th July between 2pm and 4pm at 35 New Road, Hatfield Peverel.

Please come along and join us. We will have tea, coffee and cakes along with the usual raffle. Also plants and books will be on sale. Over the past 6 years we have raised more than £2400.00. We look forward to seeing you there.

For more information contact Wendy Doe 01245 381276

Bargains galore at the annual plant sale

Horticultural Society - Katrina Butcher Membership Secretary 01245 380532 Website www.essexinfo.net/hatpevgardens

The total raised this year was a fantastic £652.81! Many thanks to all those who attended, we hope you enjoyed yourselves on this busy morning and found what you were looking for. The selection and high quality of plants was excellent and the cakes were, as always, tasty and fattening. Your contributions help us to continue funding the Spring and Autumn Shows*.

Afternoon garden walk, Sunday 28th May
Our next event is a visit to Rayne Hatch Farm Stisted,
CM77 8BY. This is a 2.5 acre garden surrounding a
grade II listed Elizabethan farmhouse with four ponds.
Meet at the garden 2pm for a short talk before exploring.
Admission £7 including tea and cake.

Details and directions from Clive Emberson 381704. Transport can be arranged if required.

*Thank you Trina and Alan Butcher for sharing your beautiful garden with us and together with the committee for providing an excellent selection of quality plants. Good job we had our purchases to plant when we got home after such a tasty spread!

Talking wild flowers...

How times have changed and in Bob Dylan's words 'where have all the flowers gone...'

Below is an extract taken from Miss Hope's wonderful book The Township of Hatfield Peverel first published in 1930. In 'Flowers of Hatfield Peverel' she writes 'A large number of wild flowers have been found growing in Hatfield Peverel, 378 to be exact. Amongst the rarest are the grass pea whose vivid colour fades as soon as it is picked, lesser scullcap and sickle medick'

Following this introduction are twelve pages of flowers, many familiar names you will know or have heard of, all classified as growing in our village. **A challenge** - how many can be found here now?

Miss Hope lived at Crix, her book be can be seen in our library, opening times Tuesday, Thursday 1 - 5pm, Wednesday, Saturday 9am - 1pm.

The past remembered...

At our annual meeting in April members were reminded of amusing and interesting speakers that entertained us in 2016 - a talk on the Tower of London, How to do Everything and be Happy, My Gran had one of those. Our thanks to John Strange who gave us a tour of St. Andrews Church after our speaker cancelled. Members also enjoyed a visit to Beeleigh Abbey gardens, a cream tea in the president's garden and a Christmas lunch at The Bull with 'Songs from the 50s and 60s'.

Hadfelda hosted the Mildmay Group meeting when 5 other WIs joined us for a fun evening of 'Play your cards Right' followed by an excellent supper and raffle. The treasurer gave the financial statement and the president thanked all members for their support during 2016. The existing committee is to remain and were joined by 2 new volunteers. The evening ended with an excellent fish and chip supper.

Our speaker on 24th May (7.45pm, church hall) is George Mills who runs The Revival Centre in the Ukraine. If members want to donate goods, George would like toothpaste and toothbrushes, toilet rolls, soap and soap powder. Bring any bags or scarves you don't want for the stall.

This is an open evening and visitors and guests will be very welcome.

Goodbye to Chris

A familiar figure at the end of Church Road Chris, our lollipop man, is retiring at the end of term. He will be greatly missed and we wish him every happiness for the future.

We are looking for someone who might be interested in applying for this job: let the Infant School or St Andrew's Junior School know.

Scout happenings

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

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

Three offers of help from successful appeal We are extremely pleased with the response to our appeal in the previous Review for help with our Scout Group. We would still like some additional adults to join our Executive Committee, the HQ Committee and to assist with our monthly paper/cardboard collection. If anyone can spare some time, please contact Group Scout Leader (GSL), Nick, on 07841-597 977 for details of these roles. Thank you.

The Cub Pack restarted the summer term with an evening of Ballista (catapult) making, using canes, rubber bands and a plastic pot. This was great fun and the winning team fired a ball an amazing 10 metres. They held a fund-raising event, with the Beavers, to raise funds for their camp and the charity, Revitalise. The favourite activity was the jam jar tombola. Over the next few weeks, Cubs will work toward their Adventure Challenge, Navigator and Emergency Aid Badges; activities



Gillian, the Beaver Leader, and one of our cubs taking part in the Beaver and Cub event

will include a village treasure hunt/quiz, foot golf, first aid and a visit to the Museum of Power.

Scouts have taken part in the Plainsman Hike, organised in association with Chelmsford Scouts. They are all looking forward to their summer camp, this year at the lovely Hollowtree site near the River Orwell.

Explorers will be working very hard this term on their Duke of Edinburgh Award challenges. Also, as the next generation of voters, they will be learning about, and discussing, the forthcoming election. After a busy few months, they are looking forward to an end of term trip.

Useful contacts - Group Scout Leader Nick Nicholas, 07841-597 977; **Membership** Michelle Spicer, hpscoutgroup@gmail.com, 01245 380 630; **Monthly newspaper collection** Jonathan Dormon, 01245 382 981, jonathan.dormon@btinternet.com; **Publicity** Suzanne Evans, 01245-382 397, info@boons-holidays.co.uk; **HQ bookings:** Debbie Fuller, copper_ben@hotmail.com, 07920 512471

Club finals mark end of winter Rita Thomson, Bowls Captain, 01245 380038

Excellent bowling in singles and pairs club final matches with both going to the last end. In the pairs Heather Wells and Steve Spooner won over John Goodhew and Rita Thomson 9 - 8. The singles saw Steve beat Rita by the same score. It was a great evening.

Good Friday the gentlemen challenge the ladies to a match and this year the ladies came out as winners by sixteen shots, each won an Easter egg.

The club dinner was held on 29th April and over

fifty bowlers had a lovely meal. Club Captain Rita Thomson presented 40 trophies to the winners.

The outside green opened on 24th April and our first match was home to Silver End, which we lost. On Saturday 6th May we played our neighbours, Mill Lane Witham, a good game ending in a draw.

We started the mid week Chelmsford League on 9th May at home to Lionmede. We are looking forward to a good summer bowling and weatherwise. If you fancy a game, give me a ring on the number above.

1pm and prams at the ready

Community Events Team Chairman Mark Weale (01245 381726)

What a great day and what fun - the community turned out to enjoy themselves and they did.

This was the second time we have run the pram race since the eighties and I think it still has appeal. There were four teams: Super Heroes, Cool Running, Great Escape, and the Children's Nursery from the village hall. Four laps round the Rec, three for the ladies, it was a great race and supporters helped competitors by cheering them on and



soaking them with water pistols and wet sponges! It was a close fought race but first home were last year's winners Super Heroes (see photo above), with Cool Running a close second.

The event was good fun but next year we may include other forms of transport like wheel barrows and custom built carriages as it is apparent that prams are hard to come by. We'll keep you posted in later Reviews. For more up to date information look at the Community Events Face Book Page, the Community Hub or the Parish Council web page.

Hatfield Peverel's Got Talent 2017

A first for this event, which followed on from the pram race, and the first round to see who will be on stage at Party in the Park on 8th July. I must say Wow! Hatfield Peverel has got Talent! I was blown away and by the support from our village too. A variety of entertainers - tap dancers, singers, dance groups, hula-hoopers, harmonica, key board and guitar. A great selection of talent and did the judges have a hard job! Finally they made a decision: acts going through to the next round are Christina, Hotsteps, Rebecca H, William, Fraya and Rebecca D. Also we had a golden ticket award presented to Davina who

goes straight through to perform on stage at Party in the Park. Davina was fantastic and very different with the hula hoops and harmonica. Next round is at The Wheatsheaf beer festival on 28th May. Hope to see you all there to support the acts.

We still need volunteers to join the committee. Please contact me on 01245 381726 or email herbertweale@aol.com Many thanks for your support.

Mark Weale

Hot Steps Dance Troupe, one of the acts to go through to the next round at The Wheatsheaf on 28th May. This photograph by Steph Gunn was a winner in the photographic competition



Branch lines

Long ago there were many branch lines which brought the railways into many remote corners of the land. Our branch lines had a significant effect on country life and they made a considerable impact on the economy.

This photo of Cressing station in Essex was taken in the post-Beeching days but it is a reminder of how the railways once operated. In the foreground is the signal box which was an elementary part of passenger safety.

At Cressing the signalman was also in charge of the level-crossing gates. This gate has a long steel diagonal brace which was necessary when you look at its unusual length. It has at least five sections but there is just a single railway line to be seen. This is explained by the fact that there was once a passing loop at this station and that is why there is just one platform.

Like many rural stations it was provided with oil lamps that also probably added to the signalman's tasks. The station has changed in appearance: the crossing gates have been replaced by electric barriers and the signal box has been replaced by colour signals that do not depend on oil lamps any more. We must be thankful, however, that the Braintree branch has survived when hundreds more were destroyed.

This article appeared in John Vince's 'Curioser and Curiouser' miscellany in the February 2017 edition of 'The Countryman' magazine.

Photo Competition 2017 People of the village

A fantastic selection depicting day to day life in our much-loved village. Some 136 photos were submitted and displayed in the village hall to be judged. Members of the public voted throughout the afternoon of the Pram Race until the talent show started at 4pm.

The winning photos were as follows

1st Hotsteps Dance Troupe - 33 votes

2nd Greta Taylor at The Everymans Club - 20 votes

3rd Emma and Beatrice (*right*) stacking chairs in the village hall after 'Christmas in the Park' - 15 votes Joint 4th

Debbie our Post Lady delivering in Remembrance Avenue. - 14 votes , and Super Mario Team, Pram Race 2016 - 14 votes

Congratulations to winning photographers, Steph Gunn and Meloney Dale, plus runners-up Dan Power, Sandra Wiseman, Nicky Shelley, Vicky Wooler, Helen Mowlam-Tett.

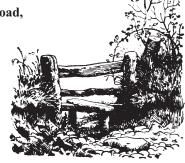


Parish Council news

Lisa Miller, Clerk to the Parish Council Chestnut House, Church Road, West Hanningfield, Chelmsford, Essex CM2 8UJ Tel 01245 403071. Email: parishclerk@hatfieldpeverelpc.co.uk

Vacancies on the Council

The Parish Council has three vacancies, so anyone interested in local issues and who has a few spare moments each month, please contact the Clerk on the above. The Planning Committee, and also Traffic and Environment Working parties would welcome additional help and support.



Planning

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

The following applications have recently been made

Erection of single storey rear extension and conversion of roof space including dormers at 32 Priory Farm Road. Application for outline planning permission, with all matters reserved with the exception of access, for the erection of up to 51 dwellings (Use Class C3), public open space, vehicular access and associated infrastructure at Bury Farm, Bury Lane. Erection of two storey rear and single storey side and rear extension at 2 De Vere Close. Change of use from a financial advisors to chiropractor at Gemma House, Bury Lane. Proposed new entrance at Smallands Cottage, Spring Lane. Outline planning application for residential development for up to 145 dwellings (Use Class C3) with public open space, vehicular access and associated infrastructure at land at Station Road. Erection of single storey front extension with internal alterations and existing entrance canopy to be removed at 22 Rookery Close. Proposed alterations to front elevation at Joranique, Nounsley Road.

Tree Preservation Orders

Tree works at 6 Woodham Drive, 28 Woodham Drive and 45 Willow Crescent.

Development sites

In addition to the decision to grant the outline planning application for a development at Stonepath Meadow, BDC has now granted outline planning permission for a development at Gleneagles. These two sites alone could bring an additional 260+ homes to the parish with three more planning applications in the pipeline on the old Arla site, Bury Farm and Sorrells Field. The parish could vastly change into a town over the next few years. The community support in objecting to these applications has been immense and refreshing to see that in these modern times, communities can unite when necessary. The Parish Council could also do with your support not only on planning, but other matters like traffic and the environment that will affect the village - come along to one of our meetings and see what goes on and get involved!

Nounsley Play Area

The Parish Council was recently awarded a Community Grant from BDC to purchase two goal posts for the Nounsley playing field. These have now been ordered and should be installed in the coming weeks.

Website - don't forget you can view all Parish Council news on its website which can be found at http://www.essex.info.net/hatfieldpeverel/

The next meetings of the parish council will be held on Monday 5th June (Annual Parish Council meeting) and Monday 3rd July 2017 in meeting room 1 at the village hall starting at 7.30pm.

Saying our thanks and goodbyes Methodist Church

Our Minister, Rev Sue King, will be leaving at the end of July so our church is getting ready to wish her well for her richly deserved retirement. She has been Minister here since September 2010 and we have been very blessed to have had such a warm, sincere and inspirational leader during this time, and know that villagers who have met her at our various church events will remember her with the same fondness.

Her last service here is on Sunday 23rd July at 11am and if you would like to join us to show our appreciation of her support to our church and to this village during these seven years, do come along.

At the moment we do not have a replacement Minister so we hope Gill Songer who is our current lay worker will continue in this role. She often calls in at our Thursday Open Door coffee mornings for a chat and usually has a tale to relate that makes us smile or makes us think. She leads us in our monthly Bible study house group, usually held on the 3rd Monday of the month, where we have interesting discussions on chosen subjects. This month we re-visited the story of the Prodigal Son looking from the prospective of the son realising that the life of riches and dreams he had sought were unachievable and fake and the father elated at his return and full of forgiveness for the son's original rejection of his family life.

Party in the Park 8th July 2017

We are planning another cake stall at this yearly event and will be joined by our friends from St Andrews - do come along and support us. Our sociable goats may put in another appearance if they can be persuaded!

Special event

Sunday 23rd July 11am Rev Sue King's last service at our Church

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

3rd Monday of the month 7.30 - 9pm House group Bible study.

Quiet reflection for Easter

Rather Stephen presented a Passiontide meditation with hymns, readings and prayers illustrating the personal agony Jesus suffered in the final weeks of his earthly life when he set his feet on the road to Jerusalem, suffering and death on the cross knowing it was the will of his Father. Without the Crucifixion on Good Friday, there would have been no Glorious Resurrection on Easter Day.

Pat gave out the notices: Witham Deanery Day is on 25th July at St Nicholas Church and hall from 10.30am to 3.30pm and will include a bring and share lunch. The Diocesan President Judith Meaden will be attending and Fr Stephen will be invited to officiate at the afternoon Eucharist.

Our 'Make a Mother's Day' collection raised

£65.70 and we sent a cheque to Mary Sumner House. We received a thank you letter stating 'You have helped to give women the faith, education and training they need to transform, not only their own lives, but those of their families and communities'. We were very pleased to receive this acknowledgement. It's nice to know that we have played a small part in

helping others.

Edward Bear meets every Thursday at 10 am with a church service every other week with stories read by Jean.
Lots of lovely toys for children to play and explore. For more information call Nicky 380814

Wizards of Oz, New Zealand winners plus a summer full of enjoyment!

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

In April we celebrated Anzac Day with a fun tasting of Australian versus New Zealand wines and accompanying food. We tasted four pairs of Oz and NZ wines blind accompanied by a swagman's supper including Cheddar from each country, Peach Melba and Pavlova washed down by a lovely New Zealand dessert wine. Results were interesting - New Zealand won hands down on the wines (106 points to 54) whereas Australia won with its strong vintage Cheddar. Many thanks to Anne Mountfort, Ann Richards and Pat Webb for the delicious Anzac biscuits.

In May there will another tasting - 'You Can't Judge a Book' - where we decide whether a pretty label is a sign of a good wine. To get in the mood for all this loveliness, female members are asked to wear their prettiest summer dresses and the men to come attired in pastel or flower-patterned shirts. Can we cope with quite so much beauty.

June sees the first of our traditional summer evenings out to one of Essex's best-kept secrets - Hayman's Gin Distillery in Witham - for a taste of speciality gins. July takes us further afield, with a Swinging Safari in a member's garden. If you're planning to attend the Peverel Party in the Park on Saturday 8th July, visit our stall for the Bottle Tombola plus a free glass of punch!

If you would like to join us for a light-hearted evening you would be very welcome. Please give Vee a ring on 01245 355723 to confirm attendance. The club meets normally on the second Wednesday of the month at 8pm in the village hall, but with some exceptions, so it is worth phoning first, especially during the summer. The Wine Club has its own website, courtesy of the skills of Fred Brown, accessed via the Hatfield Peverel community site at www.essexinfo.net/hatfieldpeverel/clubs-and-societies/ or direct via www.peverelwineclub.co.uk. Find out a bit more about the club before you come along!

Cakes for Farleigh Hospice

Well done to year 2 Infant School children who made delicious oaty energy cookies and raised £151.10 for Farleigh Hospice.



Isabella holding the lovely Mother's Day gift our Mums received from their Rainbow with the Rainbows photo on displayS blowing hearts to their Mums who were thrilled with their gift!

Around the World Hatfield Peverel Girlguiding Group

Rainbows have continued with our Roundabout around the World and made a wormery from chocolate mousse, biscuits and jelly worms! We are learning about bees and have made salt dough bees from a super bumble bee cutter which will be baked and painted.

We had an Easter themed sleepover in the Easter holiday - held an Easter egg hunt, made chocolate nests, woolly sheep, peek-a-boo chicks, bunny cups and Easter egg wreaths. We had Bunny races (on space hoppers) and lamb and chick races (adapted camels on wheels.)

Brownies have completed the World Guiding badge, looking at the 4 World Centres and learning songs, crafts and tasting food from the four countries. We are moving on to our Number Fun badge and the girls have had a Pizza evening, budgeting with their six to 'buy' their chosen toppings, and a number workshop from Explore Learning.

Useful telephone numb	oers			
Please contact the editors for additions/errors.		Registrar of Births, Marriages &		
		Witham, by appointment only	01376 323463	
Age Concern Essex	01245 264499	Braintree , by appointment only		
Anglian Water, 24 hours	0800 919 155	Relate	01245 258680	
Braintree District Council	01376 552525	Samaritans (24 hours - toll free)	08457 909090	
Clean Team ring number above and ask for		Schools		
Customer Services		St Andrew's Junior School	01245 380131	
Witham Area Office in Witham I	•	Hatfield Peverel Infant School	01245 380220	
- for walk-in enquiries only	01376 519625	Hatfield Peverel Day Nursery	01245 382450	
Churches		Tiger Tots Toddler Group	07886 021048	
St Andrew's (C of E), vicar	01245 380958	Charlotte Greaves Childcare	07527 763038	
Methodist Church, minister	01621 853423	Social Services	0845 6037630	
Catholic Church, Witham, priest	01376 512219	Village Agent Richard Ould	0800 9775858	
Citizens Advice Bureau Witham	0844 4994719	Village hall (after 7pm)	01245 381481	
Drop-in sessions Mon/Tue/Thur/				
Appoinments only Thurs afterno	on 1- 4pm	Hatfield Peverel Parish Council		
Doctors, health services		Committees and working parties	S	
Sydney House and The Laurels	01245 380324	Burial Ground Working Party (B)		
surgery		Country Park Focus Group (CP)		
Boreham doctors' surgery	01245 467364	External Audit Review (A)		
NHS - non-emergency helpline	111	Football Pavilion (F)		
Pharmacy, Hadfelda Square	01245 380130	Keith Bigden Memorial Ground U	ser Group (KB)	
Electricity - emergency	0800 7838838	Neighbourhood Development Plan	(N)	
Essex County Council	01245 492211	Planning (P), Traffic (T), Village E	Invironment (E)	
Essex & Suffolk Water 24 hours	0845 7820999	Councillors (and their working parties)		
First Essex Buses	01245 293400		•	
Gas - emergency	0800 111999	Lisa Miller, Parish Clerk	01245 403071	
Harlequin Children's Centre	01376 535270	parishclerk@hatfieldpeverelpc.c	o.uk	
Free support and services for children under 5 Hospitals David Broddle - Chaiman (P/KB/CP/A)		01245 382829		
Broomfield (A&E); St John's,	01245 362000	George Boyd Ratcliff (T/P)	01245 380496	
St Peter's, Maldon	01215 502000	Peter Endersby (E/KB/A/F/PiP)	01245 381919	
Libraries		Suzanne Evans	01245 382397	
Hatfield Peverel	01245 380988	Simon Hinkley	07525 645532	
Tuesday, Thursday 1 - 5pm	012 15 500700	Ted Munt (F chair/E/A/CP/B/N)	01245 381135	
Wednesday, Saturday 9am - 1pm		Les Priestley (A/N)	01245 380404	
Witham	01376 519625	Linda Shaw (T/N/P/CP)	01245 382669	
Police Non-emergency calls	101	Diane Wallace (P/CP/PiP/B?N)	01245 381485	
Use 101 also for the local of		Mark Weale (PiP)	01245 381726	
Emergency calls	999	` ′	01243 301720	
Witham Police Station opening h		District Councillors		
	to 6pm	David Bebb	01245 381065	
Post Office	01245 382787	Daryn Hufton-Rees	07729 458757	
Within Co-op Stores, The Street	01273 302/07	County Councillor		
Railway Information		Derrick Louis	07918 721526	
National Express East Anglia	0845 6007245	DOLLION LOUIS	5/710 /21320	
National Rail Enquiries (24 hrs)		Both lists corrected on 9 May 2017		



St Andrew's Junior School children raise money for play equipment

All the children took part in the recent fun run and obstacle course to raise money for new play equipment, specifically a climbing wall and net on a safe surface in the playground. There was bags of energy and enthusiasm from everyone - even some of the staff took part! The events were chosen by the children on the School Council who also helped to organise the afternoon of fun. The School Parents' Association has also raised money through their various events over the last few months and we're hoping to install the new equipment towards the end of the summer term. Well done everyone!

Welcome to the Nursery ducklings

Spring has well and truly sprung at nursery in the last few weeks. The eagerly anticipated ducklings came as six eggs and the children loved watching them hatch. We named them Elsa, Fluff, Sparkie, Duncan, Daisy and Dotty. They had their first swimming lesson with us.

We carried on with the spring theme looking at the flowers that had grown in our garden and doing some lovely observational drawing. We have planted carrots and lettuce seeds and are watering them regularly. We have started our transition into 'big' school visiting the classrooms and building on the childrens' independence skills.

Our **Open Morning is Saturday 10th June 9 am** - **10.30am.** We would like to invite any families interested in attending the nursery to come and play. We are introducing the government's 30-hour child-

care funding for 3 and 4 year olds whose parents meet the specified criteria. We also offer the universal 3 and 4 year old funding and 2 year funding. For more information and to see if you qualify look at www.childcarechoices.gov.uk.

The nursery has an Ofsted rating of Outstanding and is managed by Belinda Wakelin who has a BA Degree in Early Years and holds Early Years Professional Status with a well qualified team. As well as nursery we run a before and after school for children up to the age of 8 years old.

For availability of spaces please ring 01245 382450

