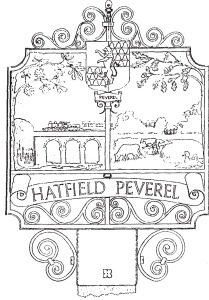


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## Scotland to The Swan

**On Friday 16 June six cyclists from The Swan Inn Cycling Club will be riding from the Scottish Border at Berwick upon Tweed back to The Swan in aid of Blind Veterans UK (formerly St Dunstans).**

The cyclists aim to complete the 400 miles in just 24 hours returning to The Swan on the evening of the Saturday 17th when the pub will host a midsummer BBQ in aid of the charity. This will be the conclusion of 6 months of fun raising events at the pub. Should you wish to show your support for the team or to make a donation please visit their Justgiving page at: [The Swan Inn 400/24](http://TheSwanInn400/24).

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Paul Nicholas <[les@lesnicholas.plus.com](mailto:les@lesnicholas.plus.com)>

*Front cover: a group of youngsters, some of Nicky Shelley's Childminding group getting stuck in to some litter-picking. Nicky says that they care about how clean and tidy our village is so she applied to the Green Heart Champions for litter-picking equipment. They agreed so the children are now Green Heart Champions volunteers and a couple of times a week after school they go out litter-picking around the village. They are all so very proud to be volunteers*

## **Surely there must be some hope...**

...in this world! Invasions and all kinds of other strife initiated by authoritarian national leaders - Putin, the Sudanese generals, the Iranian regime etc. Has it not registered with these people that there's a global climate emergency that demands **all** of **their** efforts, and ours, to deal with? They put you in mind of those characters in Hollywood movies with their Arnie Schwarzenegger terminator big guns. Can someone please offer some words of hope? It's time to get real.

We can all do our little bit to help - some do quite a lot, others not so much. Here at home the Earneys need to tackle a draughty leaky house and get solar panels on an ideal south-west facing roof slope. However the cost and likely payback time for that are disincentives (an unbiased and disinterested assessor might help here). But all our efforts are puny beside what could and should be achieved by countries and corporations. And maybe then Nounsley Ford wouldn't flood so much in winter as in this delightful pic of Andy's and quite so many incautious Land Rover Discovery drivers get stranded in the middle.



## **But somewhere a touch of magic....**

**I**n the dark of winter, longing for the sun and warmth, nature has played a miracle. Unnoticed, and unwanted at the time the rains have fallen on the ground and given us and our countryside a present.

Have you ever seen the trees so rich and colourful - the oaks in partiuar have brightened the dull days. And elderflowers, plenty for a bottle of gin or two there. OK.. The cold winds have not been welcome but the rich flowers in our gardens and along the roadside - wilding at its best - are a joy and an extra woolly or two can do the trick.

A happy summer to everyone.

## **May I have a word...**

**U**nder this title in our Sunday Observer until quite recently Jonathan Bouquet ran a column about the idiocies of some current English usage. Much to our and many other readers regret he moved on to pastures new. Many of those readers would send him much of his material - we always made sure to read it. A ready supply of this stuff came from the world of corporate-speak, some quite lengthy. But how about this little gem sent him late last year by an ever attentive colleague.

*“Just spotted in M1 service station on way to Newcastle: ‘spill response kit’. It was a mop!”*

## **Another fantastic plant sale - an amazing sum of £1472.60 raised** Hatfield Peverel/Ulting Horticultural Society - Trina Butcher, Membership Secretary/Publicity (380532)

**T**he annual plant sale and coffee morning held at Oaklands in Nounsley Road on Saturday, 13 May was a great success with many visitors taking home the excellent plants for a busy afternoon ahead. Thank you to everyone who was able to support the Society's annual plant sale ! The committee and volunteers put in an enormous amount of effort throughout the year to supply the plants that we sell. To raise a sum like this makes it all worthwhile. *(Les and Mary Brann)*

**Afternoon garden walk, Fudler's Hall, Mashbury Sunday 25 June.**

**Meet at garden 2pm.. Cost £6 per person, refreshments available.** A large garden well known for its roses, flowering plants, a five hundred year old yew, pastoral views and a planted gravel farmyard.

## **Weather is our favourite time to moan!**

**While it's a privilege to enjoy a bit of gardening, every challenge throws up even more opportunities to complain about something**

Drew Price, HP Allotment Association



**O**n the allotments the weather is always adverse even when it's good. Beautiful hot dry sunny days of summer are too hot! If it's a bit cooler, it's too cold, or too windy or too wet and too much for most of us! This year has been no exception. A dry February, a wet March and both with so many strong cold winds. These have all set back our growing season.

The daffodils didn't last long, tulips have bloomed and gone, and the bluebells in the woods are fading out. Spring seemed a short, cold, wet, windy season this year, and none but the hardy have tended their plots wearing shorts!

On a better note, cuckoos are back, and swallows and martins are returning. Trees have burst into leaf and potatoes are poking out of the ground. Crops of brassicas have been looking good this year and our wintry weather battered broad beans are producing lovely pods soon to be harvested. Ah, the promise of fresh home-grown veggies, such a wonderful thing to look forward to. Let's hope we don't get any more frosts! Oh, dear, is this the start of another bout of complaining again?

Life's a struggle for most. Like our gardens, little things grow into big difficulties, that we must manage and live with. But for those lucky members to be mobile enough to get about and lift a fork or trowel, they can find and enjoy the solace in gardening. The satisfaction of pulling sweet carrots or nasty weeds is all very therapeutic. The medical profession endorses this. 'Feeling a bit down – get out in the garden' or even better get down the allotment. Taking the dog for a walk, strolling through a park, alongside a river, or on a beach, there is so much distraction to escape the worries in life. It may be a brief respite, but the feeling we're left with is magical.

Natural England, in thinking about physical and mental benefits attained from being outdoors, have launched a plan to protect and preserve our precious green spaces, including allotments, in what they call 'The Green Infrastructure Framework (England)'. The title might put you off, but the plan embraces parks, open spaces, playing fields, woodlands, street trees, gardens, sustainable drainage systems, including rivers, streams, and canals.

'Hopefully not more regulatory bureaucracy' but a bit more awareness of how many elements of our natural environment can combine to provide healthy escapes from the things we just can't help moaning about?

**Check it out – <https://designatedsites.naturalengland.org.uk/GreenInfrastructure/Home.aspx>**

If an allotment appeals to you, we have a few vacancies and a short waiting list. You would be made very welcome. Happy gardening!

## Unearthing the Past on Stone Path Meadow

Margaret Freeman, Heritage Warden

Whilst strolling across Stone Path Meadow, you may notice a pair of metal detectorists searching for artefacts buried in the ground. The Parish Council has granted permission to James Newman and Adrian Gayler to scan the meadow for any hidden old objects or treasure.

Metal detecting is a recreational hobby that involves using a hand-held device called a metal detector to locate buried metallic objects in the ground. The detector consists of a coil that emits an electromagnetic field when powered on. When the coil passes over a metallic object, it generates a signal detected by the device. Detectorists use this equipment to search for a variety of items - coins, jewellery, relics and artefacts. The activity is popular among hobbyists, history enthusiasts, treasure hunters and even archaeologists.

The process involves sweeping the detector in a systematic manner over the ground, paying attention to changes in audio or visual signals. When it comes close to a metallic object, it alerts the user through a combination of audio tones, LED indicators or visual displays. The detectorist then carefully makes a plug sized hole and removes the object with minimal disruption to the earth.

It is important that permission be obtained before searching on private property or protected areas. It is crucial to follow ethical guidelines, respect necessary laws and report any significant archaeological finds to the relevant authorities.

The photo shows the detectorists on Stone Path Meadow in April 2023. On the left is James Newman, celebrated local photographer and metal detectorist, and on the right Adrian Gayler who publishes his work in Treasure Hunt magazine As James Newman astutely points out:

*'For Adrian and me .... it is about a passion for history. Metal detecting gives us a chance to find ancient artefacts that may have been buried for centuries. History fans often love finding metal objects and then researching the pieces. It is interesting to learn where a coin or a piece of jewellery may have come from. It is fascinating to work out the age of a discovered artefact. From doing this research, a detectorist can learn a lot about the local history of an area'.*

**Note:** James Newman is also a celebrated local photographer whose work features on the Community Facebook Hub. His wonderful images of the local Essex landscape sometimes appear on weather reports of regional television networks. Adrian Gayler has published his metal detecting findings in Treasure Hunt magazine. The Parish Council wishes Adrian and James every success with this history finding mission on Stone Path Meadow. It is hoped in due course, discovered artefacts will be displayed for parishioners to view.



## Parish Council June 2023

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

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

Please telephone 01245 382865 or email parishclerk@hatfieldpeverelpc.com  
between the hours of 9am and 1pm Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.



### Community Information Event

Thank you to all our exhibitors and visitors at the Community Information Event on 23 May at the Village Hall. It was wonderful to see so many conversations about local issues and networking opportunities. It was particularly good to see some of our newest residents – welcome to the village!

### Party in the Park

This year's 'Party in the Park' is on Saturday 1 July. Look out for further information – we hope to see you there!

### Village noticeboards

If you have any community notices that you would like displayed on the Parish Council's noticeboards, please deliver them to the Parish Council office at the Village Hall where staff will arrange this. Notices that will be displayed must be of benefit or interest to the community. Commercial advertising will not be permitted, and all notices will be displayed at the discretion of the Clerk or Assistant Clerk.

### Crime Concerns

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

The Parish Council is working in partnership with Essex Police to recruit two Special Constables. If you are interested in applying to be a voluntary Police Officer for the village, please see our website for further information and the answers to frequently asked questions:

<https://www.hatfieldpeverelpc.com/special-constable-recruitment/>

### Planning

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

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

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

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|--------------|---|
| 23/00477/HH  | Single storey side extension at 'At Last', Station Road.  |
| 22/03121/VAR | Variation of Condition 2 of approved application 18/01325/FUL at Land adjacent to Lodge Farm, Hatfield Road, Witham.                |
| 23/00528/HH  | Erection of a canopy, alterations to fenestration, change of external materials and associated internal alterations at 27 New Road. |
| 23/00664/HH  | Erection of first floor extension over existing garage at 'Queenswood', Station Road.   |
| 23/00755/HH  | Single storey rear extension at 28 Priory Farm Road, Hatfield Peverel.  |
| 22/02914/FUL | Single-storey detached outbuilding for use as lab/workshop at Cotswold, Station Road.<br>(Contd. next page)                         |

- 22/02914/FUL (contd). No comment other than if Planning Permission is granted then conditions be imposed to mitigate any unacceptable impact on residential amenity.
- 23/00802/HH Provision of external barbecue at Startling, Peverel Avenue.
- 23/00896/ELD Application for Certificate of Lawfulness for an existing use at Barnfield, London Road.
- 23/00520/FUL Proposed 2 No. 3 bed semi-detached houses with independent access driveways to Bury Lane. No comment, other than the HPNDP Design Guidelines and Codes November 2022 should be considered in relation to: DC.03 Landscape, nature and open space; Code DC03.3 Water Management; DC.05 Sustainability Code DC05.1 Minimising energy use; 10 Car parking. Website

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

**Social Media - please follow the Parish Council on social media for news and updates:**

Facebook: @hatfieldpeverelpc

Twitter: @HatPevPC

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

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

**The next meetings of the Parish Council** will take place on Monday 5 June and Monday 3 July in the Vic Olley Room at the Village Hall. Public participation is welcome, please see the agenda which is published on the Parish Council website and on the noticeboard outside the Parish Council office.

## **Village Hall – Café now open every day!**

**W**e're pleased to announce that the Café is now open every day of the week – and is also serving hot food such as pies, pizza and paninis. 9-5 Weekdays and Saturdays, plus 10-5 on Sundays. Come along and join us for a lovely cuppa and delicious home-made cakes.

Our first film club presentation of Living with Bill Nighy was well attended, and we have some great films for children and adults scheduled. Just £5 for a ticket and a lovely way to see a great film on the last Tuesday of the month, at 2:30 in the Vic Olley room.

We have two more toddler/young children's events running in the hall. NeeNaw is an emergency services-themed 'ride-on' event for children and Train Master is a similar event - based on trains of course! Follow our Facebook page for announcements on these events or check out the clubs page on our website.

We have some great tribute bands coming up, including Oasis, Brentwood Mac and Young Elton, plus great theatre from the Pantoons including Emma and Alice in Wonderland. And not long now until the annual 'Party in the Park' which is looking like the best one ever on 1 July. Fun for the whole family.

### **Events Diary for June and July**

#### **June**

Sat 24th      Oasis (Tribute)  
 Tue 27th      Film Club: Red Joan

#### **July**

Sat 1st      Party in the Park

#### **July (contd)**

Fri 7th      Bingo  
 Sat 22nd      Brentwood Mac (Tribute)  
 Tue 25th      Film Club

### **Information and Contacts**

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

Stay in touch by signing up to our mailing list (click the link on the website home page) or send us an email to [Secretary@Hatpevvhall.org](mailto:Secretary@Hatpevvhall.org). For event tickets and room bookings, book in-person on Monday afternoons in the Community Café between 2:30 and 4:30pm or call box office and room bookings on 0300 102 0473.

## **NDP report June 2023**

**Regulation 14 Consultation commenced on Friday 3 March, a few weeks later than originally anticipated. The consultation period ran for a period of six weeks ending on the 14th April.**

**Two Community Drop I'** events were held in the Vic Olley Room at the Village Hall on the 20 March and 11 April whereby there was an opportunity to talk with the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) team and to view all the documents. These proved successful, and the Parish Council thank all of those that participated in the consultation.

### **What has changed#?**

The Hatfield Peverel Neighbourhood Development Plan (HPNDP) update includes new and updated evidence base documents, and new and amended policies to reflect local changes since the HPNDP was originally made in 2019, as well as changes to national planning policy and guidance

### **Plan period**

The Plan period has now been extended until 2038

### **New and updated policies**

New policies have been added or updated to address coalescence, heritage assets, enhance housing policies and ensure air quality is given appropriate consideration in and around the built area of the parish.

### **New development boundaries**

The HPNDP update extends Hatfield Peverel and Nounsley's development boundaries to accommodate approved planning applications and remove inconsistencies to ensure clarity for decision making

### **All documents can be found on the Parish Council website:**

<https://www.hatfieldpeverelpc.com/neighbourhood-development-plan/regulation-14-consultation/>

### **What is next**

Your responses from the consultation are now being processed by DAC an outsourced professional planning consultancy and will be used to amend the NDP, where necessary, with the support of the NDP team.

**The updated Plan will then be sent to BDC for a further six weeks consultation (Regulation 16). The Plan will need to be examined by an independent Examiner agreed between the Parish Council and BDC.**

Comments by the Examiner will be considered by BDC before a Referendum can take place within the Parish. The Referendum will be organised by BDC. Provided the Plan is adequately supported by residents BDC will finally adopt the Plan, and it will form part of the Development Plan for the District and planning applications within the Parish.

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## **Village Hall user survey**

**S**arah, the Parish Clerk, is conducting a survey regarding the use of the Village Hall. If you would like to participate in the survey (which should take no more than 10 minutes), please access via the link: <https://forms.office.com/e/fDv3aFQcQP/> or the QR code. A 'Research Participant Information Sheet' is available on request. Sarah is also carrying out more in-depth one-to-one interviews with people who have used the Village Hall's services, so if you would be willing to participate in this in person or by telephone, please contact her on [parishclerk@hatfieldpeverelpc.com](mailto:parishclerk@hatfieldpeverelpc.com) or 01245 382865. **This should take approximately 15 minutes.**





## Mark and Dorothy Keenan - still key members of our community

We were so blessed when Mark and Dorothy bravely ventured south to deepest Essex from their native Newcastle on Tyne with their two small daughters Joanne and Rachel some 32 years ago when Mark took up the post of caretaker at our two primary schools.

The school house (with its numerous black and white striped tributes to Newcastle FC) provided a home in the centre of the village where they brought up their family, now including grandchildren. Mark proved to be the perfect school caretaker, leaving on his retirement a huge hole for his successor, and a fund of fond memories.

The children's best memories included all the times Mark went on to the roof to pick up missing footballs, tennis balls and other random toys to be returned to the playground. These were recalled at a lovely service at St Andrew's church at the end of the Spring term, when the schools were able to say thank you in person to Mark and Dorothy. Mark will be missed not only for his caring dedication and capable looking after of both schools, his common sense and can-do attitude but also for his warmth, approachable and friendly personality.

He and Dorothy and their children were a keystone not only of the community of the schools and all pupils and parents who they encountered over the years, but also of St Andrews church where they have been (and continue to be) key members of the congregation.

So we say such a big thank you Mark and Dorothy for all you have been and done for the village and are thankful that you will not be far away and will hopefully continue to be a valued part of our community for many years to come.

(See also the tribute by Junior School Headteacher Mrs Becky Black in the March 31 school newsletter - page 16)

*Photos - top Mark and Dorothy received a presentation from the schools at their combined schools Easter celebration in St Andrews church on the last day of the Spring term, and below, Mark and Dorothy leaving School House for the last time with their daughters Rachel and Joanne.*



## News from St Andrews and All Saints



There is no doubt that ‘Spring is Sprung!’ The trees are bright green and in the case of our lime trees, laden with foliage. Snowdrops have gone, daffodils are finished, the bluebells are looking tired and now is the time of the primrose. The Vicarage garden and churchyard are infested with baby rabbits. Not so good if you are growing vegetables and they don’t seem to eat weeds, not in any appreciable quantity! With a wet April and early May, the churchyard grass, as well as the weeds has taken off with a vengeance. They say in America one can hear maize growing. I sometimes feel I can hear the Vicarage grass growing. Thankfully we have a dedicated team at St Andrews who meet on Friday afternoons and do wonderful things with mowers and trimmers to tackle this. If you would like to join the team, we have equipment, a refreshment break and good company. Contact either the Vicar or Howard Southgate: 381094).

Easter has come and gone and we decided to have the tomb and Easter Garden outside the north door and begin the service outside with the opening of the tomb and blessing the garden. We then sang; ‘Jesus Christ is Risen Today’ and processed into the church. This was a hangover from Covid, but it was for once a positive hangover, and added to the joy and mystery of that first Easter morning.

The other great celebration was, of course, the Coronation of King Charles the Third. Many of us watched the coronation on the television and it was a memorable occasion. Having seen it for myself I now realise the significance of Handel’s anthem; ‘Zadok the Priest’, sung at every coronation service since 1727, the coronation of George II. Before, I just thought of it as a fine piece of music and I never thought about the text. The Sunday following saw special services at All Saints and St Andrews based on material supplied by the Church of England. (albeit a little close to the actual event itself).

By the time you receive your Review we will have celebrated Pentecost or, to use the old name ‘Whit Sunday’ and often thought of as the birth of the Church.

11 June	1st Sunday after Trinity 8am Holy Communion (said) 10.15am All-Age Service	9 July	5th Sunday after Trinity 8am Holy Communion (said) 10.15am All-Age Service
18 June	2nd Sunday after Trinity 10.15am Parish Eucharist	16 July	6th Sunday after Trinity 10.15am Parish Eucharist
25 June	3rd Sunday after Trinity 10.15am Parish Eucharist	21 July	Holy Matrimony Ivan Beckley/Phillipa Nolovu-Chiwedze
2 July	4th Sunday after Trinity 10.15am Mattins (Mornng Prayer with Hymns)	23 July	7th Sunday after Trinity 10.15am Parish Eucharist
		30 July	8th Sunday after Trinity 10.15am Parish Eucharist

### Other Events:

**Coffee Mornings** on Saturday **2 July**; from 10.15am to 12 noon. Stalls usually include cakes, cards for most occasions, raffle, bric-a-brac and of course, plenty of coffee.

**Edward Bear** - see page 11.

**Anglia Singers** will perform a cycle of songs from different eras called “Musical Memories” on **Saturday 24 June 2023** at 4pm. For further details see elsewhere in the Review.

## All Saints, Ulting (June/July 2023)

On Sunday 7 May, less than a year after holding a Service for Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee, All Saints was celebrating King Charles' Coronation with a Service which had been prepared by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York and sent out to all Churches. Some of King Charles' favourite hymns were chosen for the occasion and the Church was decorated with red, white and blue flowers with Union Jacks around the porch doorway. After the Service, the hospitality unit, affectionately known as 'Olive' was on hand, suitably decorated in yet more Union Jacks. There was a selection of delicious 'Coronation Cakes' in red, white and blue of course, with teas and coffees.



Amazingly, the Easter garden was still looking fresh and green in the churchyard and provided everyone with a reminder of the Services held for this important Christian festival just a few weeks earlier. The Easter garden will remain throughout the 'Easter season' and is surviving so well that it has to be regularly mowed! The beautifully decorated cross, which has stood by the riverbank over the Easter period, has become quite a feature for visitors as well as regular walkers on the opposite bank and those using the river.

The All Saints Service to celebrate the Coronation was immediately followed by another important occasion, the baptism of Isabella Everett. Isabella's baptism was the second in as many weeks. At the end of April Archie Jones was baptised in the same church that his Mum and Dad, Abi and Matt, were married and big sister Georgia was baptised. Abi was also confirmed at All Saints. Prayers and blessing to parents, godparents, friends and families of Isabella and Archie.

There were two further joyful occasions when John and Alison Whelpdale were married at All Saints in March and James and Lucy Cooch's wedding took place in April. Prayers and blessings to both couples and their families.

The Open Day on Sunday 23 April attracted many visitors despite the showers and involved some tuition in bell-ringing, which proved very popular, especially with some children. The single tenor bell was cast by Miles Graye of Colchester in 1636 and it is thought that because of its size and weight it was probably made on site with the foundry set up next to the church especially for the occasion. Although there is only one bell it is a remarkably good one with an excellent tone which rings across the valley. However, it does require a certain knack to get the best results, as many of the congregation will testify. The next Open Day will be on the same day as the Open Gardens at Ulting Wick, Tuesday 11 July from 2-5pm.

Here is a full list of services for June and July. All Sunday Services begin at 9am. If there are any hymns you would like to request at any of these services please let me know.

Prayers and Blessings, Revd Derek

Sunday 11 June	Morning Prayer	Tuesday 11 July	2-5pm - Open Day with Ulting Wick Open Gardens
Sunday 18 June	Holy Communion	Sunday 16 July	Holy Communion
Sunday 25 June	Parish Eucharist	Sunday 23 July	Parish Eucharist
Sunday 2 July	Holy Communion	Sunday 30 July	Holy Communion
Sunday 9 July	Morning Prayer	Sunday 6 Aug	Holy Communion

### Edward Bear

Every Thursday (except school holidays) 10am-11.30am in St Andrews Church Hall. For children from birth to school-age.

£2 per family including refreshments

This is a lovely group where children can play happily and parents/grandparents can have a cuppa and a chat. *Nicky Shelley - 07590 618343*

## **Hatfield Peveler Methodist and Reality Church**

**O**ur Easter day Service was a joyous occasion with lots of great singing as we celebrated the good news that Jesus has risen. It was great to share the service with extended family members and friends. The children were very busy making empty Easter tombs using lots of biscuits and painting Easter eggs.

The following Sunday we looked at the whole timeline from Palm Sunday to Jesus appearing to the disciples using emojis to decide whether the events would have made us happy, sad, worried, angry or confused. We found that at most times several feelings would have been experienced.

On Sunday, following the Coronation, we had a service thinking about Kings. We discussed how Samuel in the Old Testament was led by God to choose a new leader from Jesse's children. He expected to choose the eldest and strongest but God led him to choose the youngest who was working in the fields. Samuel anointed him to become King.

There are 108 Kings mentioned in the Bible – we discussed who were good Kings and who were bad and who changed character in their lifetimes. Jesus was mocked at his crucifixion as the 'King of the Jews' but he was born to fulfil the Old Testament scriptures to help the poor, free prisoners, heal the sick and show us a better life.

We have sadly said goodbye to one of our Ukraine families who have attended our Church since arriving May 2022. We have enjoyed meeting them and learning a little about their lives before and since the war. They left with our blessings to have a safe and fulfilling life back in their country.

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

At our Monday Club meetings at St Andrew's School, in April we reminded the children about the Easter story and made caterpillars which emerged from a cocoon to become a butterfly to remind the children that Jesus has the power to make things better. On another week the session was based on the words of Jesus that the disciples must take care of the lambs – meaning they should grow the Church membership. The children were pleased to make their own sheep to take home.

### **Stitch to Enrich group**

Our group continues to meet at the Duke of Wellington pub on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 2pm. Currently we are stitching cloth bags for United in Kind, a charity which works to combat loneliness by spreading kindness and helping people to connect with their local community. The bags will be filled with toiletries to be given to clients next month.

**Come and join us at any of our events – we would love to see you.**

## **Lives of those recorded on the church's war memorial**

**Simon Reed**

**M**y son Benjamin and I are working with a local historian to capture any information we can about the men who gave their lives for us that are recorded on the memorial in the church. We would like to speak to any family members of the fallen recorded on the memorial or remembered at the Remembrance Service each year.

We would be interested to see any pictures or military records and be able to hear any stories you might have to find out about life at the time of the great war in the village, what regimental life was like for the soldiers lost and their military careers. We would also like to include people that came home and were buried in the village. If you have any record of what they did after the great war that would also be helpful.

**If you know of any person/people who are researching this area we would like to hear from them also.**  
Please contact us at [sgreed1972@gmail.com](mailto:sgreed1972@gmail.com)

Many thanks in anticipation of any support of information that can be shared with us.

## Bluebell time in Toppinghoe woods

Graham Bushby - 07484 864712

Ten walkers set out from the Village Hall on the annual pilgrimage to Toppinghoe Hall woods for the welcoming spring sight of the full bloom bluebells intermixed with the few white varieties

Disappointment awaited at the hall end of the public footpath as this had been mechanically widened to midway down its length and heavily coppiced on the left side reducing the bluebells showing to a bare minimum with foot high newly sawn tree stumps along the edge of the path. Thankfully the far end of the wood was untouched and there was the usual magnificent bluebell display.

Our next walks are 29 June and 27 July starting from the Village Hall at 10am and anyone who would like to join us is very welcome. Please ring Graham Bushby on 07484864712 for further information.

*Finally, a note of clarification from Bob Wild, Lord Rayleigh's Farms manager, following the report of the February walk in the April edition, see page 9 para 3. The metallated walkway and cameras in Fuller Street are all to do with renewal of the electricity cable on the large metal pylons, and are nothing to do with the proposed Longfield solar farm.*

## Who has the best crown?

Hadfelda (Ladies Group)

Our meeting in April was close to the Coronation and we decided it would be fun to have a competition for the best crown. People entered into the spirit and some very creative headgear was in evidence! A lunch of soup and a roll was served with tea and cake to follow. The tables were decorated with Union Jack flags and matching serviettes and with members wearing red, white and blue it all looked very colourful.

A short AGM followed as it's now a year since Hadfelda became an independent group. In that time we have been very successful, enjoyed some excellent speakers and have seen our membership increase.

The history of St Andrew's Church is fascinating, and in May we were treated to a tour and talk by John Strange, one of the church wardens. Parts of the church dates back to the 11th century and, amongst other things, it boasts a wooden screen and some beautiful stained glass windows. Well worth a visit!

In June Amanda Durrant will take us through some chair exercises and general wellness, the competition is 'A tip or aid to keeping fit. In July we have our afternoon tea. Hadfelda meet in St Andrew's Church hall on the 4th Wednesday of month at 2pm.

## Tuesday Toddler Time

Nicky Shelley



On the Tuesday following the coronation the children celebrated the event by making kings and royal carriages. Lots of little ones took part and were very excited to take them home.

*From birth to school-age children come along to let the children play in a happy safe environment.*

*Hatfield Peverel village hall 9.30 - 11.30 term time only. £4 per family. Refreshments included*

*Craft table each week, lots of ride on toys.*

*Nicky Shelley 07590618343*

## Goodbye to Denyse, one of our Guiding Leaders

Jo Earthy - email [jofindlay6@gmail.com](mailto:jofindlay6@gmail.com)



Our news this time is that one of our Rainbow leaders, Denyse (aka Ruby Fairy,) is leaving our district for pastures new. All her guiding friends wish her the best in her new location (wherever that may be). She will be greatly missed, particularly by the girls and adults in the Rainbow Unit.

Hopefully Denyse will find a new unit to help out with when she has settled in her new home. A heartfelt thank you to her for all the time and energy she's given to us over the past 5+ years.

If anyone wishes to volunteer with girlguiding please visit the website to register your interest and I shall be in touch. [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk)

## Helen Rollason Open Gardens

Sunday 25 June

After the success of last year's event the lovely village of Hatfield Peverel will host its second Open Gardens on Sunday 25 June.

Private gardens will be open on the day from the gorgeous small cottage style to large estates, including The Crix and Hill House.



Our Mid Essex Support Centre in The Street will be where visitors receive their maps and will be offered teas, cakes, and taster treatments from our wonderful support centre staff in exchange for donations. There will also be a plant sale so you can take a little green momento home with you!

Most gardens are within walking distance, however this village has continued to grow, so if you wished to use a car you are welcome too.

Tickets to enter the gardens are available to pre-book and buy on the day from our website and the Helen Rollason Cancer Charity Support Centre, CM3 2EH. There will be our monthly coffee morning on the day.

## Ride for Helen Essex! A successful 10th year of cycling

Over 700 cyclists from around the county and beyond, gathered at Crix in Hatfield Peverel to take part in Ride for Helen Essex 2023 raising over £21,000.00 for Helen Rollason Cancer Charity!

The annual bike ride has become a firm favourite on the Essex cycling calendar and is one of the biggest and best cycling events in the region. The Charity welcomed riders of all ages and abilities, with a choice of cycling routes; 6 miles, 15 miles, 30 miles, 50 miles and 65 miles. Enjoying the beautiful countryside routes included families with small children, seasoned road cyclists and even a Unicyclist and penny farthings!

Volunteers and participants agreed what a fantastic event! Great routes, encouraging marshals and all in aid of a wonderful charity. Great to see the event from both the volunteer side as well as a participant: the events team work incredibly hard to ensure those taking part have a good time., we would love to see new ones come along to support next year.

A massive thank you to everyone who joined us; to our riders, volunteers, friends and family who gave up their Sunday to help out; the day would not have been such a success without you all!

## Cheese, wine, roses and gin - seasonal wine club treats!

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

[www.peverelwineclub.co.uk](http://www.peverelwineclub.co.uk) or email [peverelwineclub@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:peverelwineclub@hotmail.co.uk)

April's meeting, National Cheese Day on 12 April, was the best-attended since lockdown, with a happy host of members and guests eager to learn tips on wine and cheese pairings. The tasting order was dictated by cheese types rather than wine colours and strengths and covered Fresh Cheese, Cheese with Accompaniments, Soft Cheese, Smoked Cheese, Hard Cheese and Blue Cheese. We tasted six cheeses with wines which were meant to pair well with them. Consensus was how well they did!



Favourite cheese overall was a Chaource AOP from Champagne-Ardennes region of France; favourite white wine a Chilean Cono Sur Bicicleta Viognier - £6 from Morrisons; favourite red overwhelmingly an organic Lalande Malbec from Mendoza, Argentina, £9.99 from Waitrose. Winning wine/cheese combo was voted the Malbec again, matched with Wyke Farm Somerset Crunchy Vintage Cheddar from Lidl. Thanks to Paul Boreham, Judy Lea, Vee Green, Jill Shakespear, Chris Green and Henryk Podlesny for introducing the pairings and explaining why certain wines and cheeses are marriages made in heaven while others are sparring partners instead! We learnt recommended pairings for Cottage Cheese (water, bland) and Danish Blue (Aquavit, fierce) and brave souls had the opportunity to taste Gjetost, a Norwegian cheese which looks and tastes like fudge and is made from whey rather than curd.

March's meeting finally took place on 10 May - Old World versus New World Challenge, led by Steve Spearman who ran through differences to look out for between New and Old World wines, before providing 4 pairs of wines for our delectation. We were asked to guess the common grape for each pair then which of each pair was New/Old World and from which country. Most of us were hopeless at guessing, and few of the so-called rules seeming to apply when tasting blind! We were all pretty unanimous in voting for our favourite wines - both from France. Top white was an excellent Paul Mas Single Vineyard Reserve Viognier from the Languedoc, on offer from Tesco at £7.50. Runaway winner in the reds was a Bouchard Aîné et Fils Grand Conseiller Pinot Noir, also from Tesco, superb value at £9, even better with a 25% discount!

We are looking forward to our first Out and About in Essex meetings of the summer, a conducted tour of the gardens of Beeleigh Abbey with head gardener Chris Cork. June is the most perfect month at Beeleigh, the roses should be at their peak. Swiftly following in July will be the transformation of the Village Hall into a Gin Palace, when well-recommended speaker Anna from English Spirit will talk us through the many delights of this fashionable tittle and provide us with tastings of some of the multiple different flavours available these days.

If you'd like to join us for this or any other meeting for a light-hearted and inexpensive evening out, you would always be very welcome. Please give Vee a ring beforehand on 01245 355723 however, to ensure there is enough food and drink for all. (We normally meet on the second Wednesday of each month but with some exceptions, including Christmas). Why not catch up with what's been happening at the Wine Club recently by viewing our website at [www.peverelwineclub.co.uk](http://www.peverelwineclub.co.uk), which also gives details of the Club's exciting 2023 Programme.

## **Hello Hatfield Peverel - the cricket has started. We know that by the near incessant rain!**

Nick Carter, Secretary and Pavilion Manager



**Thank you to all who supported our first event, the Easter Eggstravaganza. We had fun and hope you did too.**

**T**he club has expanded, we now have two Saturday teams in the T Rippon Mid Essex Cricket League, with a Sunday team in the Warsop league, and also playing friendly matches. Our Women's team is in the Essex Women's T20 League South Division playing competitive hardball cricket on Friday evenings and our fabulous T20 All Stars are playing a mix of league, Geoff Newman Trophy Div 1, and friendlies on Tuesday evenings.

We have started All Stars (5 - 8 years) and Dynamos (8 - 11years) on Sunday mornings - All Stars from 9:15am to 10:15am and Dynamos 10:30 to 11:30am. We are currently exploring the viability of setting up Colts and Girls cricket to develop our Youth section catering for U13 and U15 for those who would like to develop their skills further.

**Follow us on twitter @Hatpevcc, Instagram @hatfieldpeverelcricketclub & @hp\_allstars\_t20, Facebook – Hatfield Peverel Cricket Club, & Hatfield Peverel Allstars T20, Play-Cricket.com on Hatfield Peverel CC and coming soon, our own website, hatfieldpeverelcricketclub.co.uk**

**Come and join us and enjoy our ground and facilities.**

## **We have made it to the end of the Spring term!**

**Hatfield Peverel St Andrews Junior School**

**The school has been so very busy and I hope that the children have shared the many wonderful learning experiences that have been provided by my committed team.**

St Andrew's church was filled to the rafters today (Friday 31 March) when we, and the infants, shared an Easter celebration together. We also spent time thanking Mr Keenan and Mrs Keenan for their dedication and commitment to both schools over the last 32 years.

The children shared their many happy memories - especially when Mr Keenan had been on the roof rescuing missing footballs/tennis balls/other random toys, to be returned to the playground! Great excitement!

**We wish Mr Keenan a very happy retirement - we will all miss him very much. From Mrs Black and St Andrew's team.**

And a thank you from Mr Keenan

As you know, he retired today and has asked us to pass on a BIG thank you for the kindness and generosity shown towards him.



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## **Essex Book Festival**

**T**his now nationally celebrated festival started on 1 June and continues until 1 July with many talks by well-known authors about their work and recent publications, in libraries and other venues in and around the county, special events, walks in particular localities connected with those authors and works. Something for all tastes. Some events, obviously the big draws, are already fully booked but still lots to go for. Go to <https://essexbookfestival.org.uk/> for more information.



## RideLondon Classique

Ken Earney

The second stage of the RideLondon Classique three-day international event for elite women cyclists visited our corner of Essex on Saturday 27 May. Day one took the riders on a route around the northern boundary of Essex, starting in Saffron Walden and ending in Colchester. On Saturday Stage 2 started and finished in Maldon, following a convoluted route from there to Abberton, Birch, Tiptree, Wickham Bishops, Heybridge, then three laps from Heybridge around Nounsley, Little Baddow and Woodham Walter to the final finish in Maldon.



*Down Crabbs Hill and over the River Ter.*

*Photo Glenn Blake*

In the photo (taken here by Glenn Blake) you see the main body of riders on the first circuit, just before 1pm, after leaving Sportsmans Lane and coming down Crabbs Hill and over the River Ter. The number of police motorcyclists and cars, ambulances, numerous team support vehicles, media teams and whatnot had to be seen to be believed. And then there was a helicopter - TV or other? - overhead. I'm sure the competitors passed through in no more that 1-2 minutes. How many? Too difficult to tell without doing that homework.

I remember something similar some years ago - in September 2010 - when a Tour of Britain came from Witham along Spring Lane then up the hill to Wickham Bishops: I took a reasonable photo that we reproduced on the front page of the October Review. A good vantage point at that junction then.

I almost overlooked Stage 3 - it was in London. Lots of winners and classes - individual, Queen of the Mountains etc. The overall winner of the general classification appeared to be Charlotte Kool who is Dutch, and third came Elizabeth Deignan of England. I'm sure you cycling aficionados will put me right on that. Given more time I'd have done some homework on it but we've got to get this to the printers by first thing tomorrow morning.

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## Proverbially you can't...

*...have it both ways*  
*...have your cake and eat it*  
*...get blood out of a stone*  
*...make an omelette without breaking eggs*  
*...make a silk purse out of a sow's ear*  
*...run with the hare and hunt with the hounds*  
*...teach an old dog new tricks*  
*...tell a book by its cover ,*  
*...shake hands with a clenched fist*  
*...tell which way the train went, by looking at the track*  
*...win arguments by interrupting speakers*

*...have a rainbow without rain*  
*...fool all of the people all of the time*  
*...sip soup with a knife*  
*...cheat an honest man*  
*...catch a cub without going into the tiger's den*

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## Looking for a home

Craftmatic adjustable single bed, in good condition. If you are interested please ring Kate on 07759 360649 or Alison 07941 8511600 for information. Can be viewed locally between 17 to 24 June.

## Hatfield Peverel Parish Council

### Committees and advisory groups

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

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### County Councillor

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## Recycling Centre at Perry Road Witham

### New booking system

You may have already found out that you need to book a slot in advance to take your waste for recycling at the Witham centre in Perry Road. This applies to any waste recycling centre in Essex.

**Make your booking by ringing 0345 743 0430 or online at [loveessex.org/bookings](https://www.loveessex.org/bookings).** Although the information leaflet states that the phone line is open from 8.30am to 5pm this doesn't seem to be reliable. Better safe than sorry - make your call between 9am and 4pm.

Pedestrians and blue badge holders don't need to book in advance.

Take proof and address and booking confirmation. Also take a copy of the hire agreement if using hire car.

## Welcome to Maldon Croquet Club who joined us in March

Sadly, after twenty one years, the village bowls club has ceased to play on the outside green due to lack of players. New members are always welcome to join our indoor mats, a friendly group - or indeed the Croquet Club. Have a go at something different, you would be very welcome.

For information about joining either or both groups please contact Jackie Spooner on 01245 380947. She will be happy to answer your questions or indeed take you on a visit.

We wish everyone many happy hours of bowls or croquet - thank you to the Maldon Croquet Club for taking on the care and maintenance of the green..

### U3A Maldon and District Open Day

Thursday 15 June 2023

10am - 4pm in Maldon Town Hall

Up to 40 interest groups - Art, Bowling, Theatre,  
Maritime, Music, Wine & more

Contact : 01245 329435 or email

[membership\\_maldonu3a@outlook.com](mailto:membership_maldonu3a@outlook.com)

website: [www.maldonu3a.co.uk](http://www.maldonu3a.co.uk)

## Useful telephone numbers

Please contact the editors for additions/errors.

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

**Braintree District Council** 01376 552525

Clean Team ring number above and ask for

Customer Services

Witham Area Office in Witham Library

- for walk-in enquiries only

**The Change Project** 01245 258680

Personnel well-being through 08453 727701

positive change

### Churches

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

Methodist Church, minister 01621 853423

Catholic Church, Witham, priest 01376 512219

All Saints Church, Ulting 01245 380627

**Citizens Advice Bureau** Witham 0344 4994719

Monday to Friday 10am - 4pm

**Community Agent** for Hatfield Peverel

Jan Hawkins - 07540 720605, 01376 574330

### Doctors, health services

Hatfield Peverel doctors' surgery 01245 380324

NHS - non-emergency helpline 111

**Boots Pharmacy** 01245 380130

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

Electricity - emergency 0800 7838838

**Essex County Council** 03457 430430

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

**Gas - emergency** 0800 111999

**Harlequin Children's Centre** 0300 2470014

Free support and services for children under 5

### Hospitals

Broomfield (A&E) 01245 362000

St Peters, Maldon 01621 725323

**Libraries (enquiry line)** 0345 6037628

Hatfield Peverel opening hours

Tuesday 2pm - 7pm

Wednesday 9am - 1pm

Saturday 9am - 5pm

Witham - use enquiry line above

**Police** Non-emergency calls 101

Use 101 also for the local officer

Emergency calls 999

Police Stations, Braintree, Chelmsford

Opening hours, Monday - Saturday, 12.00 to 6pm

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

Open 7am - 10pm 01245 382606

**Greater Anglia rail** 03456 007245

National Rail Enquiries (24 hrs) 03457 484950

Hatfield Peverel ticket office/waiting room

Open 6.15am to 1.00pm, Monday to Saturday.

### Registrar of Births, Marriages & Deaths

Witham, by appointment only 03456 037632

Braintree, by appointment only 03456 037632

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

### Schools

St Andrew's Junior School 01245 380131

Hatfield Peverel Infant and Nursery School

01245 380220

**Village Hall** 01245 381481

### Childminders

**Kate Bryant** 07796 851403

**Nicky Shelley** 07590 618343

**Joanne Logan** 07989 131249

**Social Services** 0345 6037630

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

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

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

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

## *Live Jazz*

**Wickham Bishops Jazz Club**

### **Kevin Scott's Golden Eagle Jazz Band**

**"The band that has the New Orleans bounce"**

Wickham Bishops Village Hall, CM8 3JZ

**Saturday 17 June**

**6.30 for 7.30 start.**

**No bar - bring your own drinks,  
glasses and nibbles**

Tickets - please Contact Pete:  
email: [wickhambishopsjazzclub@gmail.com](mailto:wickhambishopsjazzclub@gmail.com)

Tel: 07548 775777

Proceeds to: Beacon Hill Sports Association  
(Charity No. 232995)



### **The Anglia Singers present A Summer Concert**

**Saturday 24 June 2023 4pm**

Selections from musicals, hits from Sting,  
Barbra Streisand, and Frank Sinatra. Guest  
singers from St Andrew's Junior School

**St Andrew's Church, Church Rd, CM3 2LE**

**Ticket from choir members, Premier  
Hatfield Store, Maldon Road or by phoning  
01245 381235**

## **Hadfelda Singers**

present

### **Songs on a Summer Evening**

**St Andrews Church Hall**

**Saturday 8 July - 7.30pm**

**Light refreshments served from 7pm**

**Entrance free of charge**

**A collection will be taken for**

**Music for Dementia Charity**

**Come and enjoy Soup and a Roll**



**Tuesday 13 June**

All Welcome

**12.30 – 2.00 pm**

**St Andrew's Church Hall**

**Church Road, Hatfield Peverel**

**Donations in aid of the Red Cross as they  
continue to support those in need in Ukraine**

**Join us as we lend  
a Helping Hand**

**Chelmsford and District Welsh Society**

**Chelmsford Cathedral 10 June**

**The award winning Godre'r Aran Male Voice  
Choir from Lake Bala in North Wales will be  
singing along with soloists**

**Doors open 6.45pm, concert starts 7.30pm.**

Tickets £19 - Arthur Williams 01621 778711  
and Gwenno Pope 07724144432 or  
[gwenno.gllwyd@gmail.com](mailto:gwenno.gllwyd@gmail.com)

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[www.facebook.com/chelmsfordwelsh](http://www.facebook.com/chelmsfordwelsh) for details of  
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