

Letter (e-mail) received to website about the Pathe News film footage on website

Hi. just found your site. Very interested in old Hatfield Peverel. If my memory is behaving itself I recall that the pram race was started by the Hildersley family who lived in the Old Brewery House on the green. It was originally intended as a bit of local entertainment but soon became too "professional" as the Pathe news clip explains the winners were The Finchley Athletic Club or something similar. The team that came last was Peter Hale sitting in the pram (the Hale's are an old local family) which was pushed by David Say of Tollesbury who worked at Does of Ulting. The Hildersey family also opened up the cellar under their premises as a coffee bar which was run by local youngsters as "The Cellar Club" . This too attracted a lot of outsiders and had to end. I'm sure that I have seen something about a Hatfield Peverel Day featuring the street in the 60's. As someone who used to visit the street farm cafe on a Saturday morning and put 2/6 worth of petrol in his BSA at Cables garage I would like to keep in contact with the village.

Regards

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Many thanks John