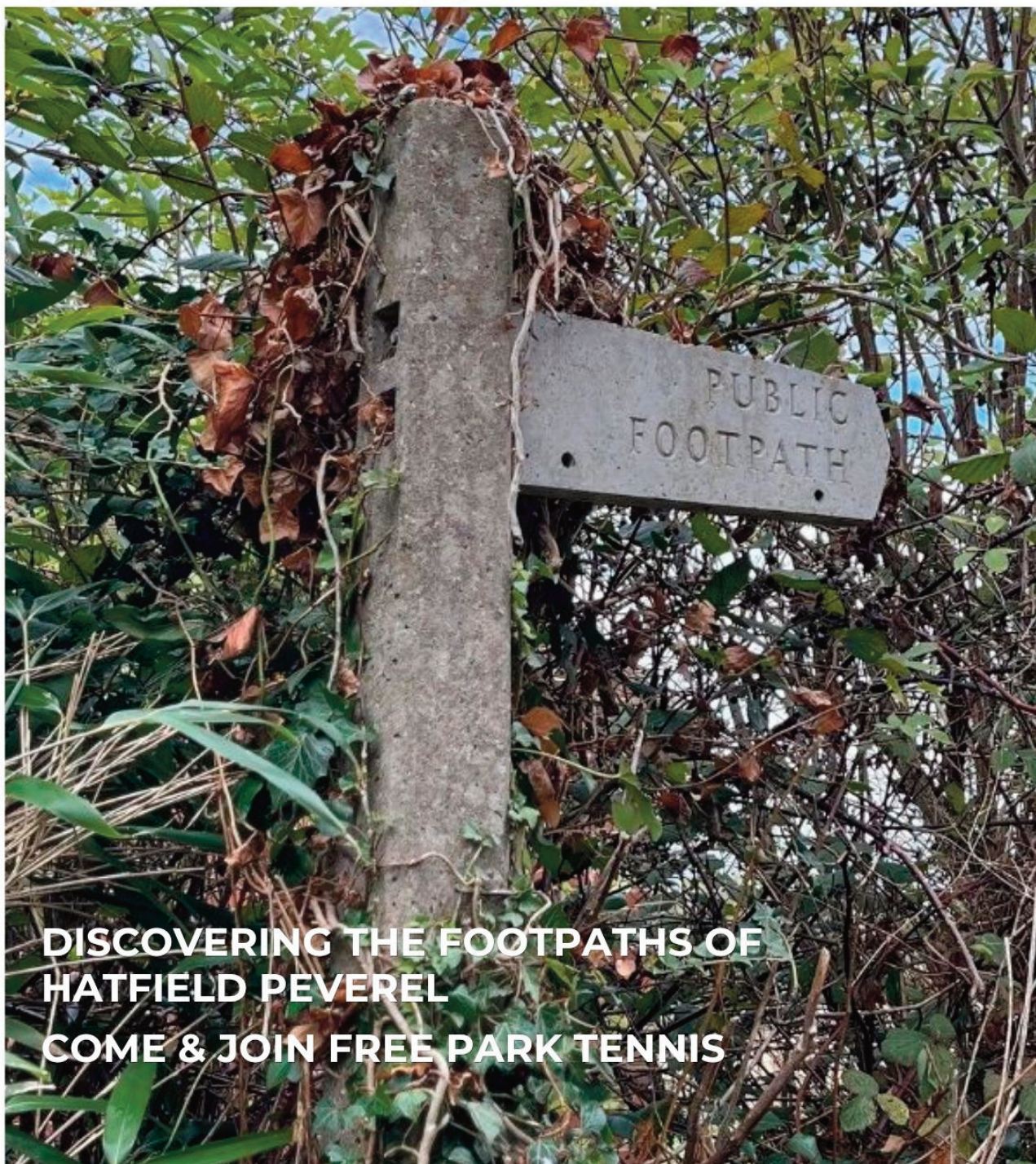


**HATFIELD PEVEREL**

# VILLAGE VOICE

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News from Hatfield Peverel & surrounding areas



**DISCOVERING THE FOOTPATHS OF  
HATFIELD PEVEREL  
COME & JOIN FREE PARK TENNIS**

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Front cover: Footpath sign at Nounsley, Janice Fitzpatrick




## Braintree District Local Plan Regulation 18 consultation - View the summary document



**CLICK TO:**

- Find out more about our updated Local Plan for the Braintree District
- See where sites are proposed
- Find out how to have your say

Visit <https://tinyurl.com/local-plan-summary>





HATFIELD PEVEREL PARISH COUNCIL

## JOIN US AT OUR COMMUNITY INFORMATION EVENT

*Curious about what's happening  
in your local community?*

**Come along to the Village Hall:**

- Meet local clubs, groups and societies
- Discover new activities and opportunities
- Chat with representatives from the Parish Council
- Connect with people who make our community special

 **Sun 7<sup>th</sup> June 2026**  
 **11:00 am - 1:00 pm**

*Everyone is welcome. Pop in,  
say hello, and see what your  
community has to offer!*



Village Hall, Maldon Road, Hatfield Peverel, CM3 2HP



# Hatfield Peverel Parish Council News

With spring now underway, there is a real sense of momentum across the village as projects progress and new activities begin to take shape. The Parish Council has a number of updates to share as we head into the coming months.

## Sport in the Village

There is plenty happening in the village this month. On Sunday 26 April, we will be launching our first Barclays Free Park Tennis sessions. These will run every Sunday from 10–11am and are completely free to attend. As places are limited, we encourage participants to book via the *Sport in the Village* section of our website.

We will also be introducing a new Walking Tennis session next month, ideal for those who enjoy tennis but prefer a gentler pace of play. Keep an eye on our social media channels and website for further details.

## Community Information Event

Each year, the Parish Council invites residents to find out more about what is happening locally and at the Village Hall. Representatives from local groups and clubs will be present, along with councillors available to discuss ongoing initiatives, including the Community Park and other projects.

This year's event will take place on Sunday 7 June from 11am to 1pm. Further details can be found on the notice on page 2.

## Party in the Park

Please save the date for this year's Party in the Park – Saturday 4 July 2026. The Community Events Committee is working hard behind the scenes to bring you another enjoyable day for all the family. To get involved, please contact the Assistant Clerk, Carly, at [assistantclerk@hatfieldpeverelpc.com](mailto:assistantclerk@hatfieldpeverelpc.com).

## Road Safety

The Council is aware of concerns surrounding one of the zebra crossings along The Street and is taking steps to address these issues. More information can be found on page 16. There is also an *Extra Eyes* initiative being promoted by Safer Essex Highways and Essex Police to help improve road safety. Read more on pages 12.

## Community Park

Plans for the Community Park continue to progress, with an update this month from Councillor Mike Renow. We appreciate how keen residents are to access the site and thank you for your patience while work continues to ensure the area is safe and ready for visitors.

## Registering to Vote

Essex County Council elections will take place on 7 May. Please ensure you are registered to vote by 11:59pm on 20 April 2026. If you wish to apply for a postal vote, the deadline is 5pm on 21 April 2026. For more information or to register, visit: [www.gov.uk/vote-uk-election](http://www.gov.uk/vote-uk-election)



## Local Plan Consultation

If you were unable to view the Draft Local Plan at the Village Hall in March, the consultation is now live on the Braintree District Council website.

Residents are encouraged to share their views on future growth in the district – including proposals affecting Hatfield Peverel – over the next 15 years. The consultation closes at 5pm on Friday 17 April 2026. Visit: [www.braintree.gov.uk/localplanreview](http://www.braintree.gov.uk/localplanreview) or see the notice on page 2.

## Village Hall

Following a number of recent improvements to the Village Hall, the Village Hall Committee is seeking residents' views on what should be prioritised next. You can complete a short survey online at: <https://tinyurl.com/HPVH-Improvement-Survey>

Printed copies are also available at the Coffee Lounge in the Village Hall and can be returned via the post box there.

Full details of upcoming events and performances can be found on the back page of this edition or by visiting [hatpevvhall.org](http://hatpevvhall.org).

## Keep Informed

To stay up to date with Parish Council news and activities, please follow us on social media, visit our website, or check the village noticeboards. Residents are always welcome to get in touch by email or telephone with any queries.

The next Full Council Meeting will take place on Monday 13 April, and residents are welcome to attend. Please see the website or noticeboards for the agenda.

**Sarah Gaeta** Parish Clerk Hatfield Peverel Parish Council  
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Parish Council Office, Village Hall, Maldon Road, Hatfield Peverel, Essex CM3 2HP

# Hatfield Peverel Tennis Coaching

## Tuesday Group Sessions

- 3.45 - 4.30pm 5-8yr olds
- 4.30 - 5.15pm. 9-12 yr olds
- 5.15 - 6.00pm. 13-18 yr olds
- 6.00 - 7.30pm Adults

**First session is free**

For more information / prices  
Contact:  
Appointed Tennis Coach  
Mark Cain  
markacain@live.com  
07741 083192

**1-1 Private lessons  
also available**



*A family event*

## Hatfield Peverel & Ulting Horticultural Society

# SPRING SHOW

### SATURDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

**2-4pm HELD AT VILLAGE HALL,  
MALDON ROAD, CM3 2HP**

**ALL WELCOME  
ADMISSION FREE**

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR VILLAGE SHOW  
BY ENTERING:-

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- PRESERVES
- FLOWERS
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## COFFEE LOUNGE

at Hatfield Peverel Village Hall

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Mon - Sat 9 - 5 pm

Sunday 10 - 4 pm

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BREAKFAST  
LUNCH  
CAKES & SNACKS  
HOT & COLD FOOD

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### MUSICIANS

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**6.30pm for  
7.30pm-10.30pm**

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## NEWS FROM ST. ANDREW'S & ALL SAINTS, ULTING

The First of April is often called April Fool's Day (and for those of a certain vintage, who can forget Richard Dimbleby solemnly describing on Panorama how spaghetti grows on trees?), but at St Andrew's on the 1<sup>st</sup> April this year there will be a very special Easter Messy workshop from 10 am till about 12.15 pm with fun, craft activities, worship and a simple lunch. All are welcome, so do come along.



In our run up to Easter, we have had a Lent course based on Les Misérables, flower bunching and mixing Simnel cake (about which you know from the March issue!) in preparation for Mothering Sunday. This was followed by the service on the Sunday when the bunches of flowers were blessed and given to mothers (and other members of the family). We put up the Easter trail in St Andrews churchyard in time for the Infant School service on the 20<sup>th</sup>, the Junior school service being on the 27<sup>th</sup>. On Palm Sunday on 29<sup>th</sup> the St Andrews congregation was invited to worship at St Francis Silver End in fellowship with congregations from the Witham and Villages churches.

Holy Week continues over the last days of March and the first few days of April this year with services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday itself – the most important day in the Christian year. Details of all the services are shown along with the special service for Good Friday at All Saints, Ulting. As always, everyone is most welcome to all those services.

And now follows a quieter time in church life although we have baptisms and weddings to look forward to – always a joy to see the churches full of celebrations.

Our soup and roll lunches continue to be popular, and it is always so rewarding to be able to raise funds for

charities and to receive lovely thank you messages for donations raised. Our March event was in aid of Open Doors, which supports persecuted Christians throughout the world in countries where imprisonment, torture and death can be the penalty for those seeking a Christian life. **Our April lunch is on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 12.30-2.00pm and will support Tools with a Mission.** For anyone who has yet to come to any of these events, you are most welcome to enjoy company and a simple meal of a choice of two soups (but you can have both!) a fresh bread roll, delicious cake and tea or coffee. All free but a donation to the charity is most welcome.

Our other regular monthly happening in our lovely hall is our **Coffee Morning. We hold these** on the first Saturday of the month. The next one is on **Easter Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April 9am-12pm**. Apart from excellent (not instant!) coffee and tea, there is always a selection of mouthwatering home-made scones (hot cross buns on Saturday) and cakes to eat and there are stalls with homemade cakes and pastries to take away, home-made cards, bric-a-brac and also a raffle and a bookstall. The bric-a-brac stall often has interesting and unusual items and dealers often call in to see what's on offer. This month we're excited to have a set of limited-edition gold-edged plates with views of Hatfield Peverel – a lovely find which is gaining much attention. Come along and see for yourselves!



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Parish of St Andrew Hatfield Peverel with All Saints Ulting

**SERVICES etc. for APRIL 2026**

	St Andrews	All Saints
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> 10-12.15 in St Andrew's hall and church	<b>Easter Workshop</b> (Craft activities, worship, lunch)	
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> 7.30	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> [at Faulkbourne]	
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> 2- 3pm	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> <b>Reflections</b>	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> <b>Reflections</b>
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	10 -12 noon <b>EASTER COFFEE MORNING</b> in St Andrew's Church Hall	
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	10.15am <b>EASTER DAY</b> <b>EUCARIST</b>	9am <b>EASTER DAY</b> <b>EUCARIST</b>
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	8am <b>Holy Communion</b> 10.15 <b>All Age Service</b>	9am <b>Morning Prayer</b>
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	12.30-2 <b>SOUP and ROLLS</b> in St Andrew's Church Hall in aid of Tools with a Mission	
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	10.15 <b>Parish Eucharist</b>	9am <b>Holy Communion</b>
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	10.15 <b>Parish Eucharist</b>	9am <b>Parish Eucharist</b>

**Edward Bear:** Every Thursday 10am to 11.30 (in term time)– Coffee and Company – in hall - with short worship on alternating weeks

**All Saints open for prayer** every Wednesday at 9am [with Morning Office]

**St Andrew's open for prayer** Thursdays 9am

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games and storytime with your child ★  
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**EVERY THURSDAY 10 AM - 11.30AM**

# EDWARD BEAR CLUB

*St Andrew's Church  
& Church Hall*

**£2 per family**

More information



## ALL SAINTS CHURCH, ULTING

# Good Friday Service

with the Ulting Singers & Musicians

A meditative service with readings, hymns & music for reflection.

**3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2026**  
**2.00 - 3.00pm**

'Come and experience a deeply enriching and moving service with words and music for Holy Hour in this beautiful 12th century church.'

Light refreshments will be served afterwards.



Church Road  
Ulting, CM9 6OU



[Hatfield Peverel Flower Club](#)

**Floral Workshop**

**“Fresh Flower Arrangement”**

**Saturday 6th June 10 - 12.30am**

at

**Hatfield Peverel Village Hall,  
Maldon Road. CM3 2HP**

David Thomson will be running a workshop.  
The cost will be £30 for Flower Club members and £40 for non-members to include materials and refreshments.  
A £10 non-returnable deposit will be required.

To book your place please email the Secretary  
Helen Peter at [helenopeter@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:helenopeter@yahoo.co.uk)

# A Village Legacy: The Footpaths of Hatfield Peverel

Back in 1993, Hatfield Peverel resident and former Chairman of the Parish Council, Catherine Voysey, produced a small 24-page booklet entitled *Nine Walks Around Hatfield Peverel*. She dedicated it to her late husband, Martin Voysey, a Parish and District Councillor who had been a staunch campaigner for maintaining the paths around the village and preserving them for future generations.

Martin was instrumental in setting up The Peverel Path Society, which was formed in the spring of 1971. Its mission was to ensure that "the local paths were kept, restored and improved", and the group set out to survey all the official rights of way within and around the parish.

As Martin wrote in the first edition of the *Hatfield Peverel Review* in January 1974:

*"Our footpaths are a small part of the past which we have inherited. The origin of our network of footpaths is lost in the past - most of those we still have were in existence in the eighteenth century, but many more fell into disuse before modern records began. Indeed, a few years ago this valuable amenity was in danger of extinction. Without our footpaths people would not be able to get away from the traffic to see the little that remains of our attractive and interesting countryside."*



And what beautiful countryside we have around Hatfield Peverel and Nounsley.

In 1994, a year after the publication of Catherine's book, a memorial plaque depicting the footpaths was created for Martin and installed on the library wall. Over the years it fell into disrepair, so it was removed and kept in storage. Much later, the Lay Reader of St Andrew's Church, Charles Cope, kindly volunteered to renovate the plaque.

He did a phenomenal job, and the newly restored plaque has finally been re-hung outside the library just a few weeks ago.



## Walking the paths

By 2020, some of the paths and access points had naturally changed since the early 1990s. Although most of Catherine's booklet remained correct, a few inaccuracies had appeared over time. The text and sketch maps were therefore revised, and we are pleased to say that while the original booklet can still be viewed, the updated walks are now also available separately on the Hatfield Peverel Parish Council website on the Walks in Hatfield Peverel page.

To view Catherine's original booklet along with the updated walks, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/HP-Walks> or go to [hatfieldpeverelpc.com](http://hatfieldpeverelpc.com) and search for "Nine Walks".



Whether you are discovering these routes for the first time or revisiting familiar paths, they offer a wonderful way to explore the countryside around our village.

We hope residents will enjoy following in the footsteps of those who worked so hard to protect these paths, ensuring they remain part of Hatfield Peverel's landscape for generations to come.

By Janice Fitzpatrick

# Farleigh Hospice's Walk for Life



## Sunday 10 May 2026

12km and 24km routes

Register online

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# COMMUNITY *PARK*

## AN UPDATE FROM THE PARK'S TEAM

by Cllr Mike Renow

Good progress continues to be made on the development of Hatfield Peverel's new Community Park, with several important elements now completed and others well underway.

A new car park area has been created at the entrance to the site, along with a short walkway connection leading visitors safely into the park itself. This will provide a practical access point for residents when the park opens.

Work identified in a professional tree survey has also now been completed. This involved carrying out essential works to several trees within the park area to ensure safe access for visitors once the site is opened to the public.

Further progress has been made in establishing a trail along the eastern side of the park, which will form part of a network of circular walking routes around the site. Completion of this section will take place once weather conditions improve and the ground becomes more suitable for finishing the path surfaces.

Attention is now turning to the installation of signage and route markers, which will help visitors navigate easily around the park and make the most of the walking routes available.

Residents will recall that in our previous update in the November 2025 edition of *Village Voice*, the aim had been to open the park in late Spring 2026. However, as work has progressed it has become clear that, given the scale of the project and the additional tasks required to ensure safe public access, a little more time is needed. The Parish Council has therefore taken the decision to move the anticipated opening date to July 2026.

Alongside the physical work taking place on site, the Community Park's team continues to seek grant funding and donations from a range of organisations to support further improvements. Securing funding for community projects can be a lengthy process and can inevitably affect timescales.

If any residents have IT or mapping skills, help would be greatly appreciated in producing simple maps showing the park's walking routes. We are also looking for volunteer helpers to assist with installing route markers and signage around the site.

If you feel you could help with either of these tasks, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Further updates will be shared as work continues, and we look forward to welcoming residents to the Community Park later this summer.



## Garden, Garage and Shed Security

### **Practical crime prevention advice to help protect your home and garden buildings.**

Most homes today have good levels of security, but one area often overlooked is the garden shed or garage. It's easy to assume there is "nothing much in there", perhaps just a spade or garden fork, but these tools can provide burglars with exactly what they need to break into your home. It certainly adds insult to injury if the tool used to gain entry is one taken from your own shed!



Sheds and garages are often more vulnerable than the house itself. Their construction is usually lighter, and they are frequently located away from the main building or out of sight. The locks supplied with many sheds and garage doors also provide only basic security and can be easily forced, so it is worth considering additional protection.

For garages with an "up and over" door, extra locking bolts fitted to both sides of the door can provide added security. A garage door defender – a metal security device fixed into the ground in front of the door – can also act as a strong deterrent. If your garage has a side door, make sure this is properly secured as well.

With garden sheds, reinforce the padlock fittings using coach bolts and metal plates on both the door and frame. A good quality close-shackle padlock or a key-operated mortice lock will offer better protection than

basic padlocks, and hinges should be secured so they cannot simply be unscrewed.

Larger items stored in sheds, such as ladders, lawn mowers and bicycles, can be secured using ground anchors or shed shackles with a strong chain and padlock. Keep chains tight so they cannot be lifted and struck against a hard surface.

If your shed has windows, consider fitting wire mesh to protect the glass. Curtains or whitewashed windows can also prevent potential thieves from seeing what is stored inside.

Security-marking your property with your postcode and house number can reduce its value to thieves. Serial numbers for valuable items can also be registered free of charge at [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com), and a number of commercial security-marking systems are available.

Security lighting and a shed alarm can also act as effective deterrents. Many systems are inexpensive and widely available, and some can even send alerts directly to your mobile phone.

If installing a new shed, position it where it can be seen from regularly occupied rooms in the house. Visibility alone can often discourage opportunistic thieves.

When purchasing security products, look for the "Secured by Design" or "Sold Secure" logos, which indicate recognised security standards.

For further crime prevention advice, visit: [www.essex.police.uk/advice](http://www.essex.police.uk/advice)  
[www.thecrimepreventionwebsite.com](http://www.thecrimepreventionwebsite.com)

The Royal Horticultural Society also provides useful guidance on garden security at: [www.rhs.org.uk/advice](http://www.rhs.org.uk/advice)



# GET READY FOR BARCLAYS FREE PARK TENNIS



## **What is Barclays Free Park Tennis?**

Barclays Free Park Tennis offers free, social tennis sessions at the Strutt Memorial Tennis courts (behind the Village Hall in Hatfield Peverel) every Sunday. Regardless of age, experience, or ability, you can book and play in a friendly group session.

## **Who can attend a session?**

Anyone is welcome to take part in our free tennis lessons, whether you are a complete beginner or have played before. Children are also welcome, and free tennis sessions are family friendly. Though we ask that children under thirteen are accompanied by an adult.

## **How do I book a free tennis session?**

Head to our website <https://tinyurl.com/sports-in-our-village> and use the booking link there or scan the QR code.

## **Do I need my own equipment?**

No. Rackets and equipment are provided at the sessions, so you can join even if you do not have your own gear.

## **Do I need to be skilled to participate?**

No. Sessions are open to all skill levels. They are designed to be fun and inclusive with games and activities that help you improve while enjoying the sport.

It's here! Barclays Free Park Tennis starts in Hatfield Peverel on Sunday 26th April from 10-11am.

We have been training up volunteers who've kindly offered to become Free Park Tennis Activators - they are the ones who will welcome players, run the sessions and oversee equipment. Read on to find out just what Free Park Tennis is all about.

## **When and where do sessions take place?**

Our FPT session in Hatfield Peverel will run on Sundays from 10am - 11am from Sunday 26th April 2026

## **Are free tennis lessons available all year round?**

Yes. Sessions are free to join throughout the year, although availability may vary by location and season.

## **What happens if the weather is bad?**

If weather conditions make playing unsafe or unsuitable, sessions may be cancelled. Check via your booking or the organisers.

## **Can I volunteer to help run sessions?**

Yes. You can train to become a Barclays Free Park Tennis Activator, a volunteer who helps organise and lead free tennis lessons. You do not need previous coaching experience, and training is provided. If you're interested in volunteering get in touch with the Parish Clerk on [parishclerk@hatfieldpeverelpc.com](mailto:parishclerk@hatfieldpeverelpc.com)

You can read more about Free Park tennis on the LTA website by visiting <https://www.lta.org.uk/play/free-park-tennis/> or just book in, come along and play and find out all you need to know on the court!



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Connection

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 Thursdays 10-11am





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## COMMUNITY



# Extra Eyes: Helping to Make Our Roads Safer

Road safety is something that affects us all, and residents in our village can play a part in helping to make Essex's roads safer through the **Extra Eyes** scheme run by Essex Police and the Safer Essex Roads Partnership.

The scheme allows members of the public to submit video footage of dangerous or careless driving they have witnessed during their normal journeys. With the growing use of dashcams, helmet cameras and other recording devices, incidents of irresponsible or illegal driving are being captured more often than ever before. Through the Extra Eyes scheme, this footage can be securely submitted online and reviewed by investigators within Essex Police's Road Policing team.

Where the evidence meets the required criteria, action may be taken against the driver involved. In some cases, offenders may be offered a driver improvement course at their own expense to help encourage safer behaviour on the road. If the circumstances do not meet the criteria for a course, the matter may instead result in a fixed penalty notice or, in more serious cases, court proceedings.

If you are considering submitting footage, there are a few important requirements to bear in mind. The video must be clear, unedited and in focus, and it must clearly show the incident and vehicle registration. Submissions should normally be made within seven days of the event, and anyone reporting an incident must be willing to provide a witness statement and attend court if required.

Footage that has already been shared on social media or video-sharing platforms unfortunately cannot be used, as this could affect the possibility of a fair trial. It's also important to note that the scheme is not intended to encourage people to actively seek out poor driving, but rather to report incidents they happen to witness during everyday travel.

By working together and sharing information responsibly, we can all play a small part in helping to identify unsafe driving and keep our roads safer for everyone.

For more information about the Extra Eyes scheme, including how to submit footage, visit: [www.saferessexroads.org/extra-eyes/](http://www.saferessexroads.org/extra-eyes/)



## Hatfield Peverel Flower Club

### Programme for Spring/Summer 2026

N.B. No meeting in January

<b>4th February</b>	Janet and Jane - "A Day In The Life Of"
<b>4th March</b>	Sylvia Kettle - "My Life in Flowers"
<b>1st April</b>	Naomi Wells - "Stories"
<b>6th May</b>	Rachel Borenkova - "If Flowers Could Talk"
<b>3rd June</b>	Vicky Hease - "Here Comes Summer"
<b>1st July</b>	David Wright - "Kaleidoscope 25"

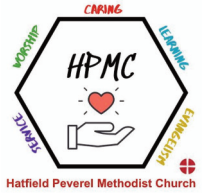
N.B. No meeting in August

**Hatfield Peverel Village Hall,  
Maldon Road,  
CM3 2HP**

**7.30 for 8pm**

Refreshments and Raffle  
 Guests welcome Non-members £7

**For further details telephone:  
Jane Eastall on 01245 466364  
or to join the email group to receive updates  
contact: Helen Peter on [helenopeter@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:helenopeter@yahoo.co.uk)**



# METHODIST NEWS

At Hatfield Peverel Methodist Church we are enjoying several events with our friends from neighbouring Methodist churches. At South Woodham Ferrers we are participating in the Alpha course being run there, involving all three of the congregations (Catholic, Anglican and Methodist) who share Holy Trinity Church there. A little closer to home, our Lent course has taken place at Witham Methodist Church. Based on the film 'The King's Speech', we have been considering how Bertie (Albert later to become King George VI) overcame his speech impediment and lack of confidence to become the king that the country needed and how we sometimes need to overcome our feelings of inadequacy to fulfil what we are called to do.

Eddie and Jane thoroughly enjoyed their time sharing in Collective Worship at St Andrew's Junior School recently, with the children shining as they always do!



The parable of the Unforgiving Servant (Matthew 18:21-35) prompted much thought about the need to say we are sorry but also, accepting an apology from someone else – and forgiving without counting!

During a recent worship session, we explored the story of the woman who Jesus encountered at the well in Samaria (John 4:5-32). We were challenged to think of groups of people who we might not get on with, and those we might avoid because their lifestyle differs from ours. We understand that, just like the king in Jesus' parable, God loves and forgives us unconditionally and expects us to live our lives reflecting that in our relationships with others, however hard that can sometimes be. Why not join us for worship, to share our conversations about how we can live a more loving life?

## Sunday worship at the Village Hall

Do join us on Sunday mornings from 9.15 am in Room 3 of the Village Hall (access through the Coffee Lounge). Or you can find us in the café on Sundays from 10.15 am.

You can contact us as follows:

Minister: Rev. Dr. Jennifer Walters 07824 440820

Mission Lead: Jane Cook 07827 594535

For information and prayer requests:

[hpmethodistchurch@gmail.com](mailto:hpmethodistchurch@gmail.com)

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Hatfield Peverel

### Drop in group for anyone bereaved

We offer a relaxed and friendly environment where you can meet new people, share experiences and access help and support, while enjoying a chat over a cup of tea or coffee.

Date: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month

Time: 1.30pm to 3.00pm

Location: Community Cafe,  
Hatfield Peverel Village Hall, Maldon Road,  
Hatfield Peverel, CM3 2HP

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# **The Church of St John the Baptist , Danbury**

## **2026 Monthly lunchtime concerts in the church**

2nd Friday of each month  
12.15 pm – Entry is free

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|----------------|--|
| 10th April     | The Whirlwind Ensemble. Virtuoso woodwind quintet return with an exciting and energetic programme  |
| 8th May        | Emma Gibbins – Organist and Director of Chelmsford Cathedral continues our organ’s birthday celebration  |
| 12th June      | The Grammaticus Choir, Director Clive Smith, Pianist Tim Carey   |
| 10th July      | Danbury Flutes – our local flute quartet   |
| 14th August    | Hannah Ambrose (Soprano) and Duncan Archard (Piano)  |
| 11th September | The Cardea Trio – music for Soprano, Piano and flute   |
| 9th October    | The Swift Singers – our local ladies community choir   |
| 13th November  | Philip Prior – Recitalist, Organist and Director of Music at St James the Great, Colchester with our final hurrah for our organ in its big birthday year         |
| 6th December   | The Grammaticus Choir and Friends present “The Ancient of Days”, at 3pm A Christmas Cantata by Clive Smith   |
| 11th December  | A Sax Christmas – Colchester Saxophone Quartet with their Christmas musical offering accompanied by readings for the season with a few carols for you to join in |

**Lunches available from 11.45 am or bring your own!**



Parish Church of St John the Baptist, 55 Main Rd, Danbury, England, CM3 4NG, United Kingdom

# Spring is here!

## April in the garden

Dear Gardeners and Allotment Friends,

April has arrived, and with it comes the exciting energy of spring. The days are longer, the soil is warming, and new life is appearing everywhere. Buds are opening, birds are busy building nests, and our gardens and allotments are waking up after the winter rest.

This is one of the most enjoyable times of the gardening year. There are plenty of simple jobs that help set up a successful growing season. Whether you care for a full allotment plot, a small garden, or a few pots on a patio, a little time spent outdoors now will make a big difference later in the year.

### Simple April Gardening Jobs

#### Prepare Your Soil

- Rake beds lightly to remove weeds and stones.
- Add compost or well-rotted manure to feed the soil.
- Break up large clumps of soil so seeds can grow easily.

#### Seeds to Sow Outdoors

- Carrots
- Lettuce
- Spring onions
- Peas
- Radishes

These crops grow quickly and are great for beginners. Potatoes should be in or plant now!



### Flowers for Colour and Pollinators

- Sow sunflowers for cheerful summer colour.
- Plant marigolds or nasturtiums to attract helpful insects.
- Scatter wildflower seeds in a small corner for bees and butterflies.

### Easy Garden Care

- Water young plants gently if the weather becomes dry.
- Remove small weeds before they spread.
- Turn compost heaps to help them break down faster.

### Helping Garden Wildlife

Gardens and allotments are wonderful places for wildlife. A few small actions can help birds, bees, and other helpful creatures thrive.

**For Birds** – Place a shallow dish of fresh water in the garden and leave a few natural areas where insects live for birds to find food.

**For Bees and Insects** – Add a few small stones to water dishes so bees can land safely while drinking and grow simple flowers like lavender, daisies, and marigolds.

**And For Helpful Garden Bugs** – Leave a small pile of sticks or leaves in a quiet corner as a bug shelter.

### Looking Ahead

April is the beginning of the growing adventure. Each seed planted now is a promise of colourful flowers, fresh vegetables, and busy wildlife in the months ahead.

Take time to enjoy the fresh air, listen to the birds, and watch the garden come alive again. With a few simple tasks this month, we can all look forward to a wonderful gardening season.

Happy gardening to everyone!

By Drew Price

## COMMUNITY

## Zebra Crossing Safety – We Need Your Help



It has been brought to the attention of the Parish Council that there have been a number of near misses and incidents at the zebra crossing on The Street (from Hatfelda Square to Swan Close) resulting in injury to pedestrians.

The PC is very aware of the deficiencies and difficulties associated with the position of this crossing and has over many years sought to find ways of making it safer for users. They are currently at the start of making yet another attempt to achieve improvements.

Unfortunately, the Parish Council has no authority over the crossing and must work through several local government bodies to bring about any changes. One of the permanent stumbling blocks to these efforts is that unless reliable incident data (which meets set criteria) can be provided, requests for improvements fail at the first hurdle.

It is likely that any official reporting and recording of incidents is at best patchy and probably falls short of the actual number occurring. Incidents involving police or ambulance attendance may get recorded (in different non-centralised records systems with no indication of the comparative severity of the incident or any resulting injuries), while 'near misses' and bumps from which people may just walk away, possibly in shock, are never logged.

We have a small team within the Parish Council who are trying to secure improvements but it would greatly support those efforts if individuals who have had issues at this crossing over the last year would send details of their experience to ECC Highways so that a realistic picture of the scale of the problem can be built. Full details, including dates, times, road and weather conditions and images if available should be sent to both:

[cllr.mark.platt@essex.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.mark.platt@essex.gov.uk)

and [cllr.ross.playle@essex.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.ross.playle@essex.gov.uk)

The Parish Council would welcome anyone with knowledge and experience in this field to join the Traffic Team. Please contact the Parish Clerk or attend the PC meeting on Monday April 13th at 7.30pm in the Vic Olley Room at the Village Hall.

## WHAT'S ON AT THE WI

In our February meeting we had a go at making Dorset Buttons. Our lovely secretary, Deb, attended a workshop on The WI Learning Hub, and so was able to guide us through the history and making of the buttons. Once the main button was made, it was down to decoration – and what a creative bunch we were! They all looked wonderful!

This month is a member-only meeting, with an exception – guests are welcome but there is an increased guest fee due to the activity, and you must be booked in and paid for prior to 16<sup>th</sup> April. The Guest Fee for April is £20pp to cover materials (limited guest places!) and our theme is **Spring bouquet with Blooms and Bouquets**.

Next month is our annual meeting where we elect our committee for the forthcoming year. We also have a guest speaker planned, so stay tuned on our social network to find out more!



### KEY TERLING WI DATES

Thursday 23rd April – monthly meeting, MEMBERS ONLY guest places limited and fee is £20pp

Thursday 28th May – monthly meeting, all welcome normal guest fee applies (£5pp, terms apply)

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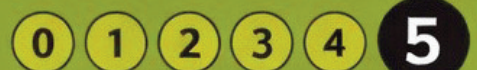
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HADFELDA (LADIES) GROUP

# A Day At The Races!

Back in February, the St. Andrew's Church Hall was transformed into *Ladies Day at Ascot* for an afternoon at the races. Members had the choice to sit either in *The Royal enclosure* or *The Queen Anne enclosure* - the latter being named after Queen Anne who initiated Ascot in 1711.

We had the tables set out on each side of the "course" laden with dainty sandwiches, cakes and the obligatory bottles of fizz! All the members got into the spirit of the event by dressing in their smartest outfits, with hats and fascinators very much in evidence.



Our horses were made of wood on a flat base and were attached to a rope. The racers had to wind the rope towards themselves as fast as possible without having your horse "fall". We raced in groups of six at a time, and it resulted in much fun and hilarity as members tried to get their horse over the finishing line and win the race. The winners were then presented with their prizes by our 'Royal Guests' and there was also a prize for the smartest outfit.



The Hadfelda Ladies Group meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at 2pm in St. Andrew's Church Hall. At the time of writing, our March meeting – a talk by Paul Andre on volunteering for the National Trust – had yet to take place. So we will bring you more news about this event in May's edition.

If you're interested in joining us, do come along to one of our next meetings – or bring a friend. We are a friendly group and you can be assured of a warm welcome.

Our next meetings are:

- 22<sup>nd</sup> April**     **John Cameron** will be telling us about Medical Detection Dogs and the Cinnamon Trust
- 27<sup>th</sup> May**        **Stephanie Callister-Jarrold** who runs a sanctuary for rescued owls.
- 24<sup>th</sup> June**        **Annual Afternoon Tea.**

by Marel Elliston

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MALDON FILM CLUB

## THE REVIEWS ARE IN... THE 21st SEASON IS A SUCCESS!



Our 21<sup>st</sup> season continues to pull in the crowds, and current membership has reached an all-time high of more than 190. The season continues in April with the screening of two Oscar-nominated films - *A Complete Unknown* on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April and *Hard Truths* on 22<sup>nd</sup> April which follows our AGM and second social event of the season.

*A Complete Unknown*, which received 8 Oscar nominations, is set in the influential New York City music scene of the early 1960s. The film follows 19-year-old Minnesota musician Bob Dylan's meteoric rise as a folk singer to concert halls and the top of the charts as his songs and his mystique become a worldwide sensation that culminates in his groundbreaking electric rock-and-roll performance at the Newport Folk Festival in 1965. Timothy Chalamet stars and sings as Bob Dylan.

Our second film is *Hard Truths*, which received two Oscar nominations. It tells the story of Pansy, a woman tormented by anger and depression, who is hypersensitive to the slightest possible offence and ever ready to fly off the handle. She criticises her husband and their adult son so relentlessly that neither bothers to argue with her. She picks fights with strangers and salesclerks and enumerates the world's countless flaws to anyone who will listen, especially her cheerful sister Chantal, who, despite their clashing temperaments, might be the only person still capable of sympathising with her.

Our films for May 2026, both of which received Oscar nominations, are *Soundtrack to a Coup d'Etat* and *Maria*.

Our 21<sup>st</sup> season continues until 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2026 with films being shown fortnightly on Wednesdays. The Club meets at Maldon Town Hall - doors open at 7.15pm, wine and soft drinks are available at a charge from 7.30pm and unless notified to the contrary all films will commence at 8pm.

The price of the membership subscription for the rest of the season remains at £25 so why not join now and watch the remaining 5 films for free. In addition, there are a limited number of places for junior members aged 16-18 in full time education and training at the reduced cost of £18. As a member you will be asked to give your reaction to the films you have seen and also help the committee compile the programme for the following season. Membership is open to all, and new members will be made very welcome. Members' guests pay just £4 per film!

For further details and an application form please visit our web site [www.maldonfilmclub.uk](http://www.maldonfilmclub.uk), pop into the Maldon Visitor Information Centre Tuesdays - Saturdays between 11am and 4pm or phone 01621 869133 for membership enquiries. Alternatively, you are welcome to come along as my guest, meet members of the committee, and pay your subscription on the night.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, John Salisbury, on 07905 971608.

By John Salisbury



# HATFIELD PEVEREL & ULTING HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Society has a busy year planned and we always welcome new members. Our thanks to Upsons Farm Shop who again will be making available our membership cards and year books in the Spring. Annual membership is just £3 (£2 for seniors).

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR 2026

- 11 April - The Society Spring Show at The Village Hall 2pm
- 9 May - Annual Plant Sale at Nounsley Road 10am
- 2 July - *Life in the Undergrowth* by Roger Hance
- 24 September - *The Fascination of Fungi* by Tony Brown
- 3 October - The Society Autumn Show at the Village Hall 2pm
- 25 November - *A funny thing happened on the way to The Potting Shed* by Nick Dobson (note: This evening will also include the AGM)

We welcome both members and non-members at our events and would love to see you there. All events at held in the Village Hall at 7:30 pm unless otherwise noted. We look forward to seeing you there.



## TIPS FOR YOUR GARDEN IN APRIL



Continue to tidy garden in particular look out for weed seedlings that can establish and cover new plant seedlings as the warmer weather hopefully heads our way! April is also a good time to sow or repair bare patches in lawns.

### Prune:

A number of garden plants will benefit from pruning. This allows new shoots to develop plants such as hydrangeas. April will be the last chance to prune climbing and rambling roses. Cut back tender plants such as lavender and penstemons to encourage new growth.

### Plant:

Get ready for summer by sowing seeds such as marigolds, wallflowers, sunflowers, sweet peas and wildflowers. Herb seeds can also be sown outdoors this month. Plant primulas and polyanthas for some instant colour this month. If not done already, plant the remainder of summer flowering bulbs.

### Propagate:

Take Basal cuttings from perennials such as delphiniums, campanulas. Clumps of hostas, daylilies and asters can be divided.

For general information about the society, contact Clive Emberson at [cliveemberson9@gmail.com](mailto:cliveemberson9@gmail.com) or visit <https://e-voice.org.uk/hatpevgardens>



by Karen Bayley

SAVE THE DATE!

# PARTY IN THE PARK

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FREE ENTRY

# Staying Consistent: The Secret to Long-Term Health



Hello again, everyone! It's Stefan here – your local mobile personal trainer. This month, I'd like to talk about something that is often more important than the type of exercise you choose: **consistency**.

Many people believe that getting fit requires intense workouts or big lifestyle changes. In reality, the biggest factor for long-term health is simply showing up regularly and keeping your body moving. **Small, consistent habits done over time can lead to powerful results.**

## Why Consistency Matters

Our bodies adapt to what we do regularly. When we move often, our muscles stay strong, our joints stay mobile, and our energy levels improve. But when we stop moving for long periods, the opposite happens.

Here are some benefits of staying consistent with your activity:

1. Improved strength and mobility – Regular movement keeps your body functioning well.
2. Better energy levels – Exercise helps fight fatigue and improves daily productivity.
3. Healthier joints and muscles – Movement keeps joints lubricated and muscles active.
4. Better mental wellbeing – Physical activity helps reduce stress and improve mood.
5. Long-term independence – Staying active helps maintain quality of life as we age.

The good news is that you don't need hours of training every day. Even 20–30 minutes of movement a few times a week can make a big difference.

## Our Community Fitness Sessions

Our weekly fitness sessions at **Strutt Memorial Recreation Ground** continue as usual, and it's been fantastic to see so many people from the local community getting involved.

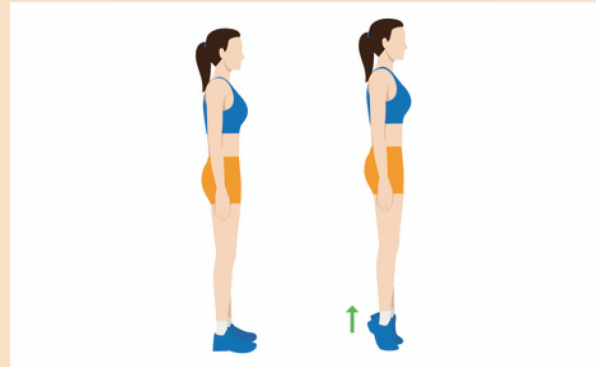
The project originally started thanks to funding support from the **Parish Council and Active Braintree Foundation** and **Sport England**. Now that the funding period has finished, the classes will continue with a small optional contribution to help keep the sessions running and the community active.

My goal has always been to keep these sessions welcoming and accessible for everyone, regardless of age or fitness level, and I'm very proud of the supportive community we've built together.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our sessions in the park. Let's keep this great community moving together.

Best wishes, Stefan

## Exercise Tip of the Month: Standing Calf Raises



This simple exercise helps strengthen the calves and ankles, which are essential for walking, balance, and stability.

### How to do it:

1. Stand upright with your feet hip-width apart. Hold a wall or chair for support if needed.
2. Slowly raise your heels off the floor so you are standing on your toes.
3. Hold the top position for about 2 seconds.
4. Slowly lower your heels back down to the floor.
5. Aim for 12–15 repetitions and repeat for 2–3 sets.

This exercise helps improve lower-leg strength and balance, which becomes increasingly important as we get older.

Remember, staying active doesn't have to be complicated. A bit of movement done regularly can make a huge difference to how you feel every day.

To find out more & join our **OUTDOOR WEEKLY FITNESS CLASS** every Thursday at 6.30pm on the outdoor gym equipment at the **Strutt Memorial Recreation Ground** behind the **Hatfield Peverel Village Hall** visit:  
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For more information & details on my personal training services, contact me on

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## LATEST NEWS AND WAYS TO GET INVOLVED!

### Ride For Helen cycle event – book your place!

Our popular cycling fundraiser is returning to Hatfield Peverel on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May. You can expect a lively event hub with music and refreshments and marshals guiding and cheering you on. Plus, each participant gets a medal to celebrate their achievement. We offer the choice of 6-, 15-, 30-, 50-, 65- and 100-mile routes. So, whether you're a seasoned cyclist, just getting started or cycling with children, there's a route for everyone. All routes start and finish at The Crix estate here in Hatfield Peverel. It's a wonderful opportunity to pedal through some lovely countryside with support along the way, while raising money to help local people living with cancer.

If you're interested in taking part, visit [helenrollason.org.uk/ride-for-helen-2026](https://helenrollason.org.uk/ride-for-helen-2026) to book your place!



### Summer days out

This summer, we have two wonderful days out arranged, both in stunning locations.

On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July you can step back in time at [Hedingham Castle](#). There will be entertainment for adults and children, gift stalls, caterers and a large display of classic and modern cars and motorbikes. You'll be able to visit the castle too.

On Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August, we have a vintage day at [Layer Marney Tower](#) with music, dancing, stalls, vintage cars, food and drink. The lovely Tudor buildings will be open for you to visit.

You can find details and book tickets for all our events on our website at [helenrollason.org.uk/helen-rollason-cancer-charity-events/](https://helenrollason.org.uk/helen-rollason-cancer-charity-events/)

### Tea For Helen

Helen Rollason would have been 70 this year. Would you like to hold a Tea for Helen and make a small donation to Helen Rollason Cancer Charity for every cup of tea, coffee or piece of cake that you sell? Why not invite your friends and family? For more ideas and help contact the Fundraising Team on 01245 380719 or email [fundraising@helenrollason.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@helenrollason.org.uk)



### Corporate sponsorship opportunities

We currently have sponsor opportunities for corporates. Partnering with Helen Rollason Cancer Charity is a good way to boost your brand awareness and demonstrate your commitment to a good cause. Our events such as Ride for Helen and our vintage days provide excellent marketing exposure and engagement opportunities for your business. Contact us at [fundraising@helenrollason.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@helenrollason.org.uk) for more information.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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|---------|---|---|
| 18 Apr  | Bingo night in Hatfield Peverel Village Hall  |   |
| 10 May  | Ride for Helen cycle event - The Crix in Hatfield Peverel.  |  |
| 15 May  | Donation Day at the centre in Hatfield Peverel. 9am - 12pm. Parking available for you to drop off your pre-loved items. |   |
| 12 July | Timeless at the Castle. Day out at Hedingham Castle   |  |
| 30 Aug  | Marvellous Vintage. Day out at Layer Marney Tower   |   |

Details of all our events and challenges are on our website at [www.helenrollason.org.uk/events](https://www.helenrollason.org.uk/events)

Helen Rollason  
Cancer Charity

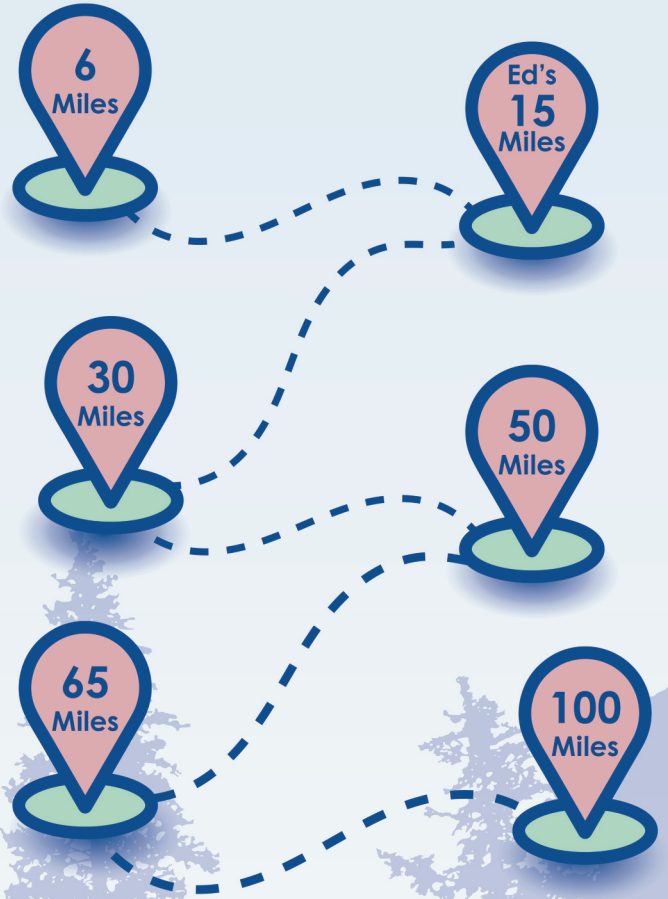
# RIDE FOR HELEN 2026

SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> MAY



Join us for a truly breathtaking cycling event starting and finishing at The Crix in Hatfield Peverel.

Choose the distance that suits you and enjoy pedalling through the beautiful countryside of Essex and Hertfordshire, all while helping to support people living with cancer.



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PEVEREL WINE CLUB

## ***CALIFORNIA TRIUMPHS IN TALES FROM THE RIVERBANK AND APRIL PROMISES AN ENTENTE VERY CORDIALE!***

After the excitement of February's almost-a-fiasco meeting, we were all absolutely delighted to welcome the ever-reliable Neils Dubro to our March meeting, entitled *Tales from the Riverbank*. Neils is one of the Club's favourite external speakers and owns Colchester-based Street Wines ([www.streetwines.co.uk](http://www.streetwines.co.uk)). This time, Neils was introducing wines from some of the great wine rivers of the world. Three of these rivers were very famous – the Loire, the Rhône and Margaret River in Western Australia – and one (or rather three, covering the winery's growing area) was not at all famous, but produced the evening's favourite wine!

Neils gave us six excellent wines from four different producers, and provided some interesting background information on every wine. Each of the 6 wines was somebody's favourite, but there was one clear winner: **the McManis Family Vineyards Viognier 2021** (normally £15 but discounted for us to £12 on the night) which came from the Mokelumne River AVA in the Lodi region of Northern California.

America hasn't been our favourite country, either oenologically- or politically speaking lately, and so it was great to have something to appreciate from the USA for a change. Not only is Viognier a relatively unusual grape to find coming from California, but the area is not that well known either: it comes from terroir between the Mokelumne and Cosumnes Rivers, which descend from the Sierra Nevada Mountains and merge into the San Joaquin River in the Lodi region of California. So more than enough riverbanks, even if we haven't heard of any of them! We also learnt a new bit of wine terminology: AVA means American Viticultural Area, which is some sort of quality guarantee, not unlike AOP from France, although less restrictive, being focussed primarily on location not grape varieties and quantities etc.

April's meeting also promises to be a good evening: our meeting night of April 8<sup>th</sup> falls on the anniversary of the signing of *L'Entente Cordiale*, the agreement allegedly marking a shift from centuries of rivalry to a new era of understanding between Great Britain and France. Some might say we are still waiting for that era to begin, but the Wine Club will be testing that understanding to the limits when we compete table against table with a very light-hearted blind tasting of lesser-known wines from some of the 13 new (and often controversial) regions of France, plus attempting to match them with some lovely French cheeses.

If you'd like to join us in April – or indeed for any other meeting – for a light-hearted and inexpensive evening out, you would always be very welcome. Please give Vee a ring beforehand on 01245 355723 however, to ensure there is enough food and drink for all. (We normally meet on the second Wednesday of each month in the village hall, but with some exceptions). The exciting new 2026 programme is now available to view on the website at [www.peverelwineclub.co.uk](http://www.peverelwineclub.co.uk), or email Vee at [peverelwineclub@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:peverelwineclub@hotmail.co.uk) for more information.

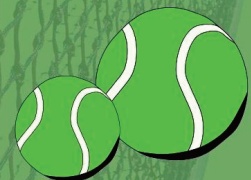
Words by Vee Green



## **ANYONE FOR (SOCIAL) TENNIS?**

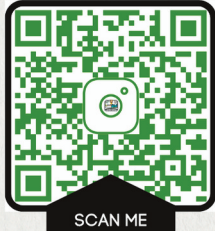
Would anyone be interested in playing morning adult social tennis on the brand new courts at the Village Hall, starting in April?

If so, please contact Chris on 07821 263931 for more information



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## CHAIR EXERCISE

St Andrew's Church Hall  
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Tues 10 am-10.45 am

Jan 6, 13, 20 | Feb 3, 10, 24

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Would you like to improve your...

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Come and make friends  
as we chat, stitch and relax

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays each month  
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For more information, please contact  
Jane Cook 07827 594535  
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# NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE HALL

These last few months, we've had some fabulous shows at the hall with great performances from the iconic Shadowplay (Feb) and Legends of Rock, Afterlife (Jan). To see what's coming up and for all clubs at the hall, go to our website at [www.hatpevval.org](http://www.hatpevval.org).



## Hall Improvements

We continue to make improvements to the village hall, the most recent is the installation of an acoustic door into the Vic Olley room, which is wide opening, with no threshold, improving disabled access and significantly reducing noise into and out of the room. We are grateful to the Parish Council for helping fund this.



We've previously noted significant improvements at the hall thanks to funding from the Parish Council that included new doors and air conditioning for the Shining Stars nursery and a full Electrical Installation Condition Report – that has taken several weeks to complete. We also have some new lights for stage shows at the hall making our light shows for music events even better.

## We need your views

The village hall is a charity, and our costs are funded primarily through room bookings and events income. While this income largely covers our running costs, repairs & maintenance, for major improvements, we need to seek funding from grants.

The Management Committee of the Village Hall would like your views regarding planned improvements to the hall. Residents of Hatfield Peverel and Nounsley and anyone who uses the Village Hall are invited to complete our very short survey. Your feedback will be used to help prioritise improvements to the hall and to explain to potential funders why these projects are important to our community. Your views are important to us and your help will be very much appreciated. All responses are in confidence, and no person will be identified.

[CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE THE SURVEY](https://tinyurl.com/HPVH-Improvement-Survey) or visit <https://tinyurl.com/HPVH-Improvement-Survey>

If you prefer to complete the survey on paper, you can download a copy to print at the above link, collect a paper copy from the Village Hall Coffee Lounge or call 0300 102 0473 to have a copy delivered to your house. Completed forms should be posted in the collection box in the Village Hall Coffee Lounge or in the Parish Council letter box. The survey will close on 30th April 2026.

Connection

**FREE SPECIAL YOGA SESSIONS**  
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**Hatfield Peverel Village Hall**  
**Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>**



Doors : 7pm Show : 8:00pm

Tickets in advance from :-

[www.ticketsource.co.uk/hatfield-peverel-village-hall](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/hatfield-peverel-village-hall)

## The Book of GENESIS The Foxtrot Tour



**Hatfield Peverel Village Hall**

**Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Doors: 7pm Band: 8pm**

Tickets online at...

[www.ticketsource.co.uk/hatfield-peverel-village-hall](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/hatfield-peverel-village-hall)

## The Pantoons present: Sherlock Holmes and The Hound of The Baskervilles



**Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**Hatfield Peverel Village Hall**  
**Doors: 1:30 Show: 2:00**

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**Hatfield Peverel Village Hall**

**Saturday, Jul 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Doors : 7pm Band : 8pm**

**Tickets :-**



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