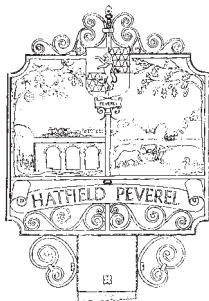


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Photo Bishops Stortford Camera Club

Of birds and broken saplings

Skyfuls of rain earlier in the year, stored for later use, has meant the welcome prolonged spell of recent sunshine has encouraged shrubs and grass to grow with renewed energy much to the dismay of mowers amongst us. Whilst our tender seedlings need the damp and forecasts have promised 'rain in the east', it has not happened on our doorstep. In Witham, Colchester, Chelmsford, even nearer home, it has rained enough to cause flooding.

While gardens are alight with the flowers in ours the foxgloves are amazing, in varying shades of pink and a few white, several standing above our heads. Foxgloves (*digitalis*) have many local names, Petticoats, Deadmen's Fingers, Dragons Mouth and many, many more, as I found when I opened Geoffrey Grigson's wonderful book *The Englishman's Flora*. He writes 'foxglove means the glove of the fox, a fairy or goblins plant... loved by countryside physicians as a good diuretic and a major instrument against heart disease as found in a clinical investigation by William Wittering in 1785'.

I learnt yesterday foxgloves are the one plant slugs avoid, presumably because the leaves are poisonous. But birds eat slugs as do hedgehogs. **Take care if you are using slug pellets** and only put down brands that do the job and are wildlife friendly.

Trees are beautiful Many walking the recreation ground have noticed damage done to several newly planted trees near the MUGA pitch. Trees are important to life, they clean our air and remind us what a wonderful place we live in. Give them a chance, let them grow!



Saturday 7th July 2018

2pm – 10pm

**Live music from
Essex Horns**

**Blackwater, Blazin Aces,
Dr Zero and the Hotheads
Bootsy**

**Entertainment from Hotsteps, Vocal Box
and KL Aerial, food & drink,
raffle and other attractions**

**Fun for the whole family - All welcome
Free Entry**

*Donations gratefully received allowing us
to run events in the future*

*If you wish to have a stall please contact:
Events committee: jcharleybrown@hotmail.com*

Neighbourhood Development Plan

The consultation on the amendments to the three Policies, FI1 (Facilities and Infrastructure), HO1 (Design of New Developments) and HO6 (Allocation of the former Arla Site) referred to in the April issue was unfortunately delayed, then moved back further due to the District byelection held in the village on the 3 May. BDC was therefore unable to start the six week consultation period until Thursday 10 May finishing on Thursday 21 June 2018.

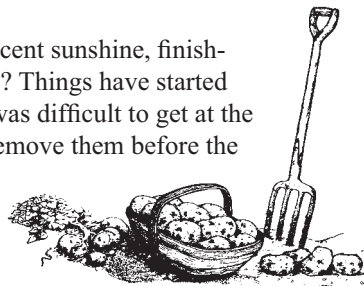
Here is the link for BDC's consultation portal: <http://braintree-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal> if you wish to make a comment on line. As soon as the consultation finishes BDC will forward all comments to the Examiner with a view to progressing with the examination of the Plan.

Rain, sunshine and electric storms - allotmenters have seen it all!

Andy Styles HPAA Chairman

What a difference a month makes. From constant rainfall to magnificent sunshine, finishing with spectacular electric storms. What has June in store for us? Things have started growing at last, and what do you notice, weeds! When it was raining it was difficult to get at the weeds, when the sun is out you have a short window of opportunity to remove them before the ground becomes hard. However, once you have weeded you can use the hoe to keep them cut back.

Planting now becomes a frenzy of activity. Dug over plots have compost and fertilizers added, don't expect to get crops out if you are not prepared to put something back into the ground, this is where having your own compost bin comes in handy. Plants arranged in regimented rows and all sorts of paraphernalia swinging in the breeze to try and prevent the birds from getting the fruits of your labour first. (I have yet to eat any of my gooseberries before the pigeons).



Last year we applied for a lottery grant and we were successful, enabling us to purchase and install a composting toilet on each site. This work was done by volunteers. These are a great 'convenience': you can stay longer and the toilets make the allotments more family friendly. On the new site we were also able to use the grant to convert an area that had turned from a compost heap to a large dumping ground for all manner of allotment detritus, into a wild life area. The aim is to develop an area where natural predators to our pests can live. Essex Wildlife Trust gave us advice on how to set it up and a team of dedicated allotmenters did the work of creating it. We already have hedgehogs living there, pheasants nesting in the grass and bats flying around at night. A big thank you to the lottery fund for making this happen.

We were also successful in obtaining a grant from Essex District Council, with the help of Councillor Bebb, enabling us to purchase a new weather proof notice board for each site, so everyone can keep up to date with what is happening.

If you are looking to get fit or keep fit, we have a couple of allotments available, cheaper than gym membership, and you can eat healthy at the same time! If you need to make the pennies stretch further an allotment can help you. Come along and talk to us at Party in the Park. Unfortunately, we also had break-ins this year, we do not keep anything of value in the sheds and we specifically ask members not to do so, but thieves still think we do. Most sheds are unlocked and have clear windows, but still they break the doors off

Thank you Andy for stepping in whilst Drew was in Canada - he is now back and raring to go - Ed.

Wonderful turnout for the May plant sale

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

A lovely day, a great selection of plants and tasty cakes, attracted a large number of plant hunters to the annual Spring plant sale in Nounsley. The morning raised a record £725 which will go towards the costs of running the two yearly shows.

Afternoon garden walk, Sunday 17 June

We will be visiting Peacocks, Margaretting, CM4 9HY, a 5 acre garden surrounding a Regency house with native and specimen trees. Features include formal walled gardens, a sunken dell, sculptures, lily lake and wild flower meadow.

Meet at the garden at 2pm for a short talk before exploring at will. £5 admission.

Contact Clive Emberson on 01245 381704.
Transport can be arranged if required.

***As in all fairy tales, may they live happily ever after**

Hatfield Peverel Nursery

Wedding fever has gripped the Nursery (as it has throughout the world!) with the children dressing up as Princes and Princesses. We celebrated with afternoon tea with home-made lemonade and sandwiches. Preschool children have drawn portraits of Prince Harry and Meghan which have been made into a card and sent to Kensington

Palace. *(Thank you children for the wonderful drawings on this page, what a shame they are not in colour so everyone could see Harry's red hair!)*

We have started our transition into 'big' school visiting the classrooms and building on the children's independence skills.

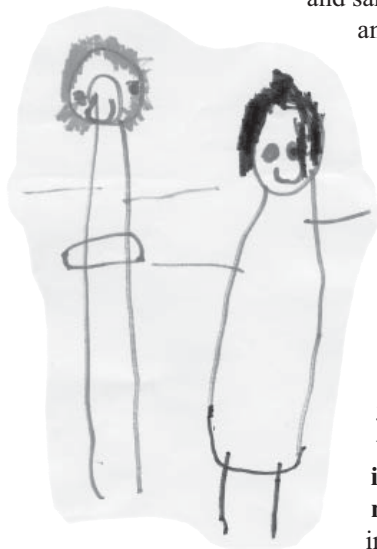
Our Open Morning is Saturday 30 June 9am - 10.30am. We would like to invite any families interested in attending the nursery to come and play. We are

in receipt the governments 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 5 years old. For availability of spaces please telephone 01245 382450.

** It may be a dream, but things haven't been so bright lately and the occasion brought a smile and a laugh to many a face. - Ed*



Parish Council news

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

At the April meeting, we welcomed three new Councillors: Charley Dervish, John Pennick and Reginald Peters. The Parish Council now has 13 members and no current vacancies. We look forward to working with you all! The Annual Parish Meeting was held on 25 April in the Village Hall. Thank you to all those residents who attended to find out about the Parish Council's year.



Planning

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

The following applications have recently been made

Erection of side conservatory at Megatann, Maldon Road. Erection of infill porch with lean-to roof over at 13 Woodham Drive. Application for a non-material amendment following grant of planning permission 15/00289/FUL at Acres Down, Station Road. Erection of single storey rear extension at 1 Laburnum Way. Proposed front dormer at 32 Priory Farm Road. Erection of single storey rear and side extensions at 11 The Green. Erection of 1 new dwelling to replace previous accommodation in the form of caravans and outbuildings at 55 Sportsmans Lane.

Tree works - fell and replace Acer with a better specimen at The Old Vicarage, Station Road; remove 1 pine tree at 13 Woodham Drive.

Please note, these applications may have been granted, withdrawn or refused by the time of printing.

The following applications have recently been granted

Erection of open front porch at 12 Rookery Close. Erection of two storey side extension at 20 Gleneagles Way. Erection of single storey rear extension at The Haven, Nounsley Road. Outline planning permission for the erection of up to 46 dwellings at Bury Farm, Bury Lane.

Tree works – reduce Hornbeam and Horse Chestnut by half at Gables, Church Road (part granted/part refused). As specified in tree schedule and to prevent interference between trees and road and to maintain health and longevity by means of good structural integrity, at 111 Church Road. Reduce growth on conifers at 41 Willow Crescent. Monterey Cypress fell to ground level at The Brambles, Wickham Bishops Road.

The following applications have recently been withdrawn

Erection of 9 three and four bedroom dwelling houses at The Wheatsheaf, The Green. Demolition of existing double garage and erection of new single storey, self-contained annexe at Latneys, London Road.

MUGA pitch. The Parish Council has received reports of anti-social behaviour and vandalism at the MUGA pitch and surrounding area. As a consequence of this, the Parish Council is reviewing the future operation of the pitch and will keep residents updated as to the outcome.

Website Don't forget you can view all Parish Council news on their website which can be found at: <http://www.essex.info.net/hatfieldpeverel/>

The next meetings of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 2 July and Monday 6 August.

Stop press

We have learnt today, 7 June, that the application for three dwellings with garages, access, related infrastructure and landscaping on land northeast of Sportsmans Lane (corner of footpath 20) was turned down at the BDC planning committee meeting on 5 June.



Former Poet Laureate Sir Andrew Motion, centre, with Mark and Julia East, Margaret Freeman, Mike Renow and Patricia Moxhey, vice president of the Essex branch of CPRE who accompanied the group

Villagers Meet Poet Laureate

A residents group in Hatfield Peverel was delighted when former Poet Laureate Sir Andrew Motion wrote a blog published on the Campaign for Rural England (CPRE) website in April. In the article Sir Andrew voiced his support for the residents in their battle to save an ancient meadow from the developers' bulldozers. Sir Andrew grew up near Stisted in Essex but now lives in the USA. He is in the UK on a brief poetry-reading tour with his latest book 'Essex Clay'.

When they heard Sir Andrew would be launching his series of poetry talks in the Tara Theatre, South London, the group booked up straight away, hoping for a chance to thank him for his support after the show. Patricia Moxey said she felt it was important to thank Sir Andrew in person. 'It is wonderful that such an eminent poet has given his support to protecting the countryside around Hatfield Peverel'.

The villagers await the outcome of a public inquiry that could demonstrate whether the

government is really serious about delivering on the Localism Agenda, and fixing the short-sighted mess that planning has become. The Secretary of State is expected to announce his decision on the recommendations of the Planning Inquiry into the Stonepath Meadow and Gleneagles Way applications later this month.

What's in a name

The latest book on my to-read shelf (I've just finished Andrew Motion's poignant, tug at your heart strings, 'Essex Clay') is another journey through time. 'Mrs Moreau's Warbler' is a fascinating, wonderful story of how birds got their names by naturalist and broadcaster Stephen Moss. Some represent bird sounds - cuckoo, chiffchaff, peewit, others are from Anglo-Saxon times. I have dipped in and out of the chapters, each more fascinating than the last, and shall hereafter view our feathered friends in a new light. Mrs Moreau's Warbler is the touching love story behind the name of one of the world's rarest birds.

You will have to buy the book!

Smoke without fire and a right royal celebration!

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



Two good spring meetings in April and May, the first a tasting of excellent good value wines introduced by Neils Dubro, the young owner of a successful individual wine shop in Colchester.

Our May meeting was a tasting of Sicilian wines presented by members Nick and Jill Shakespear, inspired by their recent holiday on Mediterranean's largest island. We tasted 3 white and 3 red wines, including typical Sicilian varieties such as Grillo and Nero d'Avola. We had to guess why Sicilian lemons were popular with Nelson's sailors (scurvy) and who directed The Godfather! An excellent tasting which demonstrated the versatility and value for money of these wines.

Our first summer outing is Wednesday 13 June, when we descend en-masse on the Maldon Smokehouse, a newish restaurant with stunning views over the Blackwater (or the mud, depending on tide times!). The restaurant has an excellent selection of smoked fish, shellfish and cheeses, and allows customers to bring their own wine without paying corkage.

July's theme is a Royal Garden party, to be held in a member's garden, where we shall enjoy appropriately-themed food and drink while sporting Royal Ascot hats and dashing-stripped blazers! And to round off summer's pleasures, we meet for the traditional walking treasure hunt on Wednesday 8 August, followed by supper in a local pub. This year's venue will be Danbury, where we are hoping for better weather than last year when torrential rain made Danbury hill look like Mount Ararat during the Deluge!

If you would like to join us for a light-hearted evening you would be very welcome, but please give Vee a ring beforehand to confirm attendance (and to ensure we have enough to eat and drink!) on 01245 355723. The club meets normally on the second Wednesday of the month at 8pm in the Village Hall, but with some exceptions, so do phone first. The Wine Club has its own website, courtesy of the skills of Fred Brown, accessed either via the Hatfield Pevel community site at www.essexinfo.net/hatfieldpevel/clubs-and-societies/ or direct via www.pevelwineclub.co.uk/ Take a look to find out a bit more about the Wine Club, its activities and its 40-year history before you come along!

Postcards with a musical touch

This Autumn the WEA course will be 'Musical Postcards at home and abroad'. Professor Chris Green will take us on a journey around Europe, linking places with music inspired by them.

This ten-week course begins in the Scout and Guide HQ on Tuesday 25 September at 10am.

In the New Year the winter course is 'Men, Money and Power - the history of Britain's railways, from the very beginning to Nationalisation' and how railways changed. Roger Mannion, a railway enthusiast, will be our tutor.

Classes start in the Scout and Guide HQ on Tuesday 8 January 2019 10am.

For information please contact
Lesley Naish,
01245 380837.



A watery walk Hatfield Pevel Walkers Graham Bushby, 380472

Seven of us met up at the village Hall for a planned walk from Heybridge Basin, round the sea wall, through Chigborough nature reserve and back. A burst water main in The Street Heybridge brought the whole area to a standstill. A quick rethink!

Alternative ideas and routes were discussed and we settled on driving to Beeleigh lock and walking from there, via Beeleigh Abbey, to Hythe Quay in Maldon where we took an excellent break on the Barge Café before returning to Beeleigh via the canal bank.

Walkers meet at 10am on the last Thursday of the month in the village hall carpark unless otherwise stated.

Report by Dave Groves.

Committee agrees to stand for another year

Hadfelda WI - Marel Elliston

April is the month when we hold our annual meeting. As the president was away, the meeting was chaired by our treasurer, Lesley, with help from a WI Advisor, Hazel Ridgewell. Fortunately, all the committee members agreed to stand again, and to carry on in their present positions. With the business part of the evening over, we enjoyed some social time with tea, coffee and lovely home cakes.

Climate change is a subject that's very relevant today. Our May speaker, Jill Bruce, gave us a most informative talk about the problems and what, if anything, we can do to help the situation. Conserving energy and reducing waste are obvious steps that the average person can do quite easily. The wider solutions are up to governments around the world to implement. Not easy!



The Museum of Power at Langford was venue for our excellent cream tea afternoon tea at the beginning of June.

Members were reminded about The Mildmay Group meeting in September. Still a long way off, but it gives everyone plenty of time to make greetings cards for the competition, all of which will then be sold for charity.

Our next meeting is on 27 June when the talk is entitled 'The Woodland Trust.' The competition is an interesting leaf. 25 July Francis Harper will demonstrate wholefood cooking.

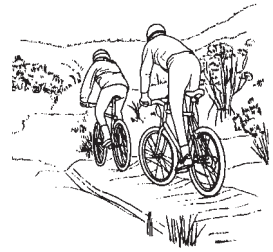
We meet in St Andrews Church hall on the fourth Wednesday of the month, starting at 7.45pm. Do come and join us for an evening out - everyone is welcome.

Easter chicks find good homes

The knitted chicks for Junior School children to buy were all gone by Easter Sunday and £200 was raised for the School. Your chick will now make an excellent egg cosy! Many thanks to Jan, Jasper's grandmother, who made the chicks.

Ride for Helen cyclists raise over £30,000

Almost 1,000 cyclists took part in the annual bike ride for the Helen Rollason Cancer Charity



In perfect late Spring weather, cyclists from around the county and beyond gathered at Crix in Hatfield Peverel on Sunday 13th May to take part in Ride for Helen 2018. Now in its fifth year, the event has become a firm favourite on the Essex Sporting calendar.

The charity welcomed riders of all ages, the youngest 4 years old, the oldest 76, and abilities, with a choice of cycling routes to suit all capabilities; 6 miles, 15 miles, 35 miles, 65 miles, and the new 100 miles. Those enjoying the beautiful countryside routes included families with small children, seasoned road cyclists and even a family of Penny Farthing riders (*see turning into The Street from Station Road on the front cover*). Twenty residents from the village (17 adults and 3 children) and two groups, the Bad Bike Club and Heimlich Manoeuvres, joined the cyclists.

Helen Rollason would like to thank patron Ian Twinley who has kindly allowed the charity to use the beautiful grounds of Crix in Hatfield Peverel as a starting and finishing point every year, and the dedicated team of volunteers, staff, sponsors and supporters for making the day so successful."

The Helen Rollason Cancer Charity is dedicated to championing quality of life for everyone living with or affected by Cancer through the provision of free access support centres, complementary therapies, information and advice and supporting clinical trials. Visit www.helenrollason.org/ for more information.

Every third Saturday in the month a coffee morning is held in the old bank in The Street. Doors open 10am until 12 noon - good coffee and cakes. See you there!

Hadfelda Choir

On Thursday evenings for the past thirty years a group of ladies have met to make music. The Hadfelda Choir started life as the WI Choir, an activity within the Hadfelda branch of the Womans Institute. When the choir began there were always WI members attending each week and reporting back to the WI where the progress of the choir was recorded in the Minutes. The Hadfelda Choir is now separate from the WI, although there are still some who are members of both. The choir kept the name 'Hadfelda' which is the old name for Hatfield Peverel

Bob Hardy was invited to be the first choir master and the initial singing sessions were held each week in the front room of Bob's house. As numbers increased, more space was needed and the choir moved to the barn at the back of The Wheatsheaf, then to one of the rooms in the Village Hall, then to the School Halls in turn, Infants and Juniors. The choir now meets every week, still on a Thursday evening, in the St. Andrews Church Hall, Hatfield Peverel, at 8.15 pm

When I joined the choir I remember the warm welcome and Bob accompanying our singing with his pint of best bitter on top of the piano. I was asked to take over as Choir Leader in 2005 when Bob and Faye Hardy moved to be closer to their family in Swindon.

Over the years the choir has been in great demand. We have joined forces with HARTS for a Musicals and Film Music night and for a French evening when HARTS performed a number of sketches and we provided the songs. We have sung for a number of Townswomen's Guilds and Women's Institutes throughout Essex, as well as the Hatfield Peverel Wine Club, EM's Club and at Golf Club evenings at Benton Hall and The Warren, not to mention our annual Christmas Carol morning at Hatfield Peverel Library. We have also taken our songs to St. George's Nursing Home, Willowmead and Hatfield Peverel Lodge to encourage the folk there to join in singing with us.

In 2000 we sang on the radio for a BBC Essex Carol Concert which took place at a number of linked-up locations throughout Essex. We sang at Cressing Barns, a fabulous venue but extremely cold in the middle of winter, especially while waiting around to sing. We have also taken part in a Choir Festival where we were voted "Best New Choir". As we were the only new choir singing that evening the award really was a foregone conclusion.

We'll sing anything. This year we have songs written by Elton John, Cole Porter and John Denver, as well as songs made famous by Dusty Springfield, The Everley Brothers, The Shirelles and Annie Lennox plus a couple of traditional folk songs for good measure.

Every year in July we present our 'Songs on a Summer Evening' when we sing all the songs which have kept us busy on a Thursday evening throughout the year to a (usually) appreciative audience. As a bonus during the interval we provide wine and snacks prepared by the ladies of the choir. There are no tickets and there is no admission to pay but we do ask for donations for our chosen charity for the year. Everyone is welcome to come along on Thursday 5 July at 8pm at St. Andrew's Church Hall for this year's evening of songs.

In the meantime, if you would like to join us do come along to St. Andrew's Church Hall on a Thursday evening at 8.15pm or phone me, Barbara Mason, on 01621927066, for more information.

The Hadfelda Choir
invite you to join them for



Songs on a Summer Evening

Thursday 5 July at 8.00pm

St Andrews Church Hall
Hatfield Peverel

An evening of popular songs
and music



Unsung heroes' receive their award

Congratulations to the Hatfield Peverel Community Events team for their 'Who will care?' award recognised at County Awards night in May. They are somewhere in the above photo.

Volunteers across Essex have been acknowledged for their selfless commitment to communities across the county at the Who Will Care? Awards 2018. Presented by BBC Essex's Dave Monk who applauded these unsung heroes' inspirational stories of volunteering, the *Volunteer Team Award was won by the Hatfield Peverel Community Events Team who give up hundreds of hours of free time to run community events. Each July they organize Party in the Park which is attended by thousands of people and includes stands, bands, music, food and entertainment. They also arrange talent contests, pram races and Christmas events. They provide the glue that binds the local community together as well as giving charities and other good causes the opportunity to fund raise.

***Volunteer Team Award** Awarded to a group of two or more volunteers who have made an outstanding contribution either independently or with a charity, community group or with their employer. Sponsored by Essex County Council; presented by Mark Carroll, Executive Director for Environment, Localities and Public Health, Essex County Council. The finalists in this category were: Support 4 Sight, Hatfield Peverel Community Events Team, Hearing Help Essex.

These successful events put on by our village team do not run themselves and though hard work, can be great fun - and a successful end result (with its headaches) makes everything worth while! **Want to help or take part in the next Party in the Park Saturday 7 July? Get in touch with Adrian Coombs, Events Co-ordinator, on amc0375@aol.com**

St Andrews Lunch Club and Home Visitors

If you have lost a loved one or live on your own and are finding life a bit empty you might like to consider one of the following.

- A friendly chat with one of our home visitors - at your convenience.

- Join us for the Lunch Club held on the second Tuesday of the month in the Church hall. We meet at mid-day for tea/coffee before lunch at 12.30pm.

The two-course meal costs £4. You will meet old friends and make new ones.

- Enjoy soup and sandwiches and a chat on the fourth Tuesday of the month between 12 noon and 2pm. Cost is £2.50. Tell your friends.

Transport can be arranged for both the luncheon club and soup and sandwiches.

For information on any of the above please contact Belinda Hull on 01376 512540, mobile 07854 122728.

Our footpaths in 1933 - Essex Chronicle

MARKING FOOTPATHS

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE ESSEX CHRONICLE."

Sir, — I should like to express my thanks for the article in your valuable Paper on the marking of footpaths, and to the Essex County Council for having undertaken the work. I have always been a great lover of the country, and felt a keen regret at the neglect shown in the past, not only by those in authority, but by the general public, who have largely given up the most healthful of all recreations, a walk in the country.

Our public footpaths are a priceless heritage. The advent of the bicycle was no doubt the chief cause of the decline in the use of these short cuts; now the motor car is driving the pedestrian off the roads. The wayside trees and hedges have been ruthlessly cut down, and have given place to old receptacles for food and drink, endless greasy papers and objectionable litter of all kinds, chiefly dumped from motor cars. I admit that some car users are more considerate (probably of their pockets) and tuck them into the hedges or throw them on to the lawns of roadside gardens. Never a week passes here but I have to gather up and burn some of this litter. The perfume of the wayside flowers has given place to the fumes of petrol and oil, and after a heavy shower the pedestrian is baptized with oily water.

Many landowners have in the past obstructed these public footpaths, and are still doing so, but the public generally are not aware that they have the right to remove any obstruction. Major Tufnell is mistaken in thinking these paths can be picked out at a glance from the local maps. When a survey is taken for a new map only the footpaths that are visible are recorded. Many of these are shown on the 25-inch Ordnance Map of 1874, but do not appear on later and smaller ones. I have a number of the 25-inch maps, and lent them to the Chelmsford Rural Council to assist them in tracing and recording. It is now up to the public to do their part by using them, and not abusing their right by trespassing.

Many country people living in cottages by the side of public paths that were well-known and used fifty years ago are quite unaware of their existence; and when I have consulted the landowners they have declined to give any information. If any persons interested would care to look at any of the old maps in my possession I shall be pleased to show them that there are many charming walks through fields, woods and meadows quite unknown to the general public, yet quite close to the County Town.

I note that Col. Whitmore, in conjunction with the Essex branch of the Central Landowners' Association, regards the Essex County Council's scheme as "another instance of unnecessary and ridiculous waste of the ratepayers' money." I do not know if they protested when the Council decided to spend the sum of £200 annually for a number of years—an unnecessary expenditure for which the ratepayers neither have received nor will receive any return.

H. MOTHERSOLE.
Warren House, Writtle.

It was ever thus

Whilst carrying out research in the Essex Record Office into the history of Hatfield Place and its grounds from the 19th century to the present, in support of the village's case to refuse permission for the development of Stonepath Meadow, Margaret Freeman and Julia East looked back through the Essex Chronicle archive. They came across a number of letters about public footpaths in the early 1930s. We have reproduced one of them here.

They illustrate that whilst much has changed over the years, many things haven't.

Note what H Mothersole has to say in his or her second paragraph about motor cars, and the litter problem, alive and well then as today.

MISCHIEF MAKERS

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2018

Saturday 14 July Saturday 1 September

The Summer Reading Challenge is called Mischief Makers and has been created in partnership with The Beano, celebrating its 80th year in 2018. Children will be invited into the world of Dennis, Gnasher and all the other Beano Town residents, and will explore new titles and discover facts, characters and stories across the best contemporary children's writing.

During their challenge children will be encouraged to read any six books of their choice. They will collect stickers for their Mischief Makers folder, solving puzzles as they go to find... well we can't give too much away yet! There are other exciting rewards along the way and, when they complete, they will receive a medal and certificate.

So let's get ready for library jokes, pranks, whoopee cushions and silly moustaches. Mischief Makers is for children aged 3 - 12 years with a special early year's version for babies and toddlers. For those aged 10 or about to start secondary school there will be an arts based creative reading challenge called ImagiNation. The national Summer Reading Challenge is created by The Reading Agency and delivered by libraries.



A new reading corner for Edward Bear Club in St Andrews Church

Children enjoying their new reading corner in St Andrews Church hall.

Edward Bear is open every Thursday during term time between 10 - 11.30am. Come along and join our friendly Group. £1.50 each week. Contact Nicky for more details on 380814.

Craft and chat in the library Cathy Etheredge 381553

We continue to meet through the summer on every Thursday afternoon from 1.30pm in the library. We welcome new members - you don't have to be an expert in your chosen craft, it's just an enjoyable get together of like minded people.

A reminder that we have our own special library ticket so members can borrow craft books for up to three months. If there is a certain book you would like, they will happily get it for you.

Hope to see you on Thursday afternoons.

Library times

Tuesday, Thursday 1 - 5pm

Wednesday, Saturday 9am - 1pm

Libraries enquiry line - 0345 6037628

At 2.07am, just when you thought you'd got to the end, there's another awkward little gap to be filled!

News from St Andrews

Usually when I write for the June Review I am still thinking about Easter. Easter was so early this year it has faded from memory! We are past Whitsun and it will soon be the longest day. We have had extraordinary weather; it feels like high summer, the temperature next to the Vicarage wall went up sufficiently to distort the track on the railway. Recklessly I abandoned my coat and wore my jacket. I even felt comfortable in shirt-sleeves in St Andrews and I have heard people say it was cosy in All Saints: Ulting! Other times night temperatures have dropped so sharply it was teetering on zero! Winter clothes or summer clothes? Decisions, decisions. Bob the cat seems untroubled by changes; but like all of my cats doesn't like the wind in his face and will choose a door to leave the Vicarage that minimizes the effect.



Cold or warm, the churchyard has got going - to the casual observer it might look as if we are haymaking. Have you noticed how fast the trees and shrubs are growing with an almost tropical green. Thanks to our churchyard team we are keeping on top of it.

When you read this, we will be well past Pentecost and into the Trinity season. We are following Year B readings which are largely based on St Mark, with a bit of St John thrown in for good measure.

Over April we have had two visits from bishops and both connected with my now Associate Priest Fr Derek Clark and both at All Saints Ulting. At the beginning of that month Roger; Bishop of Colchester licensed Fr Derek as an Associate Priest; at the end of the month Stephen; Bishop of Chelmsford celebrated and blessed the Welfare Unit. For those of you who don't read the Church Times or The Sun, the **Welfare Unit is essentially a mobile facility that includes a kitchen area and a toilet. It is hauled into position at All Saints and connected to the mains.** It has proved itself over the last few weeks and Bishop Stephen is very interested in it as a model for making modern facilities available in rural churches that could not afford, or whose building would not permit, the introduction of toilets and kitchens.

Diary dates

'Party in the Park' Saturday 7 July We hope to have a presence there, with our friends from the Methodist Church, to meet old friends and make new ones.

Sunday 8 July Family Service in the Vicarage garden. No definite theme as yet; watch for posters.

Underground railways revealed

Our Speaker in May was Rev Keith Lovell who spoke on underground railways. He took the names of four London underground railway stations closest to this region and told us about four prominent Christians who had a connection with one of those railways.

Plaistow - John Curwen 1816 - 1880

He was born in Yorkshire and trained as an Independent Church minister being ordained in 1844. His main interest was in music and, when his ministry brought him to work in Stowmarket,

he was keen to teach as many of parishioners as possible to sing. As they couldn't read a musical score, he invented the tonic sol-fa to help them. This was the method by which we learned to sing when I went to school.



East Ham - Elizabeth Fry 1780 - 1845

Born Elizabeth Guerne, at 20 years old she married Joseph Fry of the chocolate family. They were Quakers involved in Evangelism. When she realised how terrible conditions were for women in Newgate jail she determined to do all she could to improve them, and she fought for prison reform for the rest of her life.

Barkingside - Dr Thomas Barnado 1845 - 1905

While training to be a medical missionary in China he was affected by the number of homeless ragged boys in the streets and opened a shelter for them. The Earl of Shaftesbury heard of his work and persuaded him to stay in this country and his homes for boys developed from this. Girls were included later. He married in 1973 and, in his lifetime, rehomed 60,000 children, with 20,000 immigrating to Canada. The idea of having children living in small family units with a House

Father and Mother was also developed from this.

Dagenham - Joseph Wadding Graves

He was an ordained Church minister whose passion was bagpipe music, and in 1930 he trained a group of girls to play the bagpipes. They became the famous Dagenham Girl Pipers who travelled all over England and Europe giving their marching concerts. They played at the London Palladium theatre and in 1946 came to Hatfield Peverel to play at our village carnival which we held to celebrate the end of the 2nd World War.

Methodist Church celebrates Easter and 200 years in the village

Easter Day Service

Our service was led by John Clemo and illustrated in hymns, prayers and an acted narration Peter's story of the death and resurrection of Jesus and the celebration of his resurrection as told in Acts 10. Our wooden cross had over the past 4 weeks of the Lent period been dressed with symbols leading up to the crucifixion, from Jesus' washing of the disciples' feet to show piety, the purple cloth representing repentance, a money bag for the betrayal by Judas and the crown of thorns for the life that Jesus sacrificed on the cross. At this Easter Day service these items were stripped away and replaced by a glorious array of flowers brought in by our congregation, to celebrate in spring flowers, the resurrection of Christ. Afterwards we enjoyed lunch together with our Minister to finish a very happy occasion.



200 years celebration of Methodism in Hatfield Peverel 29 April

Church members, past and present, with many from St Andrew's, friends, villagers and Methodists from local Churches joined in our celebrations, 200 years in the village! Artifacts had been found from archives including copies of original legal documents and an illustrated Bible used at that time. The flute, played in the original Church in 1826 by a Mr Eve, was also displayed. It was later owned by Mr G Langstone, who donated it to the Church some years ago. Mr Langstone's daughter attended the Service and it has been decided to return it to her as a family heirloom.

Our District Chair, Rev David Chapman took the service in his own modest style. He used the lectionary passages from the Bible: firstly, relating to Philip helping the Ethiopian official to understand God's purpose and secondly, from John's Gospel which represents God's followers as branches of a vine with God as the stem and us as the disciples/branches, which need to stay attached to the source of nourishment to be able to spread out and bear fruit. He acknowledged the members of the past 200 years and wondered what stories they could tell and looked to the future as Methodism strives to support people in all communities. Afterwards, with tea and cakes, everyone enjoyed catching up with old friends, some of whom had travelled distances to share lots of reminiscences of past times

Regular events

Sunday, 11am Morning Service – everyone welcome

Every Thursday, 10 –12 Open Door - come and join us for tea/coffee and chat

2nd Saturday in month, 10 -12 Coffee morning and cake stall

3rd Monday in the month, 7.30-9.30pm Bible study group

'Sports for Champions' sponsored event



An inspirational day for us all at St Andrews Junior School in April when we had the opportunity to meet the long jumper, Ezekiel Ewulo. In their classes the children were able to enjoy circuits in the hall which included star jumps, press-ups and half press-ups, leg drives and 'spotty dogs!'

Ezekiel has competed for Great Britain and, now, Nigeria. In a special assembly, we all had the chance to handle his gold medal from the British Indoor Championships, and he told us how he trains, eats and competes. His personal best in the long jump measured the length of our hall! Wow!

He also told us about the importance of competing fairly and sticking to the rules, not just in sport but in all areas of life. Indeed, so much of what he said about doing his best and trying to improve could be applied to our life in school and beyond.

We have been able to raise £1770 through your generosity, so Sports for Champions will receive £948 to help support the travelling costs of GB international hopefuls from different sports, and £822 will be kept by us to use at our discretion to benefit the pupils.

Thank you so much to everyone who provided help and support to their children in obtaining sponsorship which has been very greatly appreciated.

Summer fete with a 50s theme

Hatfield Peverel Lodge Saturday 30 June
from 2pm - 5pm

The afternoon will be opened by
the Mayor of Witham
Live entertainment from Robert, Jerome, Pete
Refreshments available.

We would love to see our local community
joining us for a fun filled afternoon

Nicki Wallace, Activities Co-ordinator

How it was in the 1500s

Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water

The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then the other sons and men, then the women and finally the children. Last of all the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. Hence the saying *Don't throw the baby out with the bath water!*

Designing your own coat of arms

Colchester Castle is an exciting place to visit, especially if you get a chance to dress as a knight and wield a shield! Year 2 Infants on return from the castle visit were inspired to design their own shields.

Thank you to Chloe Wilkinson and Olivia Hanley for their imaginative drawings, They are a delight and if you look closely you will see the subjects they have chosen for their shields.





Mobility scooters and baby buggies can now easily negotiate the pedestrian barriers onto The Street from St Andrews Road following ECC improvements

Public footpaths

**Ken Earney, 381235; keneaney@hotmail.com
Hatfield Peverel Parish Paths Partnership rep**

Resurfacing of Footpath no.4

Essex County Council recently completed the resurfacing of one more length of the path between The Street and New Road (Footpath no.4) - the section between The Street and St Andrews Road. The works also entailed adjustments to the spacing between the pedestrian barriers at The Street, thereby improving the access for, mobility scooters and baby buggies. Many thanks to Ken Harrison for carrying out the above demonstration for me. and to the ECC gang who co-operated with us on the day to ensure best possible access from street pavement to footpath. Ken's scooter is one of the largest models on the market and he demonstrated no difficulty at all in steering easily through the chicane, his verdict being that it is much improved on the situation existing before the work was carried out. Many thanks also to Jim Page for raising this issue in the first instance.

Volunteer working group goes active - at last
A suggestion was made at last year's Annual

Parish Meeting that because it was becoming very difficult to get routine maintenance tasks carried out by ECC in a timely manner it would be desirable to form our own volunteer working group to do some of this work ourselves. A group of volunteers came forward and we had a first meeting in May 2017 and set about surveying the condition of all of our paths and identifying the extent and type of work needed.

Individual members pitched in and did some vegetation cutting before we finally 'went live' as a group a couple of weeks ago under the guidance of ECC Public Rights of Way officer Shirley Anglin, carrying out vegetation clearance on the overgrown path going off to the left of the Duke of Wellington bridge towards the Vineyards cottages: we made a noticeable improvement with just a couple of hours work.

Immediate plans are for vegetation cutting on one or two key paths, and guidance from Shirley Anglin in the installation of waymarkers

For further information please contact me as above.

Playing cricket and loving it - come and join us!

Hatfield Peverel Cricket Club - Paul Thorogood 07793 125951

The 2018 season is just beginning and we are concentrating on the game - after organising bonfire/firework displays and fun days - we are playing cricket when weather and circumstances allow! There has been winter indoor net practice and now outdoor training has begun at our Church Road ground.

Initial matches have shown promise against strong teams and we are shortly expecting reinforcement from students returning from Uni. We are looking for, and would love to welcome, players of all ages and abilities. We can take it from there regarding coaching advice, net practice etc for those with ambition.

If that sounds too energetic, please do come along and enjoy cheering HPCC to victory whilst taking in the friendly banter and wonderful view overlooking Danbury. There are matches Saturday, Sunday afternoons and Tuesday evenings. Why not give us a look and perhaps become a Social member at £5 a year. Perhaps most importantly, we have a licensed bar - a cold beer or an iced lemonade on a warm summers day, what could be better? Here's hoping for some new faces.....



Welcome to the ladies

Andy Simmonds 01245 381020

Our AGM in June was very well attended. A new all ladies Division 2 side has joined the club, as well as two new members. Our teams in the Chelmsford League from Division 2 down to Division 5 did well last season.

Congratulations to the winners of our Club tournaments - handicap doubles: Neil Freeman and Gareth Davies; open singles: Gary Ward.

We now need to prioritise the recruitment of a few more experienced players (male or female) to staff our Divisions 3 and 4 teams, who will also play in the Chelmsford League. Up to now we have had 4 teams in this league and are now looking for additional experienced players to establish at least one more team for the 2018/19 season. **If you wish to play competitively or to re-start your playing career you would be most welcome. To join one of our league teams, please leave your details with either Secretary Neil Freeman on 01245 382249 or myself Chairman Andy Simmonds on 01245 381020 or 07932 057 205.**

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



We are a friendly all-age club of. Home playing night is Tuesday in the Village Hall, Maldon Road. with bar, tea and coffee facilities, excellent playing conditions and top class equipment. Come and give us a try.

Bowls Club on a winning streak!

Rita Thomson, Bowls Captain, 01245 380038

The green opened for play on 23 April when thirteen players had a good roll-up. Our first game, on 3 May, was away to Silver End - we won.

The presentation dinner was held 7 May when fifty members and guests enjoyed a lovely meal. Club Captain Rita Thomson presented the trophies and medals to winners and runners-up.



The outside season started with a home game against Stock and Buttsbury. on 12 May. On the 15th we played Writtle away on the first mid-week Chelmsford League game - a win. More successes in a friendly away match, against Lionmede, and on our first ladies Chelmer match against Danbury. The friendly home match we hosted against Rayleigh was - you've guessed it, another win. Can it last?

Do come and visit us and give bowling a try, We are a friendly club and .new players are welcome.

Useful telephone numbers Dec 17

Please contact the editors for additions/errors.

Age UK Essex 01245 346106

Anglian Water, 24 hours 0800 919 155

Braintree District Council 01376 552525

Clean Team ring number above and ask for

Customer Services

Witham Area Office in Witham Library

- for walk-in enquiries only

Churches

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

Methodist Church, minister 01621 853423

Catholic Church, Witham, priest 01376 512219

Citizens Advice Bureau Witham 0344 4994719

Drop-in sessions Mon/Tue/Thur/Fri 10am - 1pm

Appointments only Thurs afternoon 1 - 4pm

Doctors, health services

Hatfield Peverel doctors' surgery 01245 380324

NHS - non-emergency helpline 111

Pharmacy, Hadfelda Square 01245 380130

Electricity - emergency 0800 7838838

Essex County Council 01245 492211

Essex & Suffolk Water 24 hours 0845 7820999

First In Essex Buses Ltd 01245 293400

Gas - emergency 0800 111999

Harlequin Children's Centre 01376 535270

Free support and services for children under 5

Hospitals

Broomfield (A&E); 01245 362000

St Peters, Maldon 01621

Libraries (enquiry line) 0345 6037628

Hatfield Peverel

Tuesday, Thursday 1 - 5pm

Wednesday, Saturday 9am - 1pm

Witham - use enquiry line above

Police Non-emergency calls 101

Use 101 also for the local officer

Emergency calls 999

Police Stations, Braintree, Chelmsford

Opening hours, Monday - Saturday, 12.00 to 6pm

Post Office 01245 382787

Railway Information

Greater Anglia 03456 007245

National Rail Enquiries (24 hrs) 03457 484950

Registrar of Births, Marriages & Deaths

Witham, by appointment only 03456 037632

Braintree, by appointment only 03456 037632

The Change Project 01245 258680

08453 727701

Samaritans (24 hours - toll free) 08457 909090

Schools

St Andrew's Junior School 01245 380131

Hatfield Peverel Infant School 01245 380220

Hatfield Peverel Day Nursery 01245 382450

Tiger Tots Toddler Group 07886 021048

Charlotte Greaves 07527 763038

Social Services 0345 6037630

Community Agent for Hatfield Peverel

Jan Hawkins 07540 720605

Village hall (after 7pm) 01245 381481

Let us know of useful services to add to this list

Hatfield Peverel Parish Council

Committees and working parties

Community Events (CE)

Employment (Emp),

Finance/General purposes (FG),

Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP),

Planning (P), Traffic (T)

Village Environment (E)

To be notified (TBN)

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

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David Bebb 01245 381065

James Coleridge 07534 275449

County Councillor

Derrick Louis 07918 721526



Glorious sunshine all week for year 6 of the Junior School who recently went away for their 5-day residential visit. Amongst other activities, they enjoyed ghyll scrambling, raft building, canoeing and fell climbing amidst the glorious scenery of the Lake District. (And no, that background is not a painted backdrop!)

Village hall happenings

Facebook: Hatfield Peverel village hall

Yearly membership £5

Opening times

Monday to Saturday 7 - 11pm

Sunday 12 noon - 4.30pm

Specials dates

6 - 14 June

Cup Cake Day 7pm club bar

in aid of Alzheimers

7 July

Party in the Park

See flyer on page 3

21 July

Special poker night

Curry and drink £9

18 August

12-hour dart-a-thon

10am - 10pm

in memory of Emma Louise

Brewster (neonatal death)

raffle and cake sale

Regular happenings

Bingo (8pm first Wednesday, third Thursday)

4 July, 19 July, 1 August, 16 August, 5 September.

Brag (first Friday in month) 6 July, 3 August, 7 September

Poker (third Saturday in month) 21 July see special dates above, 18 August, 15 September

Pool (second Friday in month) 13 July, 10 August, 14 September

Darts Monday and Tuesday - new players needed

Booking for hall/meeting rooms

HPCA booking@gmail.com

Village Hall 01245 381481

Please leave a voice mail and Allan or a staff member will call asap. This is the booking number only for clubs and parties.

Harvest Festival and Garden Party

Join us at St Andrews Harvest Festival and Garden Party on Saturday 22 September from 2 - 5pm. Everyone is welcome.