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Front cover - it's been a long day! Sapphire takes a break from all the activity of the charity bike ride, proudly wearing her volunteer's Ride for Helen medal. See report on page 8

D-Day+75 years - plagued by the weather

On D-Day minus two Himself went off to Duxford to see the many Dakota aircraft preparing for D-Day in Normandy (*photo right, over here from the US, Dakota (C-47) "That's all Brother" and it's complement of paratroopers assembled for a photoshoot*) worried about the weather and where he was going to park (takes too long to explain). Knowing my place I remained at home with the computer and a whole new set of programme upgrades just installed. 'Give us a ring if you get stuck' his parting comment.

As many of you may know, I am a technophobe, I like someone to talk to, who isn't going to throw a wobbly when I hit the wrong key. Determined I carried on - I had quite a good day.

He rang at lunchtime - I knew by the sound of his voice that all was well, he had got in and parked without mishap, he didn't have to park at Trumpington and wait for a bus that only ran to the airfield every two hours! Unfortunately the weather was not good, a wind too strong for the paratroopers with D-Day era clothing, kit and parachutes to make their practice mass parachute jump in preparation for D-Day.

Never mind, on D-Day minus one Himself and I would go to Abberton Reservoir to see the fleet of twenty plus Dakotas pass over the reservoir en-route for Normandy, except that it didn't. Take-off from Duxford was delayed by two hours perhaps necessitating the course alteration over Colchester which took them to the west of the planned corridor.

Possibly Tolleshunt Knights or Goldhanger would have been better bets after all!

NDP report June 2019

Confirmation has recently been received that the examination has been resumed, and that the Examiner will be visiting the village early June to carry out her site inspection

Braintree District Council and the NDP team now await the Examiner's report before progressing further to referendum.



Saturday 29th June 2019

1pm – 10pm

**Live music from
Remnants,**

**Blackwater, Blazin Aces
Dr Zero and the Hotheads
I Think I'm Gonna Uke**

Bootsy

**Entertainment from Hotsteps,
Stagecoach, KL Aerial
TT Gymnastics and Trampoline Club**

**Food & drink,
Raffle and other attractions**

Fun for the whole family - All welcome

Free Entry

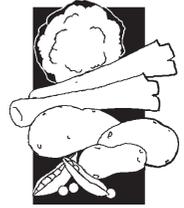
*Donations gratefully received allowing us
to run events in the future*

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

Spring has sprung and everything on the allotment has started to grow, especially the weeds!

Andy Styles, chairman HPAA

It is not surprising weeds grow so well, they have had thousands of years to develop to our soil and environment, whereas many of our crops have been introduced to this country and must be well tended.



This is also the time when wildlife starts to flourish. Slugs come out of hiding and start raiding for food and recent studies show there is little we can do about them. Slug pellets are a risk as they can also be eaten by hedgehogs and other wildlife as well as young children, however frogs, toads, ground beetles, birds and hedgehogs also eat slugs. Slugs can be a benefit in the compost heap, so when you find them add them to your compost. I have a frog who regularly visits my polytunnel, it is most welcome and can eat what it likes. I follow the plant five approach, one for nature, one does not grow and three for me, this way you do not get too disappointed.

So, what are we doing on the allotment? Mainly keeping the weeds under control: a hoe is useful, firstly so our produce gets the maximum benefit from the soil, secondly to stop the weed seeds from spreading to other people's allotments and thirdly because we have our annual cultivation inspection soon! Broad beans are standing, potatoes leaves appearing, runner bean frames starting to be built, compost bins filling with grass and lots of small shoots of various vegetables starting to poke through the soil. I have even picked my first strawberries.

We recently distributed leaflets to properties in the parish, as we had twelve allotments available. I can report we have let most of them but there are a couple of plots available. If you would like one please let me know. You then know where the food was grown, what was added to it and it is not wrapped in plastic, let alone tasting better. Happy growing

The best plant sale ever!

Hatfield Peverel/Ulting Horticultural Society

Trina Butcher, Publicity 01245 380532

www.essexinfo.net/hatpevgardens

Oaklands plant sale/coffee morning

A great mid-May morning for a bargain - and an excellent cuppa and cake.

At 12 noon there were still visitors arriving and finding just what they wanted! The morning raised £812 for funds.



Afternoon garden walk Sunday 23 June RHS Hyde Hall, Rettendon. Free admission

A lot of development has taken place since our last visit so a return to this RHS garden will be most worthwhile.

Please meet at the courtyard in front of the entrance at or before 2pm to take advantage of the free admission. If you need transport, please contact Clive Emberson, 01245 381704.

Hatfield Peverel Walkers

Dave Groves



Seven walkers set off for the June walk on what proved to be a windy but fairly hot day, the heat telling on us by the time we finished the walk. The intended route was over to the Sportsmans, up the road and round the old gravel pits until we met the Ulting Road. Crossing over we intended to continue on the road towards Does and use a footpath round the back of Does to come out opposite Spring Lane.

Due to a navigational error (hopeless without a satnav these days) we got to Spring Lane by a circuitous route adding around an extra mile on the route (thanks to Gerald for getting us back on track). Once down Spring Lane, we had to stop at the Peartree Pantry to test out the fare of the new owners (passed with flying colours). We then made our way back to village via field and road.

Sri Lanka - the Easter bombings

Where would you expect to encounter a large group of Sri Lankan health professionals other than in a conference centre? How about on a beautiful Sunday morning in May walking along the Chelmer and Blackwater canal towpath between Hoe Mills and Paper Mills locks? And why there?



The news of terrorist attacks on worshippers at three Christian churches and three hotels in Sri Lanka on Easter Sunday horrified probably most Sri Lankans here in the UK. Many live in Essex, amongst them medical professionals working in the NHS, based principally at Broomfield Hospital, but also at Basildon and Romford hospitals. It gave rise to the questions amongst them of how they might do something to help those back at home who had been affected?

Dr Victor and Varuni Mendis conceived the idea of a fund-raising walk to raise money for targeted financial help for some of the affected communities. They heard of families left destitute, the sole breadwinner killed in the bombings. Looking around for an interesting area for a walk of 8 miles or so, the Chelmer and Blackwater canal towpath appeared a good prospect with All Saints Ulting as a starting point, first along the towpath then returning to Ulting via public footpaths and quiet lanes in the parish. They then set about involving their many professional colleagues and friends and at the same time contacting Father Derek. They found him fully supportive of the whole idea, agreeing to the start from the churchyard and to having table and chairs set out for the ample sandwich and cakes lunch at the end of the walk, all brought by Victor, Varuni and friends.

Around thirty walkers arrived, not only Sri Lankans, but a family from South Africa, others from India, and one lady from France. There were Christians, Buddhists, Muslims and some of no faith, ready to set off after a blessing from Father Derek not long after 9.30 on a beautiful sunny day, the air fresh, ideal for walking. Amongst them yours truly, unfortunately the only local, but with such short notice – atrocities don't take account of publication cycles – there was only a limited possibility of spreading the word. I found the morning a very enjoyable and uplifting experience. I had conversations with medical professionals about their work that I would never be able to have in a doctor's consulting room.

The fund has so far raised £6,250 to date, with more still coming in. How the money is to be used - amounts like this will do no good being too thinly spread - will only finally be decided after Victor and Varuni Mendis have been back to Sri Lanka in August. At present they intend to be helping two families, one in Negambo where 3 children from one family have been left orphaned, the other in Batticaloa. Final decisions will be made after seeking advice from people with local knowledge.

If you feel you would like to donate or to know more about the initiative contact Revd Derek Clark on 380627, or me, Ken Earney on 381235, keneaney@hotmail.com and we can provide further details.



Parish Council news

Sarah Gaeta, Clerk to the Parish Council

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Local elections - May 2019

The Parish Council elections were uncontested this time around. Sadly, we say goodbye to Councillors Suzanne Evans and Simon Hinkley, but thank them for all their hard work during their time in office. We also welcome new Councillor Cliff Livermore to the Parish Council.

There are currently two vacancies on the Council. If you would like further information on what being a Parish Councillor involves, please contact the Clerk. Alternatively, if you feel you have an area of expertise that the Parish Council would benefit from and are interested in joining an advisory group or working party, please get in touch.

Annual Parish meeting

A huge thank you to all the residents who attended the Annual Parish meeting on Monday 20 May. Margaret Freeman gave an entertaining and informative presentation about the history of the Parish Council, which is commemorating its 125th anniversary this year, having been formed in 1894. Thank you also to the representatives from some of our village clubs who attended to speak about what they do. The Parish Council is pleased to say that the local policing team was also in attendance and noted concerns raised.

Rural Community Council of Essex (RCCE) Village of the Year 2019

The Parish Council entered Hatfield Peverel into the Village of the Year competition for 2019. The judges visited the village on Thursday 18 April in the sunshine! Thank you to everyone who got involved and helped to show what great things go on in Hatfield Peverel. The winners will be announced at RCCE's AGM on Wednesday 10 July.

Planning

For information on what planning applications have been received, granted and refused, please see the Braintree District Council weekly planning lists which are updated daily and available to view here: https://www.braintree.gov.uk/info/200225/search_and_track_planning_applications/592/weekly_lists

Social Media Please follow the Parish Council on social media for news and updates: Facebook: @hatfieldpeverelpc/Twitter: @HatPevPC

Website

Don't forget you can view all Parish Council news on the website: <http://www.essex.info.net/hatfieldpeverel/>

The next Parish Council monthly meetings will be held on Monday 1 July, 5 August, 2 September 2019.

'The Computer Swallowed Grandma'

A favourite 'promised poem' printed in the Christmas Review

Cyril Jones writes

You recently published a poem called "The Computer swallowed Grandma". Sad to say the writer Valerie Waite was terminally ill at her home in Derbyshire, and has since died, on Tuesday 21 May. I had told her she had made it to the Review. She said it was amazing the number of publications that had reproduced this particular poem. I've known her since she was 13 and in fact introduced her to my school friend who was her husband. She wrote a number of funny poems published originally by the Daily Mail which can be obtained now in book form.

Kira goes for Gold with two top awards

For the last eighteen months Kira Jarvis has camped in -14°, hiked around the Netherlands in 38°, and assisted those with additional needs. She gained her Assistant Cub Scout Leader Wood badge and improved animal welfare understanding and - congratulations Kira - finally gained two top awards The Queens Scout and Duke of Edinburgh Gold Awards.

In her travels Kira has had numerous adventures in the UK and Europe, has made lifelong friends from around the world - and had a fantastic time! She is the first in her Scout district for 14 years and the first in Hatfield Peverel Scout Group since 1963 to achieve the Queens Scout Award.

On completion of these awards she was invited to Windsor Castle in April and Buckingham Palace in May. And for her Queens Scout Award, was invited to attend the Scout National St George's Day Parade at Windsor, where she paraded with other Queens Scouts through the castle grounds in front of the Duke of Kent who while inspecting the parade stopped and spoke to her.

For her Duke of Edinburgh Gold, she was invited for a presentation at Buckingham Palace Gardens where she met the Countess of Wessex, was presented with her certificate by Radio 1 DJ Scott Mills and met other celebrities including Konnie Huq and Jayne Torvill. Both days were an honour for Kira to attend - she achieved these highly respected awards through her hard work and dedication.

Kira says 'These awards have allowed me to have adventures and make friends which I otherwise would not have done. Anyone in the age range of 16-25 should consider and try and achieve them as it is a once in a lifetime opportunity not to be missed'



St Andrews Lunch Club and home visitors

Belinda Hull, 01376 512540

Lunch Club

St Andrews lunch club extends a warm welcome to new members. Do you have an elderly friend or relative who would enjoy a meal and chat on the **second Tuesday of every month?**

We meet in the Church hall at mid-day for tea/coffee before lunch at 12.30pm - diabetics and vegetarians are catered for. The cost is £4 for a two course meal. You will meet old friends and make new ones. Transport can be arranged - give Belinda a ring on the number above.

Soup and sandwiches are served on the **fourth Tuesday of the month** between 12am and 2pm. Cost is £2.50 including tea/coffee. Bring your friends and neighbours.

Home visitors

A small group of friends who take chat and friendship to anyone living on their own or recently bereaved. We would like to reach anyone who may feel isolated or on their own who would like more contact with the outside world.

We would love to see you, its good to talk and friendships can be made this way.

Hadfelda Singers



**Songs on a
Summer Evening**

**Thursday 5 July at 8.00pm
St Andrews Church Hall**

In aid of Guide Dogs Charity

Ride for Helen cyclists raised thousands for Helen Rollason Cancer Charity!

The annual bike ride, supported by almost 1,000 cyclists from around the county (27 of them from Hatfield Peverel) - has so far raised £28,000

From Crix, on a perfect late spring day the sixth ride - and the 20th anniversary of the formation of Helen Rollason Cancer Charity - cycled off into the countryside on routes to suit everyone: 6 miles, 15 miles, and new routes this year 30 miles, 50 miles, 65 miles and 90 miles.



Helen Rollason Cancer Charity CEO Kate Alden said: ‘What a fantastic turnout with almost 1,000 supporters attending our annual Ride for Helen raising in the region of £28,000 for the charity, with sponsorship money still flooding in! We feel very lucky that our patron Ian Twinley has kindly allowed us to use the beautiful grounds of Crix in Hatfield Peverel as a starting and finishing point every year. We would like to thank also our dedicated team of volunteers, staff, sponsors and supporters for making the day a success.

Don't forget our monthly coffee mornings third Saturday in the month - 15 June, 20 July, 17 August in the Scout and Guide HQ in Church Road, 10am.

Helen Rollason Vintage Fair Sunday 20 June at Crossing Temple Barn 10.30am - 4.30pm. Adults £5, concessions £4, under 16s free. Free parking, dogs on leads welcome at this event. If you would like to book a vintage stall please ring Vikki Butcher 01245 380719 or email fundraising@helenrollason.org.uk

Chairman of WI Essex Federation, Jan Curtis, welcomed to Hadfelda WI Marel Elliston

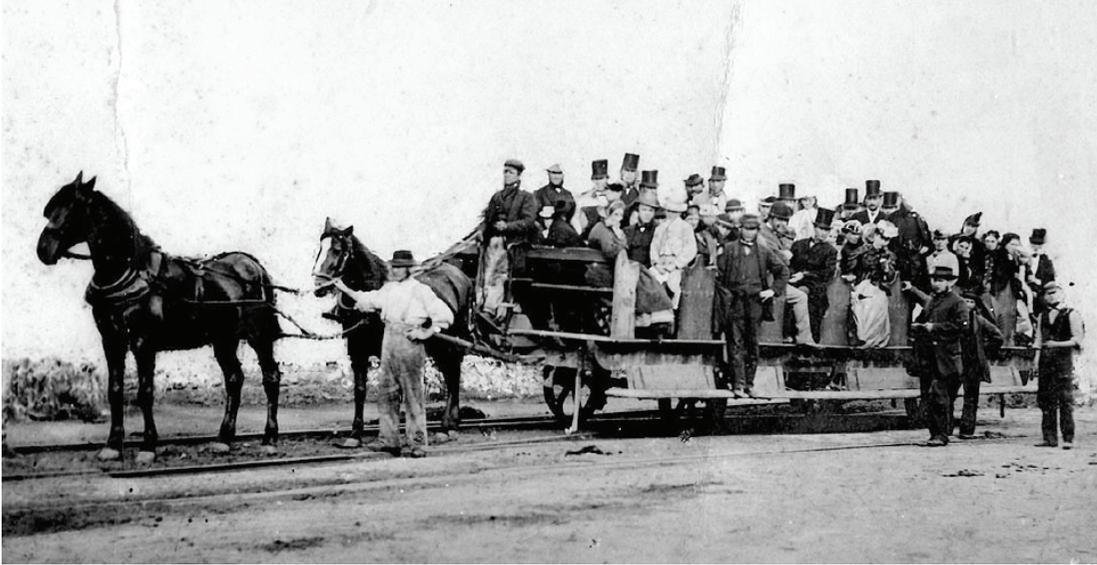
At our annual meeting in April we were delighted to welcome Chair of the Essex Federation Jan Curtis, who ran the proceedings. The existing committee volunteered to continue in their present roles and Marel Elliston was elected president for another year.

Jan then gave us an interesting talk about various aspects of the Essex WIs. Event days were being held in different parts of the county to help cut down on travelling although many courses and craft days were still being held at the WI centre. Members were asked to sign the list for a trip to Poplar Nurseries in June and a canal trip is planned for August. Tea and scones were served and members enjoyed solving a quiz.

‘The Treasure beneath your Feet’ was the title of our May talk, and what an interesting talk it was! Gordon Bailey was a mine of information as he told about the various items he had found. The history behind quite ordinary every day objects like spoons, plates and shoes was fascinating. The competition for an old coin was well supported with some interesting entries. We were delighted to welcome three new members and everyone was reminded about the group meeting in September being organised by Springfield WI.



The next meeting is an ‘Afternoon Tea’ which will be held on Wednesday 26 June at 2pm in St. Andrews Church Hall. The July meeting is to be arranged.



In 1807, the first horse-drawn tram of the Swansea and Mumbles Railway, Photo by an unknown photographer. <https://blyoung23.wordpress.com/2012/10/25/the-tram/>

The Mumbles Railway

Thank you to Cyril Jones for pointing out to those who attended the WEA course on the History of British Railways that railways in Britain didn't begin in 1826 but some years earlier. He writes

It is not true that the Railways began in 1826 with the Stockton and Darlington line. It is true that this was the first STEAM passenger service but the first passenger railway was brought about by an Act of Parliament in 1804. It was commenced in the year the Act was passed. It had a four foot gauge which was later changed to the standard gauge and was operated under the toll road laws. It was horse drawn and was built between Swansea and the small fishing village of Oystermouth and later extended to The Mumbles. There was a branch line through Clyne valley intended to carry coal but this was not developed. The line to Oystermouth was built to carry limestone from a local quarry to Swansea docks and canal but again this only was done for a few years. As it was operated under the toll laws anyone who had a wagon of the correct gauge was entitled to use the line on payment of the toll.

The owner sold the line and it was developed as a passenger service in 1806 and continued to be horse drawn until 1896 when it was converted to steam. The original passenger wagons looked like the old stage coaches and I remember my teacher in the junior school saying that he had been on it many times. It went so slowly he could jump off, pick a bunch of wild flowers for his mother and get back on before it had gone very far. Later it became electrified and consisted of two tram like carriages each of which held about 150 people. The seating was wooden slatted and the back rest was reversible. There was no turntable at the termini so the train could be driven from either end, and the backrests had to be changed over so everyone faced front.

The service continued until 1960 and closed in favour of buses. The people that used this service were incensed as they now had to get their cars on the road which was already congested. This railway was not only the first passenger railway in the world but also used the world's biggest double-decker tramcars.

It was always known locally as The Mumbles Railway. I remember the thrill of riding in the front seats of the upper deck and experiencing the hard wooden seats and the bucking bronco nature of the ride as it lurched from side to side at breakneck speed between Rutland St terminus and the Mumbles Pier, a distance of about five miles around the edge of Swansea Bay.

From feeling chilly to feeling in the pink!

Peverel Wine Club, Vee Green, Secretary
01245 355723

www.peverelwineclub.co.uk
email peverelwineclub@hotmail.co.uk



Coming to the Wine Club is the cheapest way to have a round the world trip! We've visited Australia and New Zealand in April, Chile in May and later we shall sample what Eastern Europe has to offer.

Our May meeting was entitled Feeling Chile, a tasting of six excellent Chilean wines accompanied by Chris and Vee's slides of the vineyards they had visited, plus stunning scenery of the Chilean Lake District, and the mist-shrouded Pacific coast north of Valparaiso. Favourite white wine was the Santa Rita 120 Sauvignon Blanc, and the red (by a whisker) the Lastarria Malbec.

We are now looking forward to our meeting on 12 June entitled In the Pink, to be held in a member's garden. Not only shall we be tasting a selection of rosé wines from around the world - covering every shade from the palest blush to a deep, vibrant shade verging on red - but everyone has been asked to wear something pink, and to bring along a picnic supper which must contain some pink food. If spam sandwiches are your thing, why don't you join us!

More outings are scheduled for July and August: a boat trip down the Blackwater on the Viking Saga launch is planned for July, to be followed by a fish and chip supper after we have worked up a good appetite in the ocean breezes. August sees our old favourite the walking Treasure Hunt once again, with plenty of clues to be found in our historic Maldon venue - and of course the evening will finish with the results and a meal in one of Maldon's excellent restaurants.

If you'd like to join us for a light-hearted and inexpensive evening out, you would always be very welcome, but please give Vee a ring beforehand to confirm attendance (and to ensure we have enough of everything to eat and drink!) on 01245 355723, or Graham on 01245 380472. Just have a look to see the date and topic of each month's meeting on our website at www.peverelwineclub.co.uk. The Club meets normally on the second Wednesday of the month at 8pm in the Village Hall, but with some exceptions, so that it is always worth phoning first, especially during the summer months.

Village hall happenings

Facebook: Hatfield Peverel village hall
Yearly membership £5

Come and enjoy a drink and a chat in a friendly atmosphere, you will be made most welcome

Opening times

Monday to Saturday 7 - 11pm
Sunday 12 noon - 4.30pm

Special dates

Friday 21 June charity hair cut 7pm onwards

Saturday 22 June Table top sale in the village hall 11am - 3pm. £5 a table - leave a message on the village hall phone 381481

Saturday 29 June 1 - 10pm Party in Park - see poster on page 3

Saturday 20 July 7 pm onwards

Disco and Karaoke Mark and his band will be playing
Free entry, everybody welcome

Regular happenings

A reminder: this month Bingo will be on the fourth Thursday of the month, 27 June, not the third Thursday

Bingo (third Thursday in month)

27 June (not 20 June) 18 July, 15 August

Brag (first Friday in month)

5 July, 1 August

Poker (third Saturday in month)

15 June, 20 July, 3 August

Darts Tuesdays

Ladies team

Booking for hall/meeting rooms

HPCAbookings@g.com

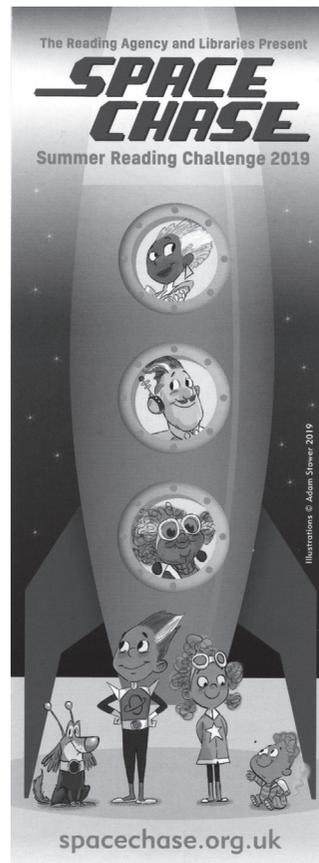
Village hall 01245 381481

Leave a message if there is no reply and this will answered as soon as possible.

Space Chase

Summer Reading Challenge

Saturday 20 July to Monday 2 September 2019



The summer reading challenge, called Space Chase, celebrates 50 years since the first moon landings in 1969. **Space Chase is aimed at all children aged 3 -12 years with a special version for children aged 2 and under** so little brothers and sisters can join in too.

Children can choose books they want to read and chat about them with library staff and young volunteers. **It's free, can help your child develop a love of reading**, and parents and teachers say it keeps children's reading levels up over the summer break.

Children need to read or share 6 books to earn their rewards and medal. They can also join in with the Space Chase Treasure Hunt and other fun activities.

3, 2, 1 --- lift off! Join us at Cressing Temple Barns to launch this year's Summer Reading Challenge. Space Day will take place on Saturday 20 July between 11am and 3 pm and includes a galaxy of space activities for all the family. Go to visitparks.co.uk to book your space

Craft and chat in the Library

Ms Catherine Etheridge, cathyletheridge@aol.com

Library opening times - see page 15

The **craft and chat group** continues to meet in the summer on Thursday afternoons from 2pm onwards. We are helping each other with our projects along with time for a bit of chat.

Family History Curious about your ancestors? The **third Thursday of the month from 10am is for you.**

Experienced players needed for Table Tennis Club

Andy Simmonds, Chairman
01245 381020



We are a local friendly club with currently 5 teams in the Chelmsford League from Division 2 down to Division 5. Division 4 has just gained promotion. We would welcome additional, experienced players to support our 5 teams, possibly to increase to six, for 2019/20. . If you wish to play competitively or to re-start your playing career you would be most welcome.

Home playing night is Tuesday: we have 25 members of all ages and standard,. Home league

matches are played in the village hall in Maldon Road, with all facilities, excellent playing conditions and equipment. League match evenings are friendly and good fun with three players from each team in a match playing three singles and one doubles game.

For non-competitive social table tennis, the village hall has its own table contact Alan Benfield on 07741 140732.

If you wish to join one of our league teams, please leave your details with either Secretary Neil Freeman on 01245 382249 or myself Andy Simmonds on 01245 381020 or 07932 057 205.

Hope to see you soon.

News from St Andrews

www.hatfieldpeverelultingchurches.org.uk



As I write the sun is blazing, there is a warm breeze and, in the words of Frank Richards (author of 'Billy Bunter stories') all is calm and bright. When I got to the end of my article, the sun had faded, it became dark in the study the warm breeze became a cold wind. There is no doubt we have had some extraordinary weather; sometimes like high summer, encouraging me to abandon my coat and jacket. I felt comfortable in shirt-sleeves in St Andrews and I have heard people say it was not bad in All Saints: Ulting! With new pew heating, it should be wonderful in there.

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

Dates for your diary

Sunday 9 June Pentecost (Whit Sunday) All-age service at St Andrews with Holy Communion at 10.15am.

Sunday 23 June 6pm Deanery Evensong at St Andrews

The combined choirs of our Deanery will sing a fully choral evening service (like the Cathedral) with light refreshments afterwards.

Sunday 30 June 'Churches Together' United Service at All Saints, Ulting

Service begins at 11am with a **bring and share picnic** afterwards

Saturday 6 July coffee morning 10am in the Church Hall.

Concert at All Saints Ulting 6pm to 9.30pm. **Tickets £12.00 available from Upson's Farm Shop.**

Thursday 11 July 'Songs on a Summer Evening' 8pm. A concert by the Hadfelda Choir in the Church Hall. Admission free (there will be a retiring collection for charity) and refreshments during the interval.

The role of a Lord Lieutenant explained

Mothers Union Jean Ashby



In May we had a most interesting and lively talk by Mr Nigel Spencer; a deputy Lieutenant of all Essex, who came in his official uniform plus sword and told us first a little about the history of the organisation. King Henry VIII created the role of Lord Lieutenant for every English county to muster soldiers for the Crown whenever needed. This was unchanged until the end of the Civil War when King Charles I was executed and Oliver Cromwell became Lord Protector of England and raised his own New Army. When he died and Charles II became King he re-created the role of Lord Lieutenants from military to ceremonial. It has stayed more or less in the same format ever since.

Lord Lieutenants are the Queen's personal representatives in the county and uphold the dignity of the Crown at ceremonies and official occasions when necessary. Each Lord Lieutenant can appoint deputies to help in this task and Nigel is one of these. There are 51 deputy Lieutenants in Essex: the position is unpaid and lasts until the recipient is 75 years old. Nigel paid for his own uniform and his sword which he allowed us to examine. It looks lethal but luckily was not sharp! Deputies help and identify companies, enterprises and charities which might be considered for Queen's Awards. They may also visit voluntary organisations, charities, schools, church groups etc to give talks and help in any way they can.

Nigel was a hard working teacher at Dovercourt Primary School before his retirement and also ran a Christian Crusader Group for young people. He received the MBE in 2014.

We were thanked for our £81.51 donation to Air Ambulance, and £30 to South Sudan harvest appeal.

Hatfield Peverel Methodist and Reality Church

Reality Church - new premises for our Sunday services

We are enjoying our Sunday services in the building previously used by the Salvation Army Church on the site of the Little Bears Nursery in Maldon Road. It is a bright, flexible space which enables us to have lots of different formats to meet the very varied content of our meetings.

We are always pleased to have our minister Rev Barry Allen and his wife Ria lead our worship but Barry is also responsible for three other Churches in South Woodham Ferrers, Maldon and Witham. Therefore we have Sundays where our services are led by local preachers from the Methodist Church. This gives us a variety of styles and content which is always interesting and thought provoking.

As an example, just before Easter, David Burton shared with us the Passover Feast as celebrated by the Jewish faith, including Jesus during his lifetime. Particular importance is given by Christians to this last meal which Jesus had with his disciples before he was betrayed and led away to be crucified. Our meal followed the traditions of the Jewish faith and included all the elements of the celebration and the prayers which are spoken. It was a new experience for many of us and the symbolism of the unleavened bread, wine, herbs, and meat were absorbing.

Our Easter Day Service was led by our Minister and we welcomed visitors to join us in singing upbeat hymns and listening again to the events of that special day when Jesus overcame his death on the cross and left the tomb to be reunited with God his father

In more recent services we have discussed God's forgiveness and the importance of forgiving yourself and moving on. We also looked at the beginnings of the early Church and the missionary work of the Spirit of God acting on both Peter (through dreams) and Paul (through visions). Finally we have been reminded of the power of prayer, these are not always answered straight away or as we asked but in ways we least expect.

A group of us continue to meet mid week to look at other ways of exploring our Christian faith. We are studying a Methodist Church series, in which we use examples of the teaching and actions of Christ and relate it to our lives. In the first week we looked at prayer and what we could use to help and remind us to pray regularly. Some of us using an internet app Our Daily Bread which gives verses from a bible text with a narrative linking to life today. The app can give you a daily reminder to do it! Recently we looked at the compassion of Christ and we were asked to think about how to engage with people around us and look out for people on their own or those excluded – to consider how to be welcoming and offer an invitation to join in.

If you would like to learn more about our new Church activities, come along on a Sunday – refreshments from 9am or contact us via our Facebook page, Hatfield Peverel Reality Church. You would receive a warm welcome to our group which includes all ages.

Regular events

Every Sunday 9.15am

Every Thursday 10am - 12 noon

2nd Saturday in month 10am -12 noon

New Reality Church at the Little Bears Nursery Maldon Road
Open Door - come and join us for tea/coffee and friendly chat at our Church in the Street

Coffee morning and cake stall at our Church in The Street



Life at All Saints takes on an energetic turn

www.hatfieldpevereluttingchurches.org.uk

After the Morning Prayer Service on 12 May Dr. Victor Mendis organised an 8 mile sponsored walk, starting at All Saints and walking towards Paper Mill Lock returning to the Church where a marvellous lunch was laid on for all those taking part. The walk was called 'Best Foot Forward for Sri Lanka' and to date has raised £3,800 for those affected by the recent terrorist attacks on Churches in Sri Lanka. More than 40 people took part and there was no animosity towards those who had carried out the bombings, just a great atmosphere of good humour and friendship.



The following day, 13 May, Guy Power and Marcus Taylor set off to complete the Four Peak Challenge taking three days to walk Scafell Pike, Scafell, Helvellyn and Skiddaw peaks in the Lake District. They were raising money towards treatment in America for Marcus's godson, toddler Aidan Mitchell, who has cerebral palsy. Aidan comes to All Saints with his dad Keith and mum Fleur and always greets everyone with a huge smile. Guy and Marcus did not have an easy time but after battling with exhaustion and a sprained ankle which threatened the whole venture they managed to finish and so far have raised £1800 for Aidan's continued treatment. Congratulations to Guy and Marcus.

It will come as good news that All Saints has now been completely rewired and has heaters installed underneath the pews so there will be no need to bring blankets and hot water bottles during the winter.

After all the energetic events at All Saints why not come along to the **Jazz By The River evening on Saturday 6 July** and relax to the music of Johnny Q's Jazz Band and singers who will play from 6pm. There will be a marquee so the event will take place, rain or shine. The £12 ticket price includes light refreshments and a glass of wine: tickets from Upsons Farm Shop and Jane Miller (Tel: 01245 380869).

Do make a note in your diary that on Sunday 8 September Bishop Roger of Colchester will be coming to All Saints for a Service of Confirmation. If anyone would like to be Confirmed on that day please contact me on 01245 380627.

Prayers and blessings, Revd Derek Clark

Bowling green open in sunshine

Rita Thomson, Bowls captain, 01245 380038

Finals night was a good evening, the pairs won by Jean Davis and Rita Thomson who beat John Franklin and Derek Wallis. In the singles Rita won over Geoff Cole, 9 shots to 5.

Nineteen bowlers had a good practice on the outside green which opened on 22 April. On Good Friday the Gents and Ladies Challenge was played, the gents won by two shots and the ladies were presented with an Easter egg each. Silver End was our first friendly game: we lost overall but had some good bowls. Our second game on Saturday was called off because of rain!

Our next match at home against Stock and

Buttsbury on 11 May we lost but on 14 May, our first Chelmsford mid-week match was a win for us. We lost the first Ladies Chelmer game away to Danbury on 22 May.

We are looking forward to a good season - and good weather.

An Osprey en-route northwards?

Driving back from Maldon at the end of April, on the Z bends between Grays Farm and Bovingtons, Marel and Ron Elliston spotted an Osprey perched atop a hedgerow tree looking intently towards the reservoir between Gray's and Jenkin's farms.

Obviously on passage but a rare sighting.

Useful telephone numbers

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

Monday to Friday 10am - 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 725323

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

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Community Agent for Hatfield Peverel

Jan Hawkins 07540 720605

Office 01376 574330

Village hall 01245 381481

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Committees and working parties

Community Events (CE)

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Finance/General purposes (FG),

Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP),

Planning (P), Traffic (T)

Village Environment (E)

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parishclerk@hatfieldpeverelpc.com

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David Broddle (P) 01245 382829

John Cockell (T co-opted) 07940 217148

Charley Dervish (CE/T) 07809 687944

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John Pennick 07881 415383

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Linda Shaw (P) 01245 382669

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

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David Bebb 01245 381065

Charley Dervish 07809 687944

County Councillor

Derrick Louis 07967 830277

A warm welcome from Cardfields

**Elaine Clarke, Cardfields Centre Manager,
Children Employment and Skills Service
London Borough of Islington
www.cardfields.co.uk**

Elaine writes

Cardfields had the pleasure of hosting an afternoon tea for a group of wonderful people who were delightful and interesting.

I have been here nearly six years and it was after meeting Jackie, a local resident and co-editor of the Hatfield Peverel Review who had some history of Cardfields.

To reach out to the community, I thought it would be lovely to make new friends and build relationships to host an afternoon tea at Cardfields. This was a great success and the age range was very varied, each person telling stories of village life and history.

One lady, Joyce Watson, was born in the stables and was delighted to be shown round (she is 93 and her parents lived in the flat above the stables. Her father worked at Sorrells the butchers - some of you may remember him in his shop on the corner of The Street and Bury Lane - and possibly got the flat as he delivered meat to Cardfields). And more recently Sheila Peear cooked for children of all ages. Others remembered pea picking and general farm work, backbreaking, in the fields surrounding Cardfields.

*I and my team enjoyed looking after all our visitors and gaining new knowledge of the house and the village. I will arrange another **afternoon tea this year, 3 September 2019**, and we would like to invite 50 of you for Christmas dinner on the 11 December. **Please contact myself Elaine 01245 380371 to book your place.***

Thank you Elaine. Many of us, some who have lived in the village for many years, were unaware of Cardfields, sitting as it does, quietly on the hillside overlooking the Chelmer and Blackwater Navigation. On the 1777 Ordnance Survey map it was marked Cardfields, but in the 1875 update, it was called Cardfields Farm. Watch this space! The present Victorian building was erected following the demolition of the current run down farm in 1870. It was taken over by the London Borough of Islington as a venue for short residential stays in a countryside environment for pre-teen children whose day to day experience is a big city urban one the 1960s

After a wonderful tea in the dining room (chef, we'll come again) overlooking the garden and a talk from the team about the groups activities particularly the children who come to stay to expand their knowledge of the countryside (many had never ridden a bike, climbed a tree) we were sent forth to explore the house and gardens ourselves. An unforgettable afternoon

Sponsored walk on Friday 19 July, start from Cardfields 10.30am

Cardfields to Maldon along the river bank - about 5 miles - and back if you feel strong!

If you would like to take part in this sponsored walk to raise funds for the Christmas lunch, sponsor forms are available from Elaine: elaine.clarke@islington.gov.uk or Jackie Earney 01245 381235

