

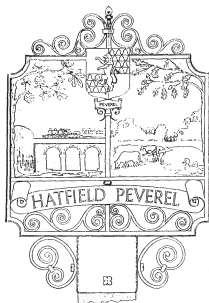
Hatfield Peverel

Review

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Hatfield Peverel Walkers on the hump-back footpath bridge over the Chelmer below Cardfields during their sponsored family walk in August



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Hatfield Peverel Review

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Everybody is Invited to the Grand Opening of the New Village Hall on Saturday September 4th 1982 at 2pm

This banner headline on the cover of the August 1982 (issue 50) was the culmination of nine years of hard work and dedication by hundreds of village people who put their money into the brick bond scheme and other fund-raising activities, and gave time and effort to help in a multitude of ways, doing tasks they never thought they were capable of - mixing cement, painting ceilings, digging holes - you name it, they did it.

To celebrate the hall's thirtieth anniversary on Saturday 29th September there was open house for those involved with the building and running of the Community Association over the years. There was much reminiscing and catching up with old friends, enjoying the music and tucking into the splendid spread laid on by friends of the village hall. Come and enjoy a relaxing pint in the bar lounge. See page 9.

Flu vaccination days

The Laurels, Boreham and Sidney House Surgery, Hatfield Peverel

The above clinic will be held on the following dates

Day	Date	Time	Venue
Wednesday	10th October	08.30-12.00pm	The Laurels
Tuesday	23rd October	08.30-12.00pm	Sidney House
Saturday	20th October	09.00-11.30am	The Laurels
Wednesday	31st October	08.30-12.00pm	The Laurels

No appointment necessary and you may attend either venue

Do you qualify for help from the Hatfield Peverel Feoffees

Notice is hereby given that applications are invited from those who might qualify for help from the Feoffees Charity. In view of the desire of the Feoffees to help where there is real need, attention is drawn to the following.

The Feoffees **cannot** apply their income to:

- a The relief of taxes or rates, or use the monies where Social Security Benefits would apply
- b The giving of recurring grants
- c Any applicant who is not in genuine need, or undeserving of help.

Applications must be sent in writing by 12th November 2012 for annual distribution. These applicants must include:

- a The reason for the request
- b The applicant's age
- c The applicant's residential qualifications.

Applications to The Chairman of the Feoffees, c/o Quince Lodge, The Street, Hatfield Peverel, Chelmsford. CM3 2DY

Poppy Appeal 2012

Peter Archer

Poppy Appeal Co-ordinator



The annual Poppy Appeal begins on Saturday 29th October until 12th November.

Last year £4763.07 was collected for the appeal, our best yet. You can help us increase this amount by taking a tray of poppies and a collectors box. A collection at your work place, early morning volunteer collections at the station, or door to door help will be appreciated.

Remembrance Sunday is 11th November and there will be a Church Service in St Andrews at 3pm. All are welcome to this friendly service.

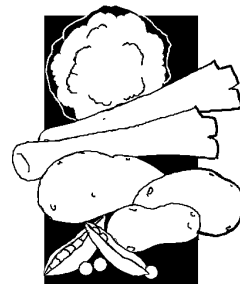
Litter!

If you get wound up as we do over litter, this YouTube clip will warm the cockles of your heart. It's from Quebec, so the captions are in French, but the message is clear.
<http://youtu.be/GYnd5JRu86E>

Sheds broken into again

Allotment Association - David Goodey (380389)

Exactly a year after the last round of shed thefts we have had twelve broken into on the old site next to the church. On the night of Monday 10th September padlocks were levered off, severely damaging most shed doors. Only one shed had an item stolen from it, a great deal of damage for so little gain. These events have been notified to the police. Items in our sheds are now etched to make them more traceable. **High value items are not kept there.** The Allotment Association will pursue thieves and vandals through to prosecution.



This year was very hard on the plots as the planting period was overwhelmed with monsoon rains and the weeds have lasted much longer than in a 'normal' year. Soft fruits have been good but potatoes and tomatoes were badly blighted. Most plot holders are now into the autumnal dig, 2012 will soon be forgotten.

We have collected our rents for the forthcoming year and have vacant plots available on both sites. We like the sites full as this keeps the rents (and the weeds) down. One of the retiring plot holders Chris Marks has held a plot for no less than 35 years. Members wish Chris well with her new found free time!

On a sad note, Dave Russell, a committee member for 30 years and long term plot holder on the new site, was knocked off his bicycle and shattered his pelvis and thigh. Dave is a well known long distance cyclist with his wife Beryl. However, having spent weeks in traction in Broomfield Hospital Dave will not be cycling or digging for some time. Our members and I am sure all village people who know Dave will want to wish him a speedy recovery. In the meantime we will keep his allotment tidy.

If you wish to apply for a plot please contact John Cockell (01245 381646) for old site lettings near the church, and Paul Waite (01245 380429) for new site lettings next to the cricket pitch.

Successful plant sale

Horticultural Society - Sarah Barker

The society's annual plant sale and coffee morning held at Tudor Lodge in September was a great day to find a bargain at the sales tables before sitting in the garden for a cuppa and home-made cakes. The morning raised over £237 for society funds.

The Autumn Show was a success but as last year the weather proved difficult. The potato competition was again popular with Neville Bright the winner for the second time producing 4.306kg from a single potato - he's giving nothing away! One committee member managed one potato!

Show winners

President of the society John Upson presented the trophies at the end of the afternoon. Beddow Cup (vegetables and fruit), Murphy Chemical Cup (chrysanthemums), and Roy Turner Cup (best exhibit classes 50 - 60) John Goodall; Isted Cup

(dahlias) best dahlia and Basil Frost Trophy (best individual exhibit) Dennis Dawson; Rose Plaque (other flowers) Sarah Barker; Jaques Vinall Cup (dahlia competition) Jenny Clemo; Bowl Trophy (cooking) and best sticky date cake Emma Cook.

Kynaston Trophy (handicrafts) Pam Warren; Gilder Cup (children) Sophie Hayter; Shutter Trophy (photography) Neville Bright; Leslie King Trophy (best old site allotment) Mr and Mrs Gammon; Cramphorn Cup (best new site allotment) Julie Rizbridge; Best Tray Neville Bright; Best Vase Mike Jollands; The RHS Banksian Medal, Dennis Dawson; Diploma of Excellence in Horticulture, John Goodall; Certificates of Merit, Jenny Blowes, Sheila Fullbrook and Neville Bright, and children Sophie Hayter and Abby Fowler.

AGM Thursday 8th November 8pm in the village hall. Come and vote for your committee, enjoy the refreshments and see who has won the pumpkin competition. Everyone welcome.

Sunshine for enjoyable five mile walk

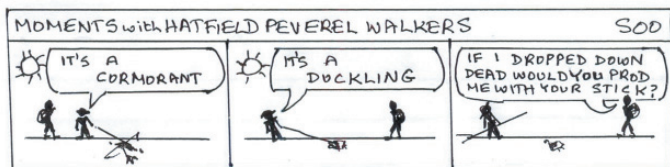
Hatfield Peverel Walkers - Sandra Bushby (380472)

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Our sponsored family walk took place in August with fine weather throughout the walk to Paper Mill lock via Sportsmans Lane, the River Ter, Nounsley Ridge and across the fields, avoiding - in most cases - the stinging nettles, passed Batters Farm to the lock. A half hour break to sample tea and cakes was followed by a leisurely stroll along the Chelmer and Blackwater Navigation, over the river bridge and up and down the lanes to Nounsley ford, along the footpath to the Sportsmans Arms and the church footpath back to Hatfield Peverel (pausing for a while for the 'experts' to identify the carcass of a long dead bird on the footpath - see cartoon below). The distance was five miles and £348.50 was raised in sponsorship for the www.findingfrasersfeet.co.uk charity for Fraser to have surgery in the USA. A big thank you from Graham and Sandra to those who sponsored the walkers - the overall fund has now swelled to over £8,000 towards the £60,000 required.

A major accident in the centre of Colchester meant the 10.06am bus to Boreham Church and the walkers means of transport to the start of their September walk turned out to be the 10.36 - very full, running late and not going to the church! Taking an earlier footpath Ken Earney led the group through some muddy paths to the river where the clouds blew away and the sun shone which allowed everyone to enjoy coffee and cakes at Paper Mill lock café and the return home.

Meet 10am in village hall car park for 25th October walk. Chris Johnson will lead on 29th November - meet at the bus stop opposite the Co-op for the 10.08am bus for Witham - bring your bus passes!



EMs Club celebrates its first birthday in November - what a year!

Tuesdays 1.30 - 3.30pm Hatfield Peverel village hall

£1 donation to cover costs. Families and carers welcome

The club is really thriving - two more members have started from Tiptree and Witham. We received a letter from Hatfield Peverel Infant School inviting us to their Harvest Festival, and they are coming to entertain us nearer Christmas, which we are looking forward to.

For our £1 admission we still have delicious home-made cakes made by members of the club, together with tea, coffee, etc and every Tuesday is different as we now have a monthly fish and chip meal from Hatfield Peverel fish and chip shop which everyone enjoys - very tasty! plus a monthly visit to The Sportsman's Arms - we take our board quiz and even the bar staff have a go at it! The Sportsman's Arms very kindly offer us a special meal deal for £5 and all the tea and coffee we can drink. We also enjoy a monthly Zumba Gold session in the main hall from Liz, who is very enthusiastic in getting us exercising to music.

We had a trip out to Hylands House and park one day in August and enjoyed a lovely meal there using money from the generous donations sent for the club members. The weather was lovely, which helped to make the occasion doubly enjoyable. A couple of weeks ago we were entertained with a Karaoke session by Brian C who came all the way from Southend.

We have bingo sessions, various quizzes and our latest idea was to bring in any of our unwanted bric-a-brac and books which we then swop with each other, no money involved, which is a resounding success. The club will have been going for a year in November and it owes its success to Emma and her friend Tracie, both very caring individuals.

Parish Council news

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

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

The Parish Council for the first time in several years has its full quota of members and would therefore like to welcome Martin Pyke as the thirteenth member who was co-opted onto the council recently.



Planning

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

The following applications have recently been made

Outline application for two detached two bedroom dwellings at land rear of The Swan View, The Street; erection of a single storey extension to the rear of the dwelling at Latneys, London Road; creation of new disabled entrance and ramp, rebuilding of existing rear extension to provide new accessible toilet facilities at Highwood House, Maldon Road; erection of single storey rear extension and alterations to existing detached dwelling at 3 Woodham Drive. No comment to be made.

The following applications have been approved by the District Council

Construction of new vehicular access forming an in/out driveway at Hackington, London Road; removal of existing conservatory, erection of two storey side extension and alterations to existing boundary screen wall at 10 Ranulph Way; amendment to previously approved application (11/00669/FUL) to connect the garage to the bungalow - proposed conversion of existing bungalow to one and a half storey dwelling at Badgers Hollow, Maldon Road. Amended proposal for Approved Planning Application Ref: 11/01020/FUL for five dwellings and associated car parking at land at Prospect Close; installation of 50kw ground mounted PV solar array at Whitelands, Terling Road; erection of porch to entrance door to public house at The Cross Keys PH, The Green; alterations to existing side/rear single storey extension and revision to rear first floor window and ground floor side window and door at 15 De Vere Close; conversion of existing outbuilding for use as a home study and playroom ancillary to the main dwelling at Small Acres, Maldon Road.

Variation of condition 13 of approved application 10/01279/FUL to allow the dental practice to open 0800 – 1800 hrs Monday to Friday and 1000 – 1300 hours on a Saturday, to open a maximum of 12 Sunday mornings per year and up to a maximum of 4 bank holiday mornings per year between the hours of 1000 – 1300 hours; erection of first floor extension at Shambles, Nounsley Road; erection of single storey rear extension at 2 Yew Tree Close; application for a non-material amendment following grant of planning application 12/00429/FUL - erection of two storey side extension at 28 Willow Crescent; erection of extension to existing side facing dormer to provide new en-suite to existing bedroom at Lockwoods, Manor Road.

The following applications have been refused by the District Council

Erection of ground floor and second floor extension at Clematis, Maldon Road; erection of front porch and two storey rear extension at Rose Cottage, Ulting Road; erection of new dwelling at land adjacent to 1 New Road.

Tree Preservation Order applications - notice of intent to carry out works to trees at Tudor Lodge, The Street. Referred to Tree Warden for comment.

Tree Preservation Orders granted - notice of intent to carry out works to trees at 15 Toulmin Road and at 18 Church Road.

Maintenance person required for burial ground

The Parish Council is currently looking for someone to maintain the burial ground in the village as and when required throughout the year. This will range from grass cutting, weed killing to grave tending and disposing of fallen leaves. Equipment will be supplied. For more information, please contact the Parish Clerk on the above email address or telephone number.

Hadfelda Square car park

Braintree District Council has recently made some improvements to the Hadfelda Square car park which has tidied up the area and created a few more parking spaces.

Parish Council meetings in the village hall at 7.30pm on Monday 5th November and 3rd December.

A gentle reminder on how 'clubs' work

Wikipedia's definition of a club: a club is an association of two or more people united by a common interest or goal.

Recently a friend of mine popped along to a club at the village hall as she thought they would be united in a common interest, this was not the case. I too approached the same club a few months previously after seeing an advert that more players were wanted but I chose not to because of the response of the person on the other end of the telephone towards me.

On the morning my friend attended the club, she was told in no uncertain terms that the club was full and that 'we' didn't need any more players. She was obviously shocked at the playground response and headed for the door. One lady then said that this was unfair as my friend had been made welcome in the past, she was then asked to stay as a guest for that session. My friend went back into the hall only to be told by the hierarchy that she was not actually welcome!

My friend is level headed and quite happy in day to day life as far as I'm aware but imagine if this had been the first time a person had been out since bereavement or had social difficulties of any sort, this reaction would have crushed them. This behaviour, I feel, is totally unacceptable in any club regardless of size or standard and incredibly rude. I understand clubs can become full and have waiting lists but this club is advertising for players

and in order for a social group to work, no matter how big or small, it needs members all the time! If it is a little crowded one week then all the more time for catching up, if on another night it is quiet then it is time to work up a sweat.

Please can these socially inept people who obviously feel fit to run a club remember how difficult it can sometimes be to go out and meet strange faces in unfamiliar surroundings, and that it is common decency to welcome people into places where we might not be completely comfortable.

There is so much to do and take part in, in and around our village, please don't let a very small amount of narrow minded and blinkered people ruin the chance to do something on your doorstep that's new or different.

Ian Wild

Stitching for charity

Peverel Quilters - Mary Harrowell

Peverel Quilters had a very enjoyable afternoon in the village hall in September when we joined the Horticultural Society at their Autumn Show.

All of our visitors were interested in the work we had stitched and by supporting our charity sales table we have been able to donate £300 to the Helen Rollason Charity.

Many thanks for everyone for enabling us to achieve this amount.

Scout Group news

1st Hatfield Peverel Scout Group

(for boys and girls 6 - 18 years)

Group Secretary Suzanne Evans (382397)

Beavers and Cubs returned after their summer break to a packed programme of activities. Beavers have been junk modelling, working toward their Safety badge and cooking, and are now looking forward to a fireworks night and fund-raising for Children in Need. Cubs have been for a walk around the village and have worked toward their Emergency Aid badge. A sleep over, construction evening and a 'back to the 70s' night are planned for later in the term. **Both units, along with Scouts, Explorers and leaders, will march from the HQ to the church on Remembrance Sunday.**

Scouts and Explorers

Fifteen Scouts, ten Explorer leaders, on 18th August made their way to Roxwell for the Essex International Jamboree. This event, held every four years, attracts participants from around the world, as far afield as Venezuela!

The massive campsite, housing 10,000 people, was divided into sections; Everest, Great Wall of China, Red Square, Easter Island, Pyramids etc, within which each individual group had its own camp. Many groups designed a gateway to their camp entrance; some very ornate with lights and even a portcullis. By Saturday evening the site was a sea of tents, as if a small town had appeared in the middle of the Essex countryside.

Each day, our Scouts and Explorers experienced a wide range of activities from arts and crafts to watersports; canoeing, glass etching, tracking, zorbing and high ropes being the most popular. Strangest of all was the opportunity to have a fake wound applied by the Red Cross; everyone took great delight in returning to camp with a fine selection of bullet wounds, cuts and black eyes! After busy days came entertaining evenings, with live music, dancing and feature films. Themed nights included 'beach party' and 'super heroes' with our youngsters throwing themselves into the fun; donning bikinis (not just the girls!) and Batman costumes. There was ample time to interact with other groups, and before long, the Irish contingent in the neighbouring camp, had become firm friends. Calls of 'Goodnight Irish' and 'Goodnight English', reminiscent of the Walton's, quickly became a nightly bedtime ritual. A fantastic time was had by all, including the leaders, who would like to thank the youngsters for being so well behaved and such good company.

Monthly newspaper collection

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

Unfortunately, the newspaper skip has been set alight yet again, thankfully it had just been emptied, so the damage was minimal. To those who kindly drop off their own newspapers and cardboard, please be aware that due to repeated vandalism, the skip will be locked between 8pm and 8am.



Current members/waiting list

The Group currently boasts a total of 65 members across the four units; Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and



Explorers. We have twenty seven boys and girls on our waiting list, however, many are not yet old enough to join the group (the youngest is only 1 year 5 months!) so don't be put off by this figure. Application forms can be found in the Post Office and the Library or an email can be sent to Lynne Coulson at hpscoutgroup@gmail.com who will forward a copy of the application form to you.

Useful contacts

Group Scout Leader Nick Nicholas, 07841 597977,
darrennicholas@btinternet.com

Group Administrator (membership enquiries) Lynne Coulson,
hpscoutgroup@gmail.com

Hire of headquarters Irene Price, 01245 302390,
tony@pricechurchroad.freeserv.co.uk

Newspaper collection co-ordinator Jonathan Dorman, 01245 382981,
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Group Secretary Suzanne Evans, 01245 382397,
boons_calibre_travel@lineone.net

Happenings in the village hall

Fancy a drink in a friendly atmosphere? The bar lounge in the village hall in Maldon Road is a welcoming place - and things are happening.

Saturday 12th October - Charity Quiz shield

Teams of no more than eight adults, £1 a member.
All monies to Great Ormond Street Hospital.
Apply at the village hall to reserve a table.

Poker	4th Saturday in month
Brag	1st Friday in the month
Bingo	3rd Thursday in month
Darts	Monday nights, ladies team Tuesdays, call in if interested.

Find us on Facebook under Hatfield Peverel village hall

All bookings on HPCABookings@gmail.com

Party in the Park

The Party in the Park committee, and its main sponsor ARLA Foods, handing a cheque for £1,251.50 to the Helen Rollason Cancer Charity from the proceeds of the party held on the Olympic Torch Relay day on 6th July. Events in and around the village hall and playing field included children's entertainment, craft stalls, a wide choice of food, live bands on the open air stage - and entertainers gave their services free of charge. It was a great day and the sun did shine!



The importance of a good night's sleep

Hadfelda WI - Marel Elliston

Our August speaker, Babara Poulter, kept us wide awake talking about sleep! It was very interesting to learn how lack of sleep can affect your health and well being. One tip Barbara gave us was, if you wake up in the night and find it difficult to get back to sleep, be sure to keep the lights dim as a bright light triggers a 'wake up' message in the brain.



The afternoon tea in July was a great success and enjoyed by all who went. Our treasurer was delighted that we made a profit from the afternoon. The knitting group will meet again in the library at 10am every Wednesday morning (beginning 3rd October) to knit hats for the premature baby unit. Every one is welcome, if you don't knit come and have a cup of tea and a chat.

In September, David Wood gave a very interesting and informative talk about antiques, mainly relating to silver and jewellery. He explained that it was always important to examine pieces carefully to establish whether they were silver or just silver plated. Hall marks were important as was the condition of the piece, which had to be perfect. Mr Wood then spent time looking at, and giving information, about various items members had brought along.

The competition, the letter F, was won by Glad Pearce, Madge Gratze and Chris Marks.

The next meeting on Wednesday 24th October in the village hall, is a demonstration of painting. Do join us.

Jubilee Christmas Bazaar

This year St Andrew's Church will continue to celebrate the Queen's 60 years on the throne and will hold a **Jubilee Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 1st December**. As usual, there will be stalls, raffle, games and entertainment and hot and cold refreshments. Santa is hoping to visit during the afternoon. We will start at 3pm and finish at 6pm. We look forward to you joining us.

Dorothy Keenan and Kay Coombes

St Andrew's Church

Concert

**Men of St Andrew's,
Enchanté & Vintage Brew**

Saturday 13th October 7.30pm

*Entrance £5.00 includes light
refreshments*

Christmas auction

1st December 2012 - date for your diary

Come and enjoy a fun evening in the village hall on Saturday 1st December at the grand auction, raffle and disco to raise money towards the £60,000 needed to help a five year old boy with cerebral palsy have an operation in America to enable him to lead a more normal life. Information at www.findingfrasersfeet.co.uk charity.

Further details regarding raffle tickets and auction list will be available on notice boards and usual outlets nearer the time but if anyone would like to donate items for the raffle or auction - or knows a friend who would be willing - please contact Graham or Sandra Bushby on (01245) 380472 or email grahambushby@btinternet.com.

Typical items for auction could include

- * Gardening for two hours at your home or allotment
- * Housework/ironing/washing for an hour or two (fancy this one - Ed)
- * Provision of a personal website and upload to the internet
- * Translation or tuition services for a foreign language
- * Offering to host a meal in your house for two or more guests
- * Dog walking or sitting

The more innovative the offers are will make the auction more fun for everyone.

Eunice says goodbye to Acorn Childcare

*'The time has come,' the Walrus said,
'to talk of many things:*

Of shoes - and ships - and sealing wax -

Of cabbages - and kings

And why the sea is boiling hot -

And whether pigs have wings'

The Walrus and the Carpenter, Lewis Carroll

*'Of things that's past - and things to come -
and things that's in between'*

Eunice Bridge

I had been giving a great deal of thought 'of things that's past' and 'things to come' and 'things that's in between' and I decided it was time to think more about 'things to come' and reached the decision to finally to

*Pack my playdough in its box,
my paint brush in its pot,
My books and toys I'll put away,
for that's to be my lot.
I've found a place for every toy,
every toy now has its place
And when the Olympics came and went
I ran my final race.*

Yes, I decided to bow out and retired at the end of the last school year, July 2012.

Casting my mind back to 'things that's past'

I go back to those far off days circa 1981, when I drove and supervised the 'Chelmsford Playbus', a very old London Red, converted to a 'mobile' playgroup. It was decked out with toys and resources and included a 'portaloo', I remember that very well! This 'loo' had to be emptied at each stop off place with parents volunteering to let the staff carry out this procedure using their bathrooms!. Imagine the outcry from the powers that be these days.

'Things that's in between'

From September 1983 to November 1989 I ran Boreham Village Hall Playgroup, building up a reputable playgroup, liaising with Social Services etc. In November 1989 I moved into the Scout Headquarters in Hatfield Peverel, with my Boreham children, whilst waiting for the Boreham



village hall to be renovated. Numerous parents from Hatfield Peverel approached me asking for child places. My reputation had spread. I stayed in the village and soon had too many children for the Scout HQ and in August 1993 I moved into the Community Centre. We have grown and grown, weathering changes in legislation and regulations including that from Social Services to Ofsted. Staff have come and gone, children have come and gone and with each one leaving I have shed a tear. I never had a day when I woke up and wished I could pull a 'sicky' and with all the changes one thing has remained the same, 'Acorn Childcare'.

'Things to come'

I have enjoyed each and every experience of working with my tiny Acorns, watching and helping them to grow into tall strong Oak trees. I will miss them all. I am very pleased to hand over the reins of Acorn Childcare to the new owner, Amy Savill and wish her all luck in the world. But hey, the strangest of coincidences; Amy has taken over Acorn following a managerial role at Boreham Village Hall Playgroup. Funny how things go full circle isn't it? Thank you to parents past and present, friends and staff for their good wishes, cards and lovely retirement presents. I will remember you all with great affection and have many happy memories the children have given me.

News from St Andrews Church

What a beautiful autumn we are enjoying. As I look outside it feels autumnal, with the sun quite low in the sky, yet the grass is green (the churchyard grass has only just stopped growing) and the leaves are on the trees and green. Also there have been ground frosts in Oxfordshire! Temperature-wise summer is well and truly turning into autumn and, although some would say that we haven't really had a summer as such, I hope that wherever you were August was a time of rest and refreshment.



Although August is often seen as a time when not much happens (and most of the church hierarchy are away themselves) St Andrews has not been slumbering. With Harvest Festival on the second week of September preparations for that inevitably begin in August. There has been the usual run of weddings and baptisms, in addition to our normal pattern of services.

At the end of July, 'Messy Olympics' took place at Crouchmans. It was an enormous undertaking, led by Mary Daw and Anna and John Tomlins. With a mixture of craft, worship and races (as well as a splendid picnic produced by Anna) 73 adults and 76 children enjoyed learning about their faith in a new and imaginative way. The weather was kind to us, fortunately.

The All-Age Service in August was about WaterAid and built upon the foundations laid at what would have been the Outdoor Service in July 'Turn on the Tap!' At this service and at all subsequent services people were invited to take away a plastic water bottle and fill it with money, returning it at Harvest Festival. This happened and over £350 was collected, counted and bagged. We were also told that the Government would match fund up to a certain date, any money raised. So with all hands to the pump, everything that was received on Sunday was duly banked and that means that over £700 will go to digging wells and providing fresh water. Let us give thanks to our Government for doing the right thing by some of the poorest people in the world.

As I mentioned, Harvest Festival took place on the second Sunday of September, following the theme of WaterAid in the morning and the harvest more generally at the evening Parish Eucharist. Rutter's 'All Things Bright and Beautiful' was sung by the choir and the harvest distribution the following day. Thanks to all those who were involved in that weekend. At the same time 'Ride and Stride' (formerly known and the sponsored bike ride) took place and three people took part. A coffee morning the weekend before, which focused on nearly new toys and books, raised over £600; thanks to everyone who took part in it.

Harvest for the Hungry - twelve boxes were filled with sugar, rice and lentils. Thanks to all who contributed. These will join the boxes collected by both the Juniors and Infants and, after a special 'Box-Blessing' (date to be arranged) they will be collected and sent off to Eastern Europe.

Other things that are happening include

Samaritan's Purse where we collect gifts for children in impoverished parts of the world. This year the focus in Britain is Swaziland (Africa) and we are collecting things now - toys, teddies (small), toiletries (no glass or liquids), hats, gloves, scarves, stationary and sweets (no chocolate). Lots of wrapping paper for the shoe boxes is always appreciated. Bring them to church on Sunday or leave with me at the Vicarage. If you prefer to give money, it costs about £2 per box, again give to me or Dorothy Keenan, preferably in an

envelope marked 'Samaritans Purse'.

Coffee Morning on Saturday 6th October 10am to 12pm. Cakes, coffee and scones, bric-a-brac, nearly new books, a raffle and good company.

Concert at St Andrews Saturday 13th October – a varied programme with Barbershop, Vintage Brew and the WI Choir. There will be an interval with refreshments. Look out for posters.

Deanery Evensong at St Mary Kelvedon on Sunday 21st October 6pm. Parishes in our area will be getting together to sing choral evensong. Everyone is welcome - there will be no evensong in St Andrews.

Friends of Essex Churches concert at St Andrews Saturday 10th November - details to follow.

Methodist Church

Our last report was written immediately following the Olympic torch relay coming through the village. We wondered how the Olympic events would unfold, would the Games be a success. What a two months has followed! People usually disinterested in sport have been caught up in the excitement and spectacle. It was a celebration of not only the finest sport but also the best party organised right on our doorstep. The games had drama, agony, effort, skills, despair, wonder and delight and made us proud to be the host nation. The patriotism shown was good humoured and generous to all nationalities.

In our service on 2nd September our theme was 'thanks' and we thought of the happy times we had been celebrating. We gave thanks for the memories from this sporting occasion and other aspects of our lives as we sang the old chorus, written in 1897, which we many of us have known from our childhoods -

*Count your blessings, name them one by one,
Count your blessings, and see what God hath done!*

*Count your blessings, name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.*

We held our traditional Harvest Festival Service and lunch on 23rd September when we thanked God for the crops planted and grown to provide our food. We collected tins of food to distribute to CHESS, the Chelmsford Centre for the homeless.

Visitors are very welcome to join us

We will be reminded that not everybody has a happy and safe life when we host a special event

on Sunday 4th November and welcome the Karibuni Trust for the day. This trust was started in 1990 by the Murphy family who, whilst working in Kenya, saw first hand the problems of abandoned children in slums and on the streets reduced to supporting themselves by begging, stealing, scavenging and prostitution. Since then Karibuni Trust has given hope to hundreds of needy children, supporting projects initiated and run by Kenyans which operate where the need is greatest.

We are planning a **Kenyan lunch at 1pm followed by a service at 2.30pm** when we will learn more about their work and see examples of Kenyan crafts. If you are interested in supporting this charity please join us on the day. If you wish to **experience and enjoy the Kenyan lunch ring either Aileen (380831) or Rosemary (380504) by 27th October to book a place.** Otherwise join us in the afternoon to learn more from Rev Murphy.

Special events

Sunday 7th October – we will be joining our friends at the Witham Methodist Church

Sunday 4th November- Kenyan lunch at 1pm followed by service taken by the Karibuni Trust, a charity helping Kenyan street children, at 2.30pm

Regular events

Every Sunday 11am - Morning Service - everyone welcome

Every Thursday 10am - 12 noon - Open Door - come and join us for tea/coffee and friendly chat

2nd Saturday in month 10am - 12noon
- coffee morning and cake stall

1st Monday in month 7.30pm - House Group

Mothers Union

Our speaker for the July afternoon meeting was Ivy Southgate, who asked us to use our imagination as she was taking us on a journey which included a boat trip - she illustrated her talk, which was called 'Struggles and Blessings', with readings, prayers and music. An interesting afternoon. We were pleased to see Ivy who had recently recovered from an operation.

We welcomed Molly Hoyle to our July evening meeting; she told us about her travels with the MU when she was Chelmsford Diocese President, visiting Kenya and Thailand attending church services and meetings where many members had



walked for miles. Although some were short of food they insisted Molly and her group shared their meals. Molly is our Publicity and Enterprises Officer and brought cards, diaries and calendars for us to purchase.

To start our Autumn Term, Father Stephen led a service of Holy Communion. Three hymns were sung: 'Who would true valour see', 'Freely Freely' and 'Forth in Thy Name of Lord I go', prayers were said, also a bible reading and a talk included the work of the Mothers Union.

Pat thanked Father Stephen - although only a few members were present, the service was enjoyed very much.

Operation Christmas Child 2012

Dorothy Keenan (382116)

Yes it is that time of year again. We will be having our main collection of gifts to place in our shoeboxes throughout October. As usual we will be collecting toiletries, stationary, toys, knitted items sweets etc. Any donations can be dropped off at St Andrew's Church or at the school house, St Andrew's School. Alternatively, if you would like items collected please give me a call and arrangements can be made.



Our **grand packing day** will be **Monday 5th November starting at 9:30am**. Please feel free to come along and join in the fun. There will be a service when the school children will bring along their boxes to Church but this date has not yet been confirmed.

Our boxes will be going to children who would normally never receive a gift at Christmas and often have very little to call their own. So the pleasure that our gifts bring cannot be underestimated. With this thought in our minds we pray for another successful appeal.

Thank you in anticipation

Hello everyone

Toddler Group committee

Lian Rowland (01621 892445)

(hatfieldpevereltoddlers@yahoo.co.uk)

Toddler Group returned at the beginning of September. I trust you have all had a great summer break and enjoyed the Olympics and occasional good weather.



If you wish to join Toddler Group we are still taking membership details and subscriptions for the year ahead. £5 membership reduces the normal £2 weekly fee to £1.50 for up to three children and is required for those attending the Xmas party.

We have had great feedback from the results of our new photographer - if you missed your chance there will be future opportunities.

Reminder of a few key dates for your diaries

10th October Phoenix Cards

5th December Christmas Party

'Superfast' broadband

Resident Frank Wake drew attention to this - ran out of space for fuller details in this issue. These can be found at www.engageessex.org.uk/essex/KMS/elab.aspx?noip=1&CampaignId=163

Autumn events – from the way we were to very co-operative!

Peverel Wine Club - Vee Green (01245 355723)

Members returned to the village hall in September after a summer of outings around the county, culminating in a walking Treasure Hunt down by the promenade in Maldon in August. The evening was gloriously warm, the river looking perfect and the route up the hill, through the park and back along the water's edge showed Maldon at its best. We finished the evening with supper at the Jolly Sailor. In a closely-fought contest, Anne and Trevor Williams were worthy winners (a disappointment as they had hoped to come second and avoid the fate of all winners – to produce next year's Treasure Hunt!) Thanks to previous year's winners, Sandra and Graham Bushby, for organizing a splendid evening. At the Treasure Hunt was the Club's farewell presentation to John and Lindsey Glasman, Club Chairman and Secretary, who were moving to Devon. We gave them flowers, a pair of wine glasses and vouchers for a wine shop near their new base in Devon, which we anticipate will be put to good use! We shall miss their energy, enthusiasm and bright ideas, but wish them well in their venture.

September saw the club's 35th anniversary celebrated with a nostalgic meal looking back at the food and drink we enjoyed in 1977 when Denise Brazier founded the Club to introduce Peverel residents to the joys of home wine making. We tucked into paté with toast accompanied by sparkling rosé in the Lambrusco style, followed by lasagne with Paul Masson Californian Shiraz – who remembers those Paul Masson carafes which looked more like specimen bottles than wine decanters! We finished with – of course – Black Forest Gâteau and cream, washed down with an obligatory glass of Liebfraumilch. Bob Hill and Jean Prayell demonstrated their prowess making liqueur coffees to finish, accompanied by some very 70s After Eight Mints, and we enjoyed background music from the 70s while puzzling over Lindsey's Revenge – a tough wall quiz of adverts from the 1977 era! This was won by Christine Marks, who obviously spent too much time watching ITV in her youth. There



were even a few bottles of home-made wine in evidence, reminding us of the Club's roots.

Following the AGM in October, we next meet on 14th November for a tasting of wines from the Co-op. Anyone thinking of joining the Wine Club would find this the perfect opportunity to find out what we are about. Please give Vee a ring beforehand on 01245 355723 to confirm attendance.

Visit to Rheinland-Pfalz in Germany

In September a party of Wine Club members and friends made a week-long visit to wine-growing areas of the Rhine and Mosel. The Hotel Pinger in Remagen provided the base: Remagen's history goes back to the Roman era,

In the Ahr valley wine growing area we had a horse-drawn buggy trip round the Mayschoss vineyard followed by a tour and tasting in their cellars of their high quality red wines. On other days there were visits to Koblenz (see photo above) and Rudesheim on the Rhine and Cochem in the Mosel valley, and DIY trips to Cologne, Bonn, Linz am Rhein.

We arrived in the middle of Remagen's Weinfest, some of us going down to the Marktplatz on the Monday evening to take part in wine sampling and drinking the health of the 2012 Weinkönigen. A versatile duo provided music in front of the Rathaus (town hall) but the only people prepared to get onto the cobblestones and dance were the visitors from Hatfield Peverel - was it the wine?

Many thanks to Graham, Sandra, Peter and Judith for organising the visit.

£190,000 grant secured for Hatfield Peverel Football Club

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Vice Chairman, Jim Isaacs, 07736 437831 / jim.isaacs@sky.com

Website: www.pitchero.com/clubs/hatfieldpeverelfc/



We are delighted to announce that we have been awarded £190,000 from the Football Foundation (Football Association). The grant application process was a huge undertaking for the New Venture Committee and we would like to thank those members involved for their efforts. The FA commented that ours was one of the best applications they had ever received.

This huge boost means we are 99% complete in funding requirements for our new clubhouse and changing facilities. We have a few legal and regulatory hoops to jump through but we are hopeful that, if the weather is kind to us, we will have a 'spade in the ground' in the first week in January. As the facility is of a modular design the 'build' process should take a maximum of 10 to 12 weeks.

Season 2012/13

With the new season upon us we have more boys and girls than ever playing for HPFC - thirteen teams playing from under 7s through to our two senior teams. Upcoming fixtures and latest match reports and results can be found on our website (see above) or: www.essexsuffolkborderleague.freeserve.co.uk/ and <http://www.juniorfootball.org>

We are always looking for new players; in particular we want to build up our Reception and School Year 1 age groups. We would need one or two willing volunteers to run the team but our existing coaches are happy to help get training sessions up and running. If you have a son or daughter interested please call.

Successful season for Bowls Club

Bob Gammie, President (381497)

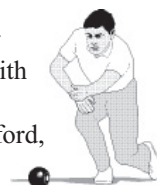
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The undoubted success of the season has been our team in the Central Midweek League. We reached the semi-final in the knock-out shield and it took the extra end to decide the match which unfortunately we lost. In the League competition we finished third and could have been higher if we had played to our strength in the last game. Our ladies in the Chelmer Ladies League finished below halfway in the final table.

In our friendly fixtures the weather influenced several games - eight were cancelled - but we won as many as we lost. We now have the legacy of the Olympic Games to inspire the next generation to take up the sport.

Our Final's Day began at 10am with some sleepy eyes for the Trevor Mattham's triples. The early start needed a count back to decide the winners, which were Roger Thomsett, Andrew Hood and Derek Wallis who beat Eric More, Rod Byer and Terry Fullbrook. There followed

an excellent lunch organised by our Captain Rita Thomson, complete with broken toe (the furniture won) and helpers Chrissie Harris, Janet Sandford, Peggy Brown, Daphne Hoare and Ann Holliday. In the afternoon the singles final was played and silverware won by Sheila Butler who overcame Pat Wallis. To allow Sheila to recover, the pairs final will be played later date as she features with Catherine Hood against Sid Gentry and Rod Byer.



At the end of September the green closed for extensive renovation. The dreaded moss is not as extensive as feared following the wet weather and we hope it is not saving itself for a spring revival.

Meanwhile play has continued on the short mats and more friendly matches have been won than lost. The internal competition will culminate in a finals night on 20th October. We have two teams competing in the Essex League and our usual list of friendly matches as well as our internal competitions and leagues will make for a busy winter. Come and join us, we are a friendly bunch.

More fabulous losses

Well done to the Hatfield Peverel Weight Loss Challenge contestants who recently completed their twelve week challenge in The Cross Keys, and lost a brilliant 151lbs (10stone 11lbs) between them! £150 1st prize went to Ros Arrowsmith, who started a week after everybody else but still lost 9.8% of her body weight and is now back to her teenage weight! £100 2nd prize once again went to the hugely consistent Rev Stephen Northfield, who lost a further 8.6% of body weight and reduced his metabolic age by 14 years! £50 3rd prize went to Carly East with 8% of body weight lost and the inch loss prize went to Valentine David. Winner Ros said 'I can't believe it was so easy, I have been trying to lose 6-8lbs for ages but just couldn't get it off, and yet when I started doing this it just disappeared and more besides. It never even occurred to me I might win!'



Weight Loss Challenge Coach Val Deal said 'For most people just making some small adjustments to their diet and exercise regimes makes a big difference, and often just learning some basic nutrition facts can change peoples lives. We all slip into bad habits, but re-establishing good habits takes practice.

The next challenge started in September, for more information call Coach Val Deal 01245 382230, 07885 818636

Inspired lecturer for Autumn course

A full house for tutor Quintus Benziger and 'Mixing with Music', a series of illustrated lectures looking at all aspects of music from the history of instruments to our relationship with them - why in the past were women often depicted playing the piano or harp when other instruments are played almost exclusively by men? We hope the course will never end but when it does we shall have the answer to everything!

WEA

Autumn programme of two evening meetings will be held in the Methodist Church, 8pm start. Cost each evening is £5 including refreshments.

Wednesday 7th November - 'Looking at the Stars' with North Essex Astronomical Society. This meeting will be held in St Andrew's Church and hall where we hope there will be less light pollution.

Tuesday 4th December - 'Brief Encounter' with speaker Brian Bourn, personal reminiscences from an engineer of Chelmsford's greatest experiment in chemistry.

At the spring class in January 2013 Margaret Mills will talk to us about 'Ingatstone Hall' Jewel in the Crown.

For more information contact Terry Bard on 01245 381289.

Community policing team

PCSO Nikki Doubleday

Emergency calls 999, non-emergency calls 101

Below is a selection of items from the regular police reports we receive

Lights on!

Autumn nights are drawing in - discourage burglars and if you are going out make sure you have a light on, don't leave any signs that your home is empty and vulnerable. The art of illusion is to try and make it look as though your home is occupied even though you are not there. Security lights provide protection, if your house is overlooked and there is the chance of burglars being seen they will prefer to go elsewhere.

Cold Callers

Important - never give remote access or any banking details to a cold caller, at the door or on the telephone.

Each week emails from Neighbourhood Watch members tell of persons who cold call by phone and suspicious emails they have received.

Free electrical safety – no thank you

A Neighbourhood Watch member received a call from a male who was described as being 'a polite Englishman'. He asked for the member by name, said he was an electrical safety organisation and was checking to see whether a free electrical wiring check was needed. The member said she had had one recently and the caller apologised for calling. The member tried to call 1471 to gain the telephone number, but it was withheld.

It is believed this is a scam: if anyone calls and asks if you would like a free wiring check, it is best to decline the offer.

Computer repairs - no thank you

If you receive a call from anyone who asks if your computer is running slowly or states that your computer has a virus, you can end the call instantly by stating – 'I do not own a computer or laptop, goodbye'.

Bogus banking emails

You may receive a message from a bank stating the following:-

'This email has been sent by our security team to inform you your account will be deactivated within the next 24 hours due to several unsuccessful log in attempts on your bank account. To prevent this, log on securely to our secure validation link below today and verify your account information:'. There will be a link address here which you are asked to connect to and update all your banking details. After verification, you may use your email account as usual.

Do not give any information, you can delete the email or contact Action Fraud www.actionfraud.police.uk or call them on 0300 123 2040.

Set up emergency contact details on your mobile phone – read on

ICE (In Case of Emergency) is the Emergency Services Mobile Contact. This service came about in 2005 after the London bombings and it has now spread across Europe and Australia etc as a way of providing emergency services with vital information.

This is a programme that enables first responders - paramedics, firefighters and police officers - to contact the next of kin of the owner of a mobile phone and to obtain important medical or support information.

How do I do it? Easy to do. Go to your address book on your mobile phone and into 'add new contacts', add the following ICE 1 then a contact telephone number of a person you would like to be contacted in the event of an emergency. Add ICE 2 and a contact number for another person and ICE 3 for a third contact.

Thefts from key safes - be vigilant

Police are advising you to leave spare keys with neighbours rather than in a key safe. If this is not practical officers advise residents to use the Supra C500 key safe model and ensure they follow the manufacturer's guidelines. Crime Reduction Officer Stephen Armson-Smith said: 'Residents should never fit and place a key safe in full view of passing pedestrians. If you are in doubt of how to fix one, use the manufacturer's fitting service or a trader from Essex Trading Standards'.



Useful telephone numbers

Please contact the editors for additions/errors.

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

Churches

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

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

Doctors, health services

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

Electricity - emergency 0800 7838838

Essex County Council 01245 492211

Essex & Suffolk Water 24 hours 0845 7820999

First 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); St John's,	0124 5443673
St Peter's	

Libraries

Hatfield Peverel	01245 380988
Witham	01376 519625

Police, non-emergency calls 0300 3334444

Local Officer PC Jason Corrigan 07791 402133

Post Office 01245 380201

Railway Information

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

Registrar of Births, Marriages & Deaths

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

Relate 01245 258680

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
Acorn Childcare	07580 834417

Social Services 0845 6037630

Village Agent Sally Austin 0800 9775858

Village Hall (after 7pm) 01245 381481

Let us know of useful services to add to this list

Hatfield Peverel Parish Council

Councillors and their working parties

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Watchword newsletter distribution

There are moves by the Braintree Neighbourhood Watch Steering Group to reduce the cost of distribution of the Watchword newsletter. These involve the substitution wherever possible of physical delivery with a paper copy of Watchword to electronic distribution by email by local co-ordinators, who would still arrange the distribution of the paper version to those who wish it. This presumably means that we shall no longer have a Watchword insert with the Review.

If you are a member of a Neighbourhood Watch group please contact your area coordinator with your preferences (ie, by email or number paper copies), or the Braintree District steering group chairman Moia Thorogood, 18 Currants Farm Road, Braintree, CM7 5QS. Unfortunately she can't be contacted by email!

Goodbye to our fund-raisers

Heather Baldwin - 08456 80 20 47

heather.baldwin@helenrollason.org.uk

Everyone at Helen Rollason Cancer Charity said a sad goodbye to Lindsey and John Glasman recently. Lindsey has been the chair of our Hatfield Peverel fund-raising group since we moved to the village earlier this year. She has, along with John and the other fantastic group members, helped to raise over £3,550. Their village market alone raised nearly £320. Our CEO, Greg Camburn, and Head of Fund-raising, Angela Lodge, presented Lindsey and John with a certificate, bottle of wine and one of our cuddly Rolly bears



to say a big thank you for all of their hard work! We are grateful to Kay Coombes who has kindly agreed to become the new chair. In the photograph above Greg Camburn, Angela Lodge and other members of the charity thank Lindsey and John Glasman

A very successful fun day was organised by Len Fry and Sandie Treadwell of The Wheatsheaf in Hatfield Peverel on the Sunday of the August Bank Holiday weekend. As keen supporters of the local community, they had decided to raise money for Helen Rollason Cancer Charity. Their friends and the Hatfield Peverel Brownies and Guides helped to run stalls, games and a tombola. Visitors were entertained by country rock group Medicine while Len and local cricket club chairman Mark Norton got very wet in the stocks. The day raised £1,017 and Len and Sandie are already planning another fun day next year. Len said: 'Thank you to everyone from the village who supported us and to the breweries who sponsored this event. Cancer affects so many people so we can all find it in our hearts to raise money for our local charity by making this an annual event every August Bank Holiday Sunday.'

Race Night, Friday 2nd November

We are holding a Race Night at the village hall from 6.30pm on Friday 2nd November. With eight exciting horse races to place your bets on, it promises to be a great night out. Tickets are only £10 which includes one free £1 bet on each horse race.

An evening with Arthur Edwards, Wednesday 12th December

Arthur has been the royal photographer at The Sun newspaper for 35 years and followed the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge on their recent tour of South East Asia and the South Pacific. The evening is being held at New Hall School in Boreham and tickets are only £15.

For more information and tickets to both events, call 08456 80 20 47 (calls charged at local rate) or visit the charity's website – www.helenrollason.org.uk

A plea for UK English

Just as a footnote to this edition may I make a plea. When, as a matter of course, I run the spell-checker in Word (set to check for UK English) on receipt of your contributions, it often flags up problems resulting from the language having been set to the original Microsoft default, ie US English. It would be helpful for us, and possibly others you send documents to, if you could reset your dictionary to UK English so that items come to us knowing that they are UK English documents.