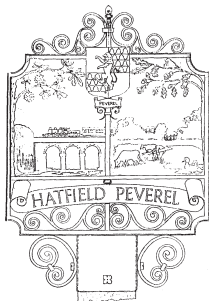


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Local events and happenings round and about

Diary Dates will be back with you soon!

Welcome to you all to the Open air Pop Up Shop - Tombola, home made cakes, jigsaws

Time 31 October 11am - 3pm

Venue Helen Rollason Cancer Charity
Mid Essex Support Centre
Yvonne Stewart House
The Street, Hatfield Peverel

Review deliverers wanted

Ron and Marel Elliston are the Review distributors: they count/deliver our bi-monthly magazines to a team of villagers who in turn, leave your batch of Reviews to be taken round to every house.

It is useful to have spare persons to stand in for emergencies. It's a fresh air job, healthy, and only six times a year! If you would like to know more ring Ron or Marel on 380827. Thank you.

Review online and in colour

For those who have internet access - a large slice of the population doesn't - do you know the Review is available in PDF form on the parish council website? Also, starting with the previous edition - August - there is the advantage of seeing the original colour version - unfortunately too costly for the parish council to print. However, not all browsers may enable you to open the links - ours doesn't but Microsoft Edge does: this is currently under investigation. The PDF is also sent to a small number of email addressees.

Cover photograph

Jenny Goodson from Coggeshall and Julie Atkinson, Hatfield Peverel, at Crix after completing the 30 mile Ride for Helen charity event on Sunday 20 September. They had a brilliant day, there was little traffic and it was lovely to cycle through the Essex countryside in the beautiful sunshine

More news on Helen Rollason page 9

Give a friend a hug

Good morning to you all. In these uncertain times we need something to cheer us up - hugs and cuddles are great if you have someone to do it with but standing a metre or two away and waving your arms about is not the same thing. I asked our grandchildren what they advised but touch just comes naturally to them and they have each other to play with - and annoy. O joy.

We are listening to a series of radio programmes about touch: some feel bereaved that they have no-one to hold their hand, others do not like to be touched. It takes all sorts, we just have to make the best of what we've got. Get us a gin and tonic Ken, there's a good boy!



A different Poppy appeal

Peter Archer, Poppy appeal organiser 01245 381286

The Poppy Appeal this year will be somewhat different to previous years due to Covid-19. We are awaiting final confirmation on how this will run., but currently there will be no collection in the village. Large supermarkets may have collections and there is a move to be able to donate online. **Once we know more, we will publish this on the Facebook page.**



We hope that 2021 will bring some return to normal. In the meantime, we thank you all for your continued support.

Remembrance Service - all welcome

The Service this year will be held on Sunday 8 November at 10:30am, St. Andrew's Church. Social distancing and adherence to Covid-19 guidance given by the Local Authority and the Government will be followed by the church and by those attending.

Consequently, parts of the service will be changed in accordance with this to ensure everyone's wellbeing.

Do you qualify for help from the Hatfield Peverel Feoffees?

Notice is hereby given that applications are again 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 its income to:

- a The relief of taxes or rates, or use the monies where Social Security Benefits would apply
- b The giving of recurrent grants

c An applicant not in genuine need, or is undeserving of help.

Applications must be sent **in writing by Saturday 7 November 2020** for the annual distribution.

Applicants **must** include:

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

Applications must be sent to
The Feoffees, c/o Diane Wallace, Woolsmore, Maldon Road, Hatfield Peverel, Chelmsford, CM3 2JP.

Autumn – when every leaf is a flower ...

Drew Price HPAA, New-Site letting officer - www.hpaa.org.uk

Yes, it is Autumn already, and where did this year disappear to? How lucky we are in Hatfield Peverel to be mostly safe, with nearby conveniences, paths to walk, lovely autumn views to be had and we are alive, safe and healthy in this little corner. And those of us at the allotments or in our gardens have an outlet for mental wellbeing too.

Our year has been a great success due to all the free time that our members found to spend tending their crops and gardens. The cool damp spring start-up, the heat and dry weather of the summer and the heavy rains all kept life interesting with members challenged to adapt to seasonal variations.



Things may be winding down on the allotment in October, but there's still plenty to do, including harvesting late crops, planting for next year and improving the soil. Most are putting in green manure, chicken pellets and the past season's compost and well-rotted horse manure to assist this process.

You can sow peas and broad beans now, break up and plant Rhubarb crowns, garlic, and some onions. You might stake up your heavy Brussels. And PLEASE, all review readers, feel free to contract your allotment neighbours or myself at the address above to purchase your own potatoes or seeds. We have great offers from Kings Seeds, and you are welcome to place orders through us for all gardening supplies.

Now is the perfect time for moving or planting new fruit bushes and trees. Bare-rooted trees will benefit from the warmth still in the soil, to aid root development before winter frosts. It is the same with fruit bushes. Gooseberries, blueberries, red and blackcurrants can all be planted out this month or next, weather permitting. It is a great time to prune back other trees as well.

- **Clear overhanging plants from pathways to maintain access around the garden.**
- **Cut back perennial plants that have died down.** Or leave the dead foliage in place to shelter friendly wildlife.
- **After tidying borders, mulch with bark chips, well-rotted manure, leaf mould or spent mushroom compost** to insulate plant roots for the winter and keep weed growth in check.
- **Remove the netting from fruit cages** to allow birds to catch and eat any pests that are lurking there.

"It's the first day of autumn! A time of hot chocolatey mornings, and toasty marshmallow evenings, and, best of all, leaping into leaves!" – Winnie the Pooh

"Autumn shows us how beautiful it is to let things go." - Unknown

"Fall has always been my favourite season. The time when everything bursts with its last beauty, as if nature had been saving up all year for the grand finale." – Lauren Destefano

"Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower." – Albert Camus

(A different Fall in New England photo. If you can, have a look in colour on the parish council website - Ed.)

Memories...

The photograph of the Oliver family in the August Review (Historical Pageant in Hatfield Peverel 1924) brought back memories of Oliver's Bakery to sisters Vada Jones and Barbara Ellard. Barbara writes about the bakehouse in their early days.

I read, with interest, the article about Oliver's bakery as I used to live on the opposite corner of Church Road in Gables, a three gabled house, formerly the Golden Lion, now long gone (see photograph below).. There are pictures of this, and the bakery in the books about Hatfield Peverel, written by Joyce Fitch.

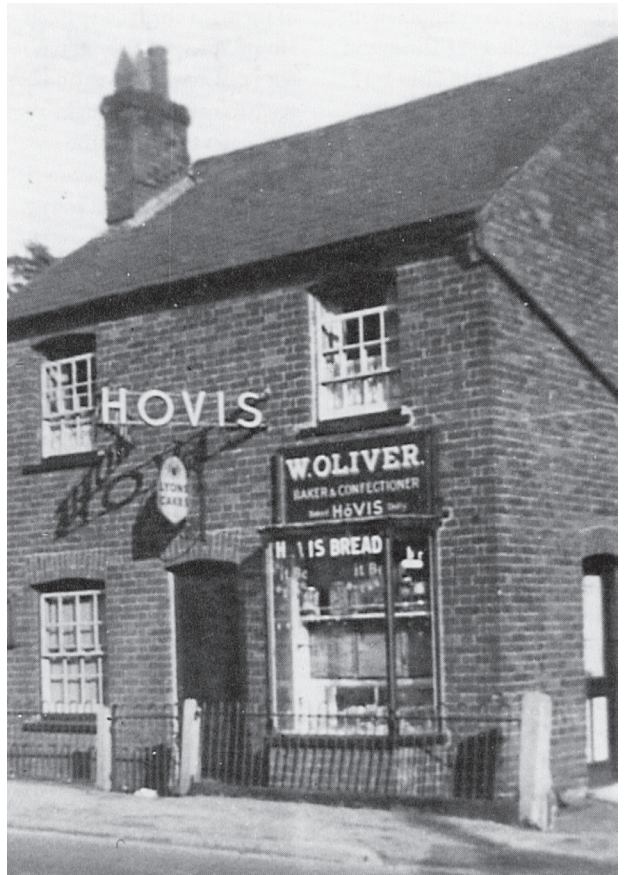
My sister, Vada, remembers having Sunday lunch cooked in the bread oven and has a vivid memory of golden roast potatoes. One event was lunch for relatives from London, escaping for a day from the devastation of bombing during WW2. Mr Oliver kindly cooked this for the family as we had no oven large enough as there were about fifteen to feed! (At Christmas villagers brought their oversized birds to be cooked in the large baking ovens)

The bread was delivered by horse and covered cart, the horse was stabled on site. I remember seeing this round the village driven by 'old' Mr Oliver. My younger brother, Peter, and I loved looking through a knot hole in the stable wall to see, and smell, the horse (simple pleasures!)

There was a small shop at the front of the house where, very rarely but memorably, sweets were bought, still rationed. Also there was a most glorious wisteria running from the house to the bakery. The scent of wisteria still takes me back to those heady days of childhood.

These are lovely memories of a time, long ago in the 40s, and remembered through the eyes of a child and my sister who was in her early teens.

Barbara lives in Somerset and is kept up to date by goings on in the village by Vada (nee Hale) who lives in Nounsley. Thank both of you for your memories.



Parish Council news

**Sarah Gaeta, Clerk to the Parish Council, 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.



The Parish Council has a vacancy for a Councillor

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

Crime concerns

The Neighbourhood Watch representative for Hatfield Peverel has kindly agreed to attend Parish Council meetings to provide monthly updates to Councillors and members of the public. Please remember you can call 101 for crime prevention advice or to report a crime that does not need an emergency response.

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

Details of all planning applications discussed by the Parish Council can be found on the monthly full Council meeting minutes (published on the website). Whilst this does not detail Braintree District Council's decisions, it will indicate what applications have been received during the preceding month.

The following applications were considered on 3 August

20/00906/REM – Approval of reserved matters of outline planning consent 16/02156/OUT for the erection of 100 dwellings on land north east of Gleneagles Way. The NDP team met to review the application and the draft response was circulated. The Parish Council agreed on this response and also to incorporate the comments from the member of the public. Cllr Elliston abstained.

20/00519/FUL (Maldon District Council) – 70 holiday lodges with associated change of use of the land at Warren Golf Club, Old London Road, Woodham Walter. The Parish Council noted the application, but declined to submit a response.

The following application was noted

20/00210/TPO – Tree works at 28 Woodham Drive.

The following applications were considered on 7 September

20/01308/HH – Two-storey side extension at 34 New Road, Hatfield Peverel. No comment.

20/01329/VAR – Variation of conditions 4 & 21 of approved application 16/01813/OUT at land south of Stonepath Drive, Hatfield Peverel. Not supported.

20/01299/HH – Erection of a single-storey detached outbuilding at 7 Sunningdale Fall, Hatfield Peverel.
No comment.

20/01323/OUT – Outline application with all matters reserved except access for demolition of dwelling and construction of 2 two-storey dwellings at Woodcote, London Road, Hatfield Peverel. Not supported.

The Parish Council's submission on the existing/last use of the site detailed in application 20/01205/ELD (55 Sportsmans Lane) was noted

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 2 November and Monday 7 December 2020 and both are expected to be held 'virtually' via Microsoft teams. Public participation is welcome, please see the agenda (issued on the Wednesday prior to the meeting) for joining information. The agenda is published on the Parish Council website and on the noticeboard outside of the office (Village Hall).

Stop press

Dog waste bins - we have installed four new dog waste bins in Hatfield Peverel and Nounsley. They can be found in the following locations:

Ulting Road, at the end of the footpath across the field

Outside Gregorys, Sportsmans Lane

Near Nounsley Ford

Rear of Old School Court, close to the footpath across the field

Request for Help

We would like to hear from any resident who would be prepared to volunteer their services to repair the board which houses Martin Voysey's footpath map (outside the Library). If you have time and skill to offer, please contact the Clerk. Thank you!

The best laid plans.....

Hadfelda WI - Marel Elliston

Having received orders from on high that, as a charity, we had to hold our Annual Meeting before the end of September, the committee set about organising the event.

Fortunately the government had eased their restrictions and gatherings of up to 30 people were permitted, good news for a club with 27 members. The vicar kindly offered us the use of the church which was already set up for social distancing and was Covid secure. The date was set, members contacted, masks and hand sanitiser purchased, and agendas prepared.



Then everything changed. It seems the virus had other ideas, so, to quote Robert Burns 'The best laid plans of mice and men' or in our case, women! With the new 'Rule of 6' we had to cancel our arrangements and come up with a new idea. The committee of 5 (which formed a quorum) was able to hold the annual meeting themselves (while social distancing) and business was completed, although under rather unusual conditions. It seems unlikely we'll be able to meet again this year, but we are still hoping that November, which is our Christmas meeting and always a bit special, might go ahead. Fingers crossed.

South of the border and seeking unusual grape varieties!

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

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



A glorious week of Indian Summer weather as this is written, staving off the gloom of a long, dark winter in lockdown ahead. Members have stayed in touch with each other throughout the summer months via the Club newsletter (Vine Cuttings) and the website maintained by the wonderful Fred Brown. Best of all have been our monthly Zoom meetings, following the programme as closely as possible and sharing discoveries, anecdotes and recommendations with a hard core of attendees – a very commendable 50% of the membership. Well done for your loyalty - we have enjoyed interesting evenings together under the skilful leadership of Steve Spearman, television presenter manqué and King of Zoom!

August's meeting was entitled South of the Border. A 3-course South American Supper with wines in a member's garden was replaced by a Zoom tasting of South American wines. Attendees were to provide their own chilli con carne and feijoda, but the evening fell during the heatwave, and we enjoyed cooling guacamole dips and carrot sticks! Huge efforts were made with headgear - dashing sombreros to dapper Panamas – the full rogues' gallery can be viewed on the website at www.peverelwineclub.co.uk

September's challenge was Unusual Grapes and attendees outdid themselves, vying to find obscure offerings to introduce. Interestingly, 10 of the 11 wines were from the Old World where many regional varieties are flourishing in Europe, whereas the New World tends to stick with tried and trusted varieties. We tasted Trebbiano, Fiano and Nero d'Avola from Italy, Picpoul-Clairette, White Grenache and a Merlot blend from France, Pedro Ximenez from Spain, Touriga Nacional from Portugal, Ziegelt from Austria, Feteasca Regala from Romania and an unusual Malbec from California!

October is the Club's Annual General Meeting, taking place virtually this time but still following the usual agenda (not the raffle and cheese and biscuits!). The aim is to cover AGM business as speedily as possible, and then for 6 volunteers to each introduce a wine which is memorable to them, and why.

We may have magical powers of Zoom to help us, but we don't have a crystal ball to help us know what we can or can't do by Christmas and the New Year. If you'd like to join us for a light-hearted, inexpensive evening out (or in at the moment), you would be very welcome, but please give Vee a ring beforehand to confirm your invitation to join a Zoom session on 01245 355723. Catch up with what's been happening at the Wine Club during the lockdown view our website at www.peverelwineclub.co.uk - and remember – stay well, stay cheerful and keep drinking the wine!

Those blackberries again!



I mentioned blackberries in the August issue and a recipe for blackberry wine. I found some on a recent walk the fruit still red and growing.

So here's the recipe for blackberry gin or vodka: 1kg blackberries, 500 - 600g sugar and a litre of spirit, halve the quantities for smaller bottle of this delightful liquid. (Sloe gin is a traditional tipple and there are

many bushes laden with sloes around the village waiting to be picked so these may be the best bet).

Put the ingredients into a large Kilner jar with lid tightened and shake every day for a week, then once a week for eight weeks before straining out the fruit and bottling the liquid. It keeps very well, especially if hidden at the back of a cupboard.

Get started soon and one of your choices will be ready for Christmas. My sums say 13 weeks to prepare and bottle - you may have to celebrate the New Year instead. Happy sampling and good luck.

Helen Rollason reopens in Hatfield Peverel

Welcome back to our Cancer Charity Mid Essex Support Centre

Helen Rollason Cancer Charity CEO Kate Alden has said she is delighted to have Support Centres reopening. Face to face contact is most important and will allow that personal touch once more. **In Hatfield Peverel the centre reopened on 1 September, initially offering a limited number of appointments. For information clients can contact Hazel, Centre Co-ordinator, on 07874 945994.**



Friendly bike ride raises £32,000 for Cancer Charity

Sunday 20 September and almost 600 cyclists from around the county and beyond, gathered at Crix in Hatfield Peverel to take part in the long-awaited Ride for Helen. After Covid-19 restrictions were put in place, the annual cycle event was postponed but it finally took place with strict social distancing measures to ensure riders could take part with confidence and guidelines set out by British Cycling. Of the £32,000 so far raised. Half the money came from sponsorship with more money flooding in.

Now in its seventh year, the ride has become a firm favourite on the Essex cycling calendar. The Charity welcomed riders of all ages and abilities, with a choice of cycling routes; 6 miles, 15 miles, 30 miles and 65 miles. Those enjoying the beautiful countryside routes included families with small children, seasoned road cyclists and even a unicyclist and vintage cycles! Back at Crix the team from Spokes in Chelmsford were on hand to offer complimentary bike checks, advice and repairs.



Helen Rollason Cancer Charity Therapist Wendy Beer (see above with daughter Lucy) rode 15 miles and husband Neil took part in the 65 mile route. The atmosphere was fantastic and we all thoroughly enjoyed the event. On the left, on duty are HRCC volunteers Tara and Tia Loan

CEO Kate Alden continues. “We feel very lucky that our patron Ian Twinley has kindly allowed us to use the beautiful grounds of Crix in the village as a starting and finishing point every year. We couldn’t organise such an amazing and positive event without the help of our dedicated team of volunteers, staff, sponsors and supporters - thank you everyone for making the day so successful.

“As we stand, Helen Rollason Cancer Charity is looking at a loss in the region of £150,000 for this financial year, just over 15% of our income for last year, and we really needed to make this event a success and raise as much money as possible to keep our vital charity operational. This money will enable us to provide complementary therapy treatments to over 1280 local people living with cancer.”



Hatfield Peverel Infant School

One to One
school tours
available.
Book yours
today!

Are you thinking
about Infant school
places for your child for
September 2021?



We are delighted to be able to welcome you into our school for a one to one tour.

Following government guidance, we will be offering tours of our school to give you a taste of what we have to offer and a chance for you to ask any questions.

Due to current restrictions we are limiting the number of tours being held each day and therefore places will be limited and by appointment only. If you would like more information or to book a tour, please call the Infant school office on **01245 380220**.

Please also visit our website, where you can access a link to our online virtual tour showing the school in action from 5th October.



March 2017

Hatfield Peverel Infant School

Church Road, Hatfield Peverel, Chelmsford, CM3 2RP Tel: 01245 380220

'Inspiring Learners for Life'

Do visit our Library

Hatfield Peverel Library opens

Tuesday/Thursday 1 - 5pm

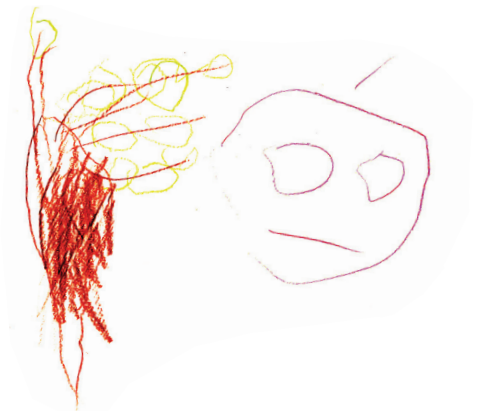
Wednesday/Saturday 9am - 1pm

The number of customers allowed in a library at any one time has been reduced to help people to

stay safe. Time spent in the library will be limited. Be aware there are separate entrances/exits.

Our library is now taking reservations for groups who would like to use the facilities. You can also pre-book the personal computers.

We hope to see you soon.



Children - how many pumpkins can you find around the village?

Hatfield Peverel Pumpkin trail

These posters are being coloured by children who attend Nicky, Kate, Jo and Nicola's childminding. They will go up around the village for October half term week and all children are invited to see how many they can spot - there are 20 in all! Parents can walk around village with their children to find them and can give their child a treat if they wish.

Due to covid I don't think trick or treating will happen.

Nicky Shelley



*Thank you to Amelia (page 3),
Anna, Lottie, Ren and Sophie for
their lovely Autumn drawings*



Highland to Lowland - traversing the Grampian coast by kayak

Tony Hocking and Alison Davie take to the water again in their kayak

Before I begin this story, I must first bring one to its natural end

In a quiet corner of Fife stands Monimail Tower; a former Bishop's palace dating from the 15th century, and quite possibly even earlier. From its ramparts, the view across the surrounding woodlands may well have not changed at all since that time; the crows still wheel and turn about its lime washed walls, chickens scratch amongst the orchard, rabbit and hare dart along the paths and small patches of pasture. At the beginning of autumn we trailed along those paths, carrying our precious bundle until we found our spot on the edge of that very same pasture. We dug the hole, and when it was good and deep, we lowered our bundle into the earth. The earth returned, we placed a small boulder and took a moment to reflect. Thus we closed the chapter that was Jess, our high mileage lurcher which regular readers may remember. Mountaineer, kayaker, lover of life itself for 17 years and one week, her time was up.

We shouldered our tools and retraced our steps.

And so to the late winter of 2020, and I sit in an attic apartment in the deserted Italian village of Crissolo. Outside, the narrow valley filled with cloud and swirling mist, the snow falling relentlessly. The news does not look good, a new virus is spreading across Europe and in Italy the reports are very grim indeed. Our plans to travel later in the year and traverse the Pyrenees on foot seem unlikely to happen, and we go to bed that night, turn off the news and listen to the trickling stove in the darkness.

Back home lockdown came and the country ground to a halt. Encased in a cocoon of silence, roads were still, trains side-lined, skies empty but for the birds that returned to former haunts now devoid of activity. All thoughts of travel, domestic or otherwise, were shelved. Work was pushed back, rescheduled, then pushed back again. By midsummer a chink of light appeared, work could restart but no more. Perhaps by



late summer something, anything, would give us the chance to enjoy the outdoors again. Lockdown eased once more....a new normal arrived and gave us that chance.

A long paddle, Inverness to Dundee. In early August we sat waiting for high water at a small beach on the outskirts of my hometown Inverness. Beside us our double sea kayak waited, loaded for the weeks ahead with food and supplies and needing only water under its hull to begin our journey along the coast. Our destination? - Dundee,



some 350km of paddling away. Dawn listeners to the Shipping Forecast might recognise the phrase ‘Cape Wrath to Rattray Head’, and perhaps even wonder, over their morning cup of tea, where exactly Rattray Head was. At the easternmost tip of the Moray Firth, it marked our half way and turning point, where we would leave the Firth behind and head south. Now, a fair question at this point would be how we went from the idea of traversing the Pyrenees on foot to traversing the Scottish coast by kayak. Well, European travel was still pretty much out of the question, but with care we could explore what was on our doorsteps. I am sure some writer from the past extolled the virtues of getting to know one’s home country over that of an overseas continent, and whoever it was, I’m inclined to agree. No doubt they envisaged comfortable hostleries and evenings by the hearth, glass of whisky in hand (we intended on the latter for certain), but for us the lure of the tent pitched in the wilderness, the sound of wildfowl across the evening air, the gurgle of the receding tide.....well, who could resist that?



After many evenings of preparation – gathering maps and charts, studying tidal information and making up our food supplies – we were set to go. At high water we launched, climbed into our cockpits and took the tide as it began its eastwards ebb. Framed by the endless highland dusk we paddled out under the Kessock Bridge, the strengthening current sluicing us between the piers as the filtering sun bounced off the cable stays above us, like the shining spokes of a wheel. That evening we sat and drank our whisky before turning in, a solitary otter slipping silently along the low water line, a small ripple here and there as it bobbed for air, then with barely a plop, dived

again for its supper. Of course fortune can change in the blink of an eye, and in this case a shift in the wind. By dawn our mirror like sea was transformed by a stiff easterly headwind and a tussle against the forces of nature was upon us. With the tide in our favour but the wind against, a maddening sea state was created and we slammed and rolled our way out of the inner firth until a lone sentry at Fort George waved us off our preferred course to avoid some very rare activity on the rifle range. What at first was annoying became utterly miserable as we battered around the danger area, all sense of progress dulled by the relentless battle between wind and tide, the chattering of distant machine gun fire a constant reminder that this was not a drill. As we at last approached safety, a solitary dolphin leapt clear of the water maybe fifty meters ahead – ‘look for the silver’, our mantra whenever confronted by life’s grey clouds – barely raised a smile this time. Later, tent up and hot drink in hand, we ruminated that without the unwelcome detour, the leap would have gone unnoticed.



News from St Andrews...

As I write the temperature at night has dropped into single figures. Summer is over and Autumn is here with evenings suddenly much darker and the broad-leaved trees losing their leaves (and conkers!).



As a church we are coping with the effects of Covid-19 which means, for the time being, that we have to be mindful of Government and Diocesan restrictions. However, unless things change we are maintaining worship in St Andrews and All Saints and will continue to do so. At St Andrews our Harvest Thanksgiving service had to be scaled down, but although we could not sing the familiar hymns, we could still hear them.

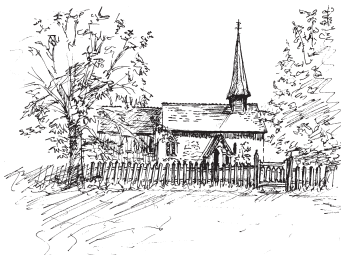
At present all services at St Andrews are at 10.15am and wearing of masks is compulsory. This October the 8am service will be restored once a month, on the second Sunday of the month.

Future Plans - Remembrance Sunday 8 November

There will be an Act of Remembrance at 11am at St Andrews Church with the service beginning at 10.30am, but it will be very much reduced in scale, due to a ban on parades of any kind, and the need to maintain the safety of the children who are in "social bubbles" in school.

For further information on these and any other activities at St Andrews or All Saints, please refer to the Parish Magazine or visit our website. If you would like to receive a Parish magazine, they are 50p per month. Please contact the Vicar 380958 or John Strange 381004 and delivery can be arranged.

...and All Saints



It is good to see the ancient door of All Saints Church open again on Sunday mornings to welcome congregations

for services. So much has happened since restrictions were imposed in March and the lockdown meant that some of the most important festivals in the Church calendar were not able to be celebrated.

Much has been written regarding the large numbers of people coming to the Churchyard during summer months to use it for recreational purposes and it is sad that it has resulted in much unwanted and negative publicity for All Saints Church. Thankfully, the new see-through fencing along the riverbank retains the familiar view from the Church but means that it is not possible to access the river from the churchyard.

It was wonderful on Sunday 9 August when it was possible to resume services and the Church

could once again be appreciated as a place of worship, as it has for more than 800 years. It does look a bit different with a 'Track and Trace' list and sanitizing station at the entrance and with seating limited to alternate pews. As I look out into the congregation now I admit I have to check who is behind each of the facemasks but spirit of everyone inside the Church is the same as it has always been.

Each member of the congregation is now given a personal Order of Service to be taken away and brought along for each service. The hymn books have had to be stowed away temporarily to comply with new guidelines but thanks to regular organist, Barbara, everyone now has a hymn sheet at each service with the words of the hymns printed. It has been decided that singing out loud is too risky but the sheets give everyone a chance to read the actual words of the hymns and take in the meaning behind them while Barbara plays the melody on the organ.

The Welfare Unit is in mothballs at the moment as, along with all other churches, teas and coffees cannot be served but with some churches still unable to open, it is a blessing that All Saints is once again offering regular services.

It was hoped to celebrate Harvest Thanksgiving at the beginning of October as usual but because of the limited amount of seating available in church due to the requirements of social distancing, it was decided the most practical solution was to celebrate this festival with a combined Parish Service at the Harvest Thanksgiving at St. Andrews Church on Sunday 27 September. I do hope that word circulated quickly enough for those intending to come along. With its rural setting, Harvest Thanksgiving has always been an important occasion at All Saints so, as a gesture, Harvest hymns were included in the morning service.

Some years ago a visitor to All Saints, Susan Heinzelmann, was so moved by her visit to the church that she sent me the following poem she had written. Now the door to All Saints is open again Susan's poem seems especially appropriate.

The Open Door by Susan Heinzelmann

*The door was open for silent prayer
With prayers for comfort it's hard to bear
God is with us to the very end
I bow my head as I say Amen.*

*Bright rays of sunlight shines through me today
As I think that Jesus should not have died that way
So take your time and believe in Him
As I hear the sound of a gentle hymn.*

*I stepped away and closed the door,
And looked up to the sky like nothing before
As I gave my heart to the Lord above
I love Him still and even more.*

Prayers and blessings, Rev Derek

Methodist Church

Reality Church services during the pandemic

Members with internet technology knowledge have produced **four website services for children on Saturday mornings at 10.30am (Reality Kids) and Sunday services at 9.30am.** Children's services include Bible stories, music, games and craft led by our Family and Schools worker, Sandy. Children will recognise from her Monday club lunchtime sessions at St Andrew's school (at present not available).

Each Sunday service has music led by Esther, Jane and Eddie with our service leaders giving us message of encouragement and love to support us through these difficult times.

Our first internet service was well received.

If you would like to join us and watch at any time, you can access either streams by searching Hatfield Peverel Reality Church: – Methodist@HPReality Church on Facebook, on YouTube: <https://tinyurl.com/hprealitychurch>
We hope you will also find the Christian message helpful and uplifting.

Each Monday evening at 7pm our Minister Barry offers prayers on Facebook live at <https://www.facebook.com/mwbarrya> which all are invited to join.

Our intention is to re-open Reality Church very soon, once Government requirements can be met.

While our Church does not have a physical presence in the village at this time, we can be contacted via our Facebook page, HP Reality Church, or our website, hatfieldpeverelmethodist.com, if you would like further support and prayer during this very anxious time.



Baker, Chestnut, Rye or Willow..

One of the original residents of Chestnut Avenue tells us how it was in those far-off days!

Not the latest changes to the phonetic alphabet but additions to village addresses 60 years ago of the 70 semi detached properties built by Peverel Estates in 1959/60 with appropriately named Peverel Valley Estate.

Incidentally 'ours' plus at least two others are still lived in by the original owners although suitably enlarged and altered over time. That increased the village population, which in 1959, was about 2600, but not everyone welcomed us.

This was the initial stage of the building with Beech and Rowan Ways plus Mortimer Road and extensions to Chestnut and Willow only appearing after the new sewerage facilities were built in the late sixties.

Working in Barking but living in Wandsworth moving here was both logically and financially suitable: the daily mileage, double the journey time - even in pre Brentwood and Chelmsford bye pass days - was almost identical plus the pleasure of living in the country.

Turning through our 'house file' recently the 1959 brochure was re-read but whilst looking at the prices bear in mind our total family income was £720 pa. The prices are for semi detached properties with no garages but with necessary space for them. Bungalows - depending on design were £1930 or £1890, houses £2250, chalet bungalows £2440. There were drop down kerbs and detached brick built garages were available for an additional £130. Each room had one light and one power point fitted and more could be installed for an additional 10/- (50p) each.

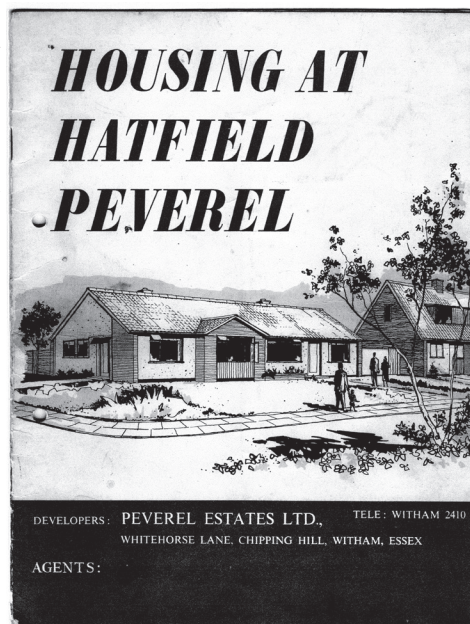
You were offered a choice on the ground floor of black or brown thermal plastic floor tiles, and included in the price was a galvanised dustbin and fuel bunker which surprisingly didn't last the term of the mortgage.

Few people had fridges at that time so kitchens had built in larders. *(Just married, Ken and I moved into 19 Willow in 1963 - couldn't afford a garage at £100! When he went away to work for a few weeks, I decided I would take the larder down as the kitchen was so small. He was not best pleased on his return).* The only source of heating and hot water was an open fire in the lounge but with no grate supplied- a trip into Chelmsford was necessity - likewise ordering coal. There was no insulation and the wooden window frames were single glazed. Front gardens were turfed whilst the rear were chestnut fenced.

The development included street lighting which was activated when the Council took over responsibility for the infrastructure. This was a 'novelty' to the village as from memory the only other street lighting were the individual lights in The Street at its junctions with Church, Station and Maldon Roads. This was pre bye pass days and the A12 still ran through the village.

Interestingly we were not allowed to keep pigs or chickens or make bricks. Believe the field had been used as a piggery and bricks had been made at 'Brickyards' just beyond the ford.

When reflecting some sixty year on we realise just how self contained the village was at that time with three bakers; three grocers plus a co-op shop (from which their milk was delivered) located near the



Wheatsheaf PH; two butchers; Lord Rayleigh Dairy; a haberdashery; a carpet and curtain out let; a library in the Memorial Hall; two garages; a pre receptionist Doctors surgery plus a twice weekly surgery near the Cross Keys PH, run by a Witham doctor; whilst a district nurse lived in Maldon Road; Wilkinson Transport; a fishmonger on Fridays; a 'snobs'/leather-worker; the Scouts and similar groups were still in Church Road but in a wooden hut located at the junction with Maldon Road which had to be crossed to get to the school; Lewins the builders; retained firemen plus appliance; 'Smithy' living in the then Police House. There were probably others but ...

Recall our surprise that on the day we moved in to have delivered FOC by Cracknells a loaf plus milk with an offer to deliver - coming from London we were 'gob smacked'...

The station was carefully managed having in the waiting room a large polished table (probably a relic of its GER or LNER ownership) always with a bowl of flowers. On the table were newspapers for the regular travellers and in chilly weather an open coal fire. **1959 fares from Witham to Liverpool Street were £63.9.0 (£63.45) per annum or £15.17.3 (£15.86) per quarter.** Bus transport was by Moore's of Kelvedon or Eastern National and importantly five out of the six pubs are still in existence: The William B (formerly The Crown), The Swan, Duke of Wellington, The Wheatsheaf and The Cross Keys. The Sportsmans Arms in Nounsley closed some years ago. The Lewins were the village builders who, in the way of the country, were also undertakers. Must confess but have never had a drink in The Cross Keys. Cannot recall a 'Chippy' in the village until the block of shops were later built in The Street but was there a mobile chippy?

Many locals may have better memories than mine but it seemed appropriate to recall what the village offered the 70 properties which arrived here in 1959/60 - I'm aware of the houses built on the western side of Baker Avenue but recall only seeing them being built during regular visits to 'inspect' the progress on our house before returning home to report to 'management'..

Aluminium can collection

Esex & Herts Air Ambulance is a charity providing a free life-saving Helicopter Emergency Medical Service (HEMS) for the critically ill and injured of Essex, Herts and surrounding areas.



After twenty years Sheila Peear has very reluctantly had to give up the aluminium can collection which in some years has raised £1000. Sheila received a letter from Essex/Herts Air Ambulance thanking her for her valued support. **How lucky we are to have such a service and to have Sheila collecting cans for it for such a time.**

We are very pleased to welcome a volunteer who has agreed to carry on this worthwhile cause, and also grateful to the Scouts and Guides who have agreed to have a bin for the collection of cans in their HQ car park behind the newspaper bins. Please use the bin carefully and don't leave a mess. For info contact Andy Simmonds 381020.

Pre Christmas season starts Table Tennis Club

Table tennis is a healthy, active and enjoyable sport, proven to enhance personal physical and mental well-being. It is also relatively inexpensive to kit out and play.

The Chelmsford League has restarted league play for a short pre-Christmas season, and the Club together with the Village Hall and the League have all put in place the relevant, stringent Covid-19 safety guidelines.

Our teams play in the Chelmsford League from Division 2 down to Division 8: we would benefit from more players to maintain our 5 teams and possibly increase to 6. If you wish to play competitively or to re-start your playing career you would be most welcome. **For non-competitive, social play, contact Alan Benfield 07741 140732.**

To join a league team leave your details with Club Secretary Neil Freeman on 01245 382249 or Andy Simmonds on 01245 381020 or 07932 057 205.

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Village hall opening times

Facebook: Hatfield Peverel village hall

Opening times - Friday and Saturday 6 - 10pm
until further notice.

Between these times you can play darts and use the snooker/pool tables. At all times you must observe the rules operating to control this pandemic.

Booking for hall/meeting rooms

HPCA bookings@g.com

The Tale of the Merchant

“Well,” his friend began, “apparently it was rumoured that smuggling was going on, though who it was or what was being smuggled was not entirely known. One of the suspects, a rice merchant, was always stopped on his way into the town by the guards appointed to the task. Each time the guards asked the merchant to empty his rice sacks so that they could be thoroughly searched and each time they found nothing. So the merchant was allowed to go on his way into town.

Once they soaked his sacks in water, along with all his clothes. Another time the entire contents were burnt but nothing was ever found.”

Some years later, the merchant happened to bump into one of the guards in the copper bazaar and they fell into conversation. “Do you remember all that smuggling during the time of the famine?” asked the merchant.

“Oh, yes, I remember,” smiled the guard. ‘Tell me, did they ever catch the fellow?’

“No,” replied the guard, “they never caught him. Why, did you hear who it was?”

“It was me” said the merchant.

“You. How could it be you? We searched you and never found anything. How could you be the smuggler?”

“I was smuggling rice,” replied the merchant ...

Another tale from ‘Indian Vegetarian Cookery’ by Jack Santa Maria.

Useful telephone numbers

Please contact the editors for additions/errors.

Age UK Essex 01245 346106

Anglian Water, 24 hours 0800 919 155

Braintree District Council 01376 552525

Clean Team ring number above and ask for

Customer Services

Witham Area Office in Witham Library

- for walk-in enquiries only

Churches

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

Methodist Church, minister 01621 853423

Catholic Church, Witham, priest 01376 512219

All Saints Church, Ulting 01245 380627

Citizens Advice Bureau Witham 0344 4994719

Monday to Friday 10am - 4pm

Doctors, health services

Hatfield Peverel doctors' surgery 01245 380324

NHS - non-emergency helpline 111

Pharmacy, Hadfelda Square 01245 380130

Electricity - emergency 0800 7838838

Essex County Council 01245 492211

Essex & Suffolk Water 24 hours 0845 7820999

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

Tuesday, Thursday 1 - 5pm

Wednesday, Saturday 9am - 1pm

Witham - use enquiry line above

Police Non-emergency calls 101

Use 101 also for the local officer

Emergency calls 999

Police Stations, Braintree, Chelmsford

Opening hours, Monday - Saturday, 12.00 to 6pm

Post Office Hatfield Peverel Coop 01245 382787

Open 7am - 10pm, last collection 4.30pm

Railway Information

Greater Anglia 03456 007245

National Rail Enquiries (24 hrs) 03457 484950

Registrar of Births, Marriages & Deaths

Witham, by appointment only 03456 037632

Braintree, by appointment only 03456 037632

The Change Project 01245 258680

Personnel well-being through positive change 08453 727701

Samaritans (24 hours - toll free) 08457 909090

Schools

St Andrew's Junior School 01245 380131

Hatfield Peverel Infant School 01245 380220

Hatfield Peverel Day Nursery 01245 382450

Tigertots Toddler Group 07866 518846

Charlotte Greaves 07527 763038

Social Services 0345 6037630

Community Agent for Hatfield Peverel

Jan Hawkins 07540 720605

Office 01376 574330

Village hall 01245 381481

Let us know of useful services to add to this list

Update from Maldon Film Club

For information please call 01621 850250 or email info@maldonfilmclub.uk

Maldon Film Club met with Maldon Town Council to draw up plans to restart screenings early in 2021. The committee is completing a risk assessment of the Town Hall to ensure guidelines will be observed and members will be able to watch and enjoy selected films in a safe, secure environment. When completed, a copy of the plan taking account of the results of a survey carried out by the committee, will be sent to members. Of the 93 who responded 29 (31.2%) thought screenings should restart in October 2020 whilst a further 38 (40.9%) opted for a restart in early 2021.

As part of our phased re-opening the committee is putting in place a system to enable members to borrow DVDs for the club's extensive film library. New arrangements will begin in October.

Doghouse corner from August

1 *No-one, except Ken, noticed the December 2019 edition, number 275, and February 2020, number 276 carried the serial number 269. To anyone who noticed but was too polite to say so, apologies.*

2 *Apologies to Barbara Mason for not crediting her fine photo of the flooding by All Saints church at Ulting - February edition page 13. It was a shame we hadn't the space to make it bigger.*



Staff at Cardfields are working hard to look after the house and grounds maintaining it to a high standard for when our customers return.

The grounds are looking stunning and vibrant. Wildlife has been in its abundance with Munjack deer and their offspring, young hares and ducks.

We are preparing the house for our return. We look forward to welcoming the local community back to Cardfields for a wonderful afternoon tea. Keep well and safe and hope to see you soon.

Elaine and team