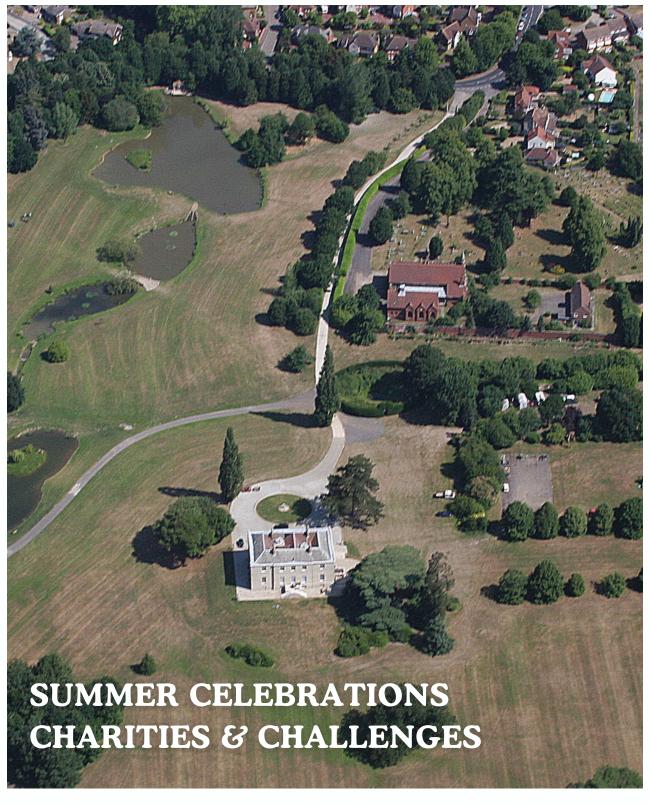
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by Bill Godsafe

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REFRESHMENTS

Hatfield Peverel Parish News

PARTY IN THE PARK

We were delighted to see so many of you at Party in the Park this year, enjoying all that Hatfield Peverel has to offer!

Our thanks go out to the committee for organising what the team at Smokey Jim's called "an incredible day" for everyone and to all the residents who attended and supported the event.

There was much fun to be had with bouncy castles, stalls and games, food and drink vendors and our wonderful organisations and charities that came along to showcase the fabulous work they do. Plus, our wonderful bands, with members of Focus posting, "we can't tell you the amazing time we all had and seeing you all dancing and singing along was a wonderful memory we will keep."

We look forward to seeing everyone again in December for Christmas in the Park in the Village Hall!

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GET INVOLVED

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 4th August in the Vic Olley Room at the Village Hall. Public participation is welcome, please see the agenda which is published on the Parish Council website and on the noticeboard outside the Parish Council office.

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Braintree District Council Local Planning Authority Appeal for Information

Sadly, it was brought to the attention of the local planning authority that a protected tree situated on Maldon Road and the junction of Woodham Drive was intentionally poisoned. This constitutes a criminal offence, and investigations are currently on going.

The Local Planning Authority will not tolerate this sort of disrespect and vandalism to any protected tree within its district and will always endeavour to locate the person(s) culpable.

We are keen to hear from anyone who may have any information regarding this offence. If you have any information that may assist our investigation, please contact our enforcement officer Ms Butcher on natalie.butcher@braintree.gov.uk.

Thank you.



NEWS FROM ST. ANDREW'S AND ALL SAINTS

Following Bishop Roger's formal licensing of Howard Schnaar as Priest-in-Charge in May-and our more personal introduction to Howard, his wife Deirdre, and daughter Bethany in last month's issue—we now turn our attention to other changes taking place in the Parish.

We now mark the retirement of John Strange as Churchwarden, after 23 years of faithful and immensely valuable service—for which we offer him our heartfelt thanks. However, John hasn't been allowed to step away from all formal duties just yet, as he continues to serve as Parish Treasurer. Most nobly, he has offered to remain in this role until a replacement can be found. Might there be a volunteer out there willing to take it on?

John's replacement as Churchwarden is Mark Keenan, already known to many during his years as caretaker of the Infant and Junior schools in the village, and now a governor of the Infant school.

We extend a warm welcome to Mark, who joins John Tomlins in caring for our two ancient and beautiful churches—priceless assets to our village—alongside the Parochial Church Council. Not only do we provide regular Sunday Services to which everyone is warmly welcome but our ordained and lay teams provide support for weddings, baptisms and funerals, blessings and times for prayer. And then our beautiful churchyards provide sanctuaries from the business of daily life, havens for village people to enjoy.

July saw all our usual services with variations and additions - the Pet Service in the vicarage garden, plus a baptism at St Andrews and a wedding at All Saints. On 24th July we held a Messy Summer Workshop for youngsters of all ages - so we've had a busy but rewarding time.

On the 5th July Barbara Mason led the Hadfelda Singers in a delightful musical event "Songs on a Summers Evening" with donations from the happy concert goers of £708 going to the Rainbow Trust. Raising money for charities is very important to us all as is supporting the Braintree and Area Food Bank. Food and other supplies are regularly taken to Witham after being brought by parishioners to the churches and blessed.

Our Soup and Roll lunches support a different charity each time and our August Soup and Roll will be on Tuesday 12th August in aid of British Heart Foundation . Looking back over the charities we have supported at these lunches so far since January this year, the roll call is: Shelter, Open Doors, Age UK, Medecins sans Frontieres, Christian Aid, Amos Trust and most recently Practical Action and total receipts for those charities during that period came to a pleasing £1472 .



These are win-win events providing food, fellowship and friendship while fundraising for good causes. Why not come along-12.30 -2pm in St Andrews Church Hall on the Second Tuesday of each month?

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SERVICES etc. for August 2025		
	St Andrews (+refreshments after 10.15 services)	All Saints (+refreshments after service on 4th Sunday)
Saturday 2nd	•	
Sunday 3rd	DFFEE MORNING in St Andre 10.15am Mattins (Morning Prayer with hymns)	9am Holy Communion (BCP)
Tuesday 12 th August	SOUP and ROLLS in St Andrew's Church Hall In aid of British Heart Foundation	
Sunday 10th	8am Holy Communion 10.15 All Age Service	9am Morning Prayer (Common worship)
Sunday 17th	10.15 Parish Eucharist	9am Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 24th	10.15 Songs of Praise	9a.m. Parish Eucharist Refreshments after service
Sunday 31st	10.15 Parish Eucharist	9am Holy Communion (BCP)
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PEVEREL WINE CLUB



AN EVENING IN PEVEREL-ON-SEA!

By Vee Green, Secretary

What a perfect summer's evening for our July meeting – outside the village hall, with dazzling sunshine, a gentle breeze and, when we finished, a glorious harvest moon shining over the playing field. We could almost have imagined we were at the seaside, which was lucky as our theme that evening was Peverel-on-Sea, recreating a good old-fashioned seaside atmosphere complete with some excellent-value fish and chips from Mr Chips and an impressive range of ice creams to follow – even though we were allowed *Just One Cornetto* each!

Everyone had come dressed in the latest Essex Seaside Chic from £100 Bermuda shorts to knotted handkerchiefs - and we also spotted a couple of lifeguards, a mermaid, an Edwardian gentleman in a (not very) decorous bathing costume complete with straw hat, and almost enough lurid Hawaiian shirts to satisfy Barack Obama. We made the most of our seaside entertainments - Pinning the Tail on the Donkey, a Fishing Competition on the harbour, a Pirate Treasure Map and a quiz on Britain's seaside: for example, do you know which is England's second longest pleasure pier?* Sadly, Madame Zora the fortune teller was unable to attend due to unforeseen circumstances, the sea was full of jellyfish which precluded paddling and the Squirt the Beachball competition had to be abandoned through lack of time. However, the highlight of the evening was the Knobbly Knees Competition which took place in the Pier Funfair (aka the children's playground), where a surprisingly large number of keen contestants exposing their knees anonymously behind a screen to a panel of totally unbiased judges, with Trevor Stevens emerging as the eventual winner, for which many congratulations, Trevor!

Nor was the serious business of wine forgotten in the excitement of a trip to the seaside. All had been asked to bring a bottle of wine on a seaside or coastal theme, to be judged unopened and returned to its owner for later consumption. Interpretations of the theme were imaginative and varied, some with very loose marine connections, but judges Sarah, Stephen and Foster Roberts were able to identify Bob Turner's bottle as the winner – well done, Bob! We then settled down to an appropriately-entitled Cheap as Chips wine tasting - Chairman Steve Spearman and wife Anne had nobly spent the last few months scouring the globe for good value wines costing less than a fiver, and had run some likely candidates to earth in the ever-reliable Aldi and Asda: some were special offers, others bin-ends, and (surprisingly to some) none of the wines selected were a disappointment, and a couple were actually superb. The white wines were very closely scored, with an Australian Chardonnay winning by 1 point. Despite, the presence of an excellent 13-year-old Rioja, the overwhelming favourite in the reds was a higher-level Jacob's Creek Cabernet Sauvignon. So, the message is clear: you can still get a decent bottle of wine for well under a fiver if you know where to look but be prepared for a few disappointments as well from time to time.



Our thoughts are now turning to next month's meeting, the traditional annual walking treasure hunt around a local village – this time indeed very local, the chosen venue being Hatfield Peverel, with the finish in an as-yet-undisclosed local hostelry for supper. If you'd like to join us then - 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). Our website is currently being reviewed, but I can happily send a copy of our exciting 2025 programme if you email me at peverelwineclub@hotmail.co.uk.

*Southport, Merseyside, which stretches a mere 3,633ft out to sea, compared with Southend's magnificent 7,080ft.







Summer: A Dual Perspective

For many, summer is the season of joy. Long, sunny days filled with barbecues, festivals, beach swims, and the sweet taste of seasonal fruits. It's a time for holidays, ice cream, and making memories with friends under golden sunsets. But summer isn't everyone's favourite. The heat can be intense, sleep elusive, and bugs relentless. Crowds, allergies, and hosepipe bans can quickly turn the season from delightful to draining.

For allotment gardeners, summer brings both reward and responsibility. With a wide range of crops needing regular care—especially water—visits every few days are the norm, and daily attention is vital during hot spells. It's not just about the plants, either; leaving water and food for bees, birds, and insects supports a thriving, shared ecosystem.

YOUR AUGUST ALLOTMENT & GARDEN GUIDE

Harvest Time is Here! Make the most of your summer crops!

- Pick courgettes, runner beans, tomatoes, cucumbers, carrots, beetroot, and globe artichokes.
- Potatoes Lift second earlies and maincrops as foliage dies back. Dry before storing.
- Pick tomatoes, courgettes, and beans regularly to encourage more fruiting and to avoid stringiness.
- Sweetcorn is ready when kernels are milky when pressed.
- Harvest onions, shallots & garlic once the tops turn yellow and start to flop. Sun-dry thoroughly before storing in breathable bags.
- Harvest plums, peaches, nectarines, cherries, and early apples.

Preserve the Bounty!

- Freeze berries like raspberries and blackberries and dry or freeze herbs.
- Try jam-making kits for soft fruits.

Sow Now for Autumn!

• Lettuce (in shade), rocket, radish, spring onions and winter salads such as mizuna, mibuna, mustard leaf, and lamb's lettuce.

Tip: Use modules or trays to start seeds in a sheltered spot if the soil is too dry or hot.

August To-Do List and Maintenance

- Water regularly, especially in dry spells.
- Feed tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, and aubergines with high-potash fertilizer.
- Pinch out tomato tips and remove lower leaves.
- Pinch runner beans at the top of supports.
- Limit squash to 3 fruits per plant.
- Watch for blight and clematis wilt—remove affected plants.
- Cover brassicas to protect from flea beetles.

Flower, Shrubs and Fruit care

- Keep on top of weeds and tidy paths to reduce pests.
 - Deadhead annuals, prune climbing roses, wisteria, and trained fruit trees.
- Cut back faded perennials and lavender, stake tall blooms like dahlias, and take cuttings of pelargoniums and fuchsias.
- Mow wildflower meadows to scatter seeds, divide bearded iris, and collect or leave seed heads to selfsow.
- Cut down fruited raspberry canes and tie in new ones.
- Plant strawberry runners, net berries, and use bird scarers.
- Feed container-grown fruit with high-potash fertiliser and harvest early apples and stone fruits.

And finally...Start thinking about the next season

- Crop rotation Make notes on what grew where to plan for next year.
- Order garlic & overwintering onion sets These go in from October.
- Spring bulbs Plan where to add colour and pollinator support.

Tip: Keep a garden journal or photo log to track successes and lessons learned.

August is a month of rich rewards and vital preparation. Enjoy the harvest, care for your plants, and sow the seeds of future success.

By Drew Price



CLUB NEWS & CELEBRATIONS!

HPFC Ladies

Thomson Day 2025

Our annual 'in-house' youth tournament took place on Saturday, 21st June 2025, with over 150 of our young players competing in a 5-a-side tournament across all age groups. The day was a huge success, and the weather was kind to us with scorching conditions. In the evening our Junior section came together for their End of Season Presentation event – this was a fantastic event enjoyed by all.









Preparations for the New Season

It only seems like a matter of weeks since our season ended but we are already hard at work preparing our pitches and facilities for the new 2025/26 season.

To counter the current heatwave we'd been experiencing, we have invested in a new automated irrigation system, which is already hard at work.

We'll be running our very popular **Summer Football Camps** on **Thursday 27th** and **Friday 28th August 2025** and places can be booked via <u>www.hatfieldpeverelfc.co.uk</u>

HPFC Wildcats

What is Wildcats? Well, it's non-competitive football for girls who want to give it a go for the very first time or want to play with other girls their own age. Most importantly, Wildcats is all about having loads of fun and meeting new amazing friends.

These girls are aged between 5-11 years old - our HPFC wildcats are intuitive, friendly, kind and are all with us for one reason - to have fun whilst playing and learning football. We play mini-invasion games that get our girls comfortable with a football at their feet and a smile on their faces. We have a friendly coaching team with Coaches Donna, Susan and Ebbs. We play on a Saturday morning at HPFC 10:30-11: 30am.

"Our wildcats are the future of girls and women's football at HPFC, and they have female role models to look up to in our youngest Vipers team and the Women's section. We want to inspire our wildcats to continue their footballing journeys and play at HPFC". - Donna Fletcher – Coach

Day, a special occasion where we celebrate all our incredible Hatfield girls. It is set to be a fantastic day of

football, showcasing the talent across age groups - from

our energetic U11s to our senior squad. It's days like these that remind us why we love the game and the community

Congratulations to Hatfield Peverel FC Ladies whose

promotion into Division 2 of the Essex County WFL was

recently confirmed. The whole squad is looking forward

to the new season and the challenges ahead. Pre-season training has already started, and we have some pre-season

friendlies pencilled in (see our social media for full

details). We're also looking forward to hosting HPFC Ladies

that comes with it (see details on page 8).

For all the latest pre-season photos, behind-the-scenes action, and player updates, make sure you're following us

Dates for your diary

 27th & 28th August 2025 – Summer Football Camps

on Instagram: @hpfc_ladies.

 Sunday, 31st August 2025 – HPFC Ladies Day 2025

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VALUATION DAY ROADSHOW COINS & BANKNOTES

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DATES & TIMES:
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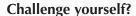




VINTAGE FUN, CHARITY & CHALLENGES

A day at Layer Marney Tower

On Sunday 24th August we are at Layer Marney Tower for a vintage day full of nostalgia, local handmade crafts, classic cars, live music and entertainment for adults and children - something for all ages. Your entrance includes entry to the historic buildings and the tower. There will be a variety of food and drink vendors, or you could bring your own picnic, and there is plenty of free parking. If you book now the price is just £6 per adult, £5 concessions, £2 children 4-16 years and free for children 3 years and under. A bargain compared to the normal adult entrance of £12. Details and tickets for all our events are at www.helenrollason.org.uk/events



Are you up for a challenge? We have places for Hyde Park 5k run and Battersea Park Bungee Jump, both in September, Windsor Thames Path Trail in October. For 2026 we have places for London Landmarks and the Hackney half marathons. If you fancy going further afield, how about Everest Base Camp or the Great Wall of China? Visit www.helenrollason.org.uk/challenges/ for details of all our challenges.

Promoting the work of the charity

The last two months were busy with events enabling us to promote the work of the charity. During June and July, we attended Ladies Day at Chelmsford City Racecourse, the Chelmsford City Live Justin Timberlake concert and the Chelmsford Beer and Cider Festival.



Each of these events gave us the opportunity to show how we can help and support local people living with cancer. If you or someone you know would like to know more about the complimentary support and therapies we offer, call in to see us in Hatfield Peverel or give us a call on 01245 382888.

Dates for your diary!

Sunday 24 August - Marvellous Vintage at Layer Marney Tower
Sunday 30 November - Christmas Gift and Food Market at Chelmsford City Racecourse
Friday 19 December - Father Christmas Experience at Layer Marney Tower
January 2026 - Christmas tree recycling
Sunday 10 May 2026 - Ride For Helen cycle event



SUNDAY 24th AUGUST 2025

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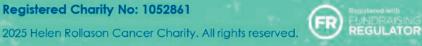
DANCING

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For more information call 01245 380719 or email: fundraising@helenrollason.org.uk

Helen Rollason Cancer Charity









Hatfield Peverel Methodist Church

We had a lot of fun at Party in the Park and visitors enjoyed identifying the vintage carpentry tools, reminding us that Jesus had been a carpenter.





We enjoyed a happy event to say farewell to our Minister Barry and his wife Ria before their retirement and move to Dorset at the end of the month. Barry and Ria came to Hatfield Peverel in 2017 from their home in South Africa. They have ministered to Methodist Church members in Hatfield Peverel, as well as those in Maldon, Witham and South Woodham Ferrers. They were instrumental in moving our Sunday worship from the Church building in The Street in October 2018, firstly to the Scout Hall and later to the Little Bears Hall. We now enjoy our weekly worship in Room 3 at the Village Hall. Our new Minister, Rev Jennifer Walters, will join us in September.

Barry and Ria established a weekly Lunch Club at St Andrews Junior School and have continued since it began in 2019. During lockdown we presented 'Reality Kids' online, with stories, songs and craft activities. He also encouraged us to set up the Life Expo event at the school, and we were able to share the life and teachings of Jesus with all the pupils. During lockdown Barry also led us in streaming worship services every week until we were able to meet again in person. He and Ria have been an important part of the life of our church and we thank them for their service as we wish them a long and happy retirement.

We are looking forward to hosting another Harvest Craft Event from 10.30 – 12.00 on Sunday 28th September in Room 3 at the Village Hall. The workshop will explore ways of using a 'harvest' of things we would otherwise throw away and creating with recycled materials. Save the date and join us if you can! And, of course, you are welcome to join us for worship any Sunday from 09.15am.

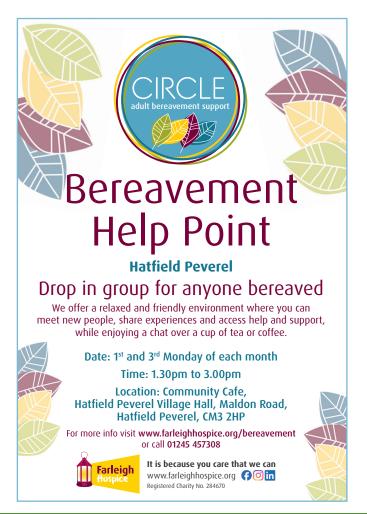
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Our meetings range from different speakers, crafts and activities to our annual summer party and theatre trips. Complimentary tea and cake served as standard at Terling WI meetings, as well as friendly faces, friendships and lots more.

NEXT MEETING DATES:

Thurs 25th Sept Monthly meeting members only & must book in!

Thurs 23rd Oct Monthly meeting

<u>★ terlingwi@outlook.com</u> © (Lucy) <u>07926 649669</u>



Hello from Terling WI!





At our June meeting, committee members Wendy and Lucy took on the last-minute task of holding the cheese and wine evening. They researched, they stressed (a lot!) and they purchased. But what a great evening we had! The pairings were superb, and we learned about four different cheeses with four different wines, and the perfect accompaniments. A very well attended meeting with two new members - welcome to Emily and

Last month, we attended the Hatfield Peverel Party in the Park If this sounds like something you'd with a small stall of craft items and homemade cakes. It was great to



spread the word and make ourselves known in the community. We had a great time, a huge thank you to all the people involved in organising such a great event. It's hard work, but we all appreciate it!

There's no meeting in August, so we are back in September for other members-only meeting where we welcome the Silver Darlings -Essex's first and only female Sea Shanty crew. Members will also get to have a fish and chip supper whilst listening to the music!

enjoy, get in touch (details on the left).

HADFELDA LADIES GROUP

It has become a bit of a tradition for our group to have an Afternoon Tea in June, and this year was no exception. The tables were set with pretty china, fancy serviettes and vases of flowers. Our members enjoyed a tasty selection of sandwiches and delicious cakes washed down with cups of tea and coffee. Judging by the chatter and laughter, everyone had a very enjoyable afternoon.

Previous meetings that have also been a great success and well attended include: a hanging basket demonstration by one of our members in April. This was much appreciated by our

members, especially the lucky ladies who won one of the baskets in the raffle. Our speaker in May, Sue Nicholas, gave a fascinating talk about her travels during her time in the Foreign Office and in July we learned about the work of Guide Dogs with Sue Burrell.

We have an exciting programme for the rest of the year.

27th August - Antony Stark will tell us about Bees & Beekeeping. 24th September - Our Harvest Lunch. 22nd October - A 'Spooky' Afternoon!

We meet at 2pm on 4th Wednesday of the month in St. Andrew's Church Hall. Why not come along to one of our meetings? New faces are always welcome.

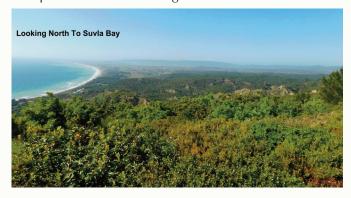


GALLIPOLI REMEMBERED: THE ESSEX REGIMENT'S ROLE IN THE CAMPAIGN

Despite there being no major British actions on the Western Front in August 1915, this was not the case in Gallipoli. That August was a very bad month for Essex.

It was decided to open a new offensive further north from the existing landing zones. From the 6th of August, several British divisions were landed in Suvla Bay, with the intention of pushing inland and putting pressure on the Ottoman troops that were facing British and ANZAC forces further south. From the 8th August, four Territorial Battalions of the Essex Regiment landed at Suvla. These men had no opportunity to acclimatise and were committed to frontline duty not long after their landing.

To divert Ottoman troops from the Suvla landings, major attacks were carried out by those divisions further south including the 1st Battalion of the Essex Regiment, who attacked Ottoman positions at 3:50pm on the 6th. They came under heavy fire immediately and despite capturing the enemy frontline they had lost many men and were unable to hold the gain. Finally, at daybreak on the 7th, they were withdrawn. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission records 250 men from the 1st Essex being killed from the 6th to 8th of August. Most people know the first day of the Battle of the Somme on July 1st, 1916, as an horrendous day in British military history. On that day the Essex Regiment had 209 men killed across the three battalions attacking, so this relatively unknown action in Gallipoli cost more for a single battalion.



In August, 100 men from the Territorial units lost their lives. The landings at Suvla Bay failed to achieve their objective, with no significant advances attempted for several days. As a result, the campaign quickly descended into a trench warfare stalemate.

August also had another tragedy at Gallipoli. The Troopship *HMT Royal Edward* was torpedoed with the loss of 935 lives. 174 of these were replacements for the 1st Essex, including 144 that had volunteered to transfer from the Norfolk Regiment to the Essex Regiment. There were 20

men from Essex, with other units, that lost their lives, along with 5 crew members from Essex. The Essex Regiment lost 541 men in August. Many of those killed are remembered on the Helles Memorial or are buried in Twelve Tree Copse Cemetery – both located on the Gallipoli Peninsula in Turkey, which members of the branch visited in 2019.



Next meeting

August is one of the month's when the Branch holds its talk at the Royal British Legion at Hornchurch. On Wednesday 13th of August, James Smyth will be telling us about the Italian Memoria at Redipuglia in northern Italy. This will relate to major battles in the areas known as The Karst and the Isonzo. British troops were not involved in northern Italy until late in the war but there was extensive fighting between Italian and troops of Austria-Hungary and later Germany. The memorial commemorates more than 100,000 Italian soldiers. This talk has a personal connection to James as he has family in the area and one relative who fought in this area during the First World War.

We will return to the Village Hall at Hatfield Peverel on Wednesday 10th September for a talk by Mark Connelly. He will explore how the Ypres area became a powerful symbol of Remembrance, shaped by four years of intense fighting under horrific conditions. The talk begins at 8pm and all are welcome.

The Branch has a monthly newsletter which carries information remembering casualties from Essex, historical articles and forthcoming events or publications that may be of use to anyone with an interest of the First World War. If you would like to receive a copy by email, with attachments, please ask via essexwfa@googlemail.com We ask for no other information and the newsletter is the sole use of the email address.

Jim Kevany Essex Branch Chairman, Western Front Association



Light, Cameras, Action!



RALPH FIENNES

WHAT HAPPENS BEHIND THESE WALLS WILL CHANGE EVERYTHING:

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After a very successful 20^{th} year Maldon Film Club is preparing already for its new season which begins on Tuesday 9^{th} September 2025.

The season, which opens with the highly acclaimed **The Outrun** continues until 3rd June 2026 with films being shown fortnightly on Tuesdays in 2025 and Wednesdays in 2026. 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 commence at 8pm.

Our first film of the new season, **The Outrun**, tells the story of Rona, Saoirse Ronan, who has been living on the edge in London. She returns to the wild beauty of Scotland's Orkney Islands where she grew up, hoping to come to terms with her troubled past. The film, which was nominated for 2 BAFTA Awards, is adapted from the bestselling memoir by Amy Liptrot. Our second film of the new season, to be screened on Tuesday 23rd September, is the Oscar winning **Conclave**, starring Ralph Fiennes as Cardinal Lawrence. After the sudden death of the beloved Pope, Cardinal Lawrence is tasked with leading one of the most secretive and ancient events. Once the Catholic Church's most powerful leaders have gathered from around the world and are locked together in the halls of the Vatican what happens next could shake the foundations of the church.

As promised last month, I am delighted to confirm that our programme from 14th January until $3^{\rm rd}$ June 2026 is as follows:

Date	Film
14/01/26	September 5
28/01/26	Fallen Leaves
11/02/26	One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Ne
25/02/26	Radical
11/03/26	A Real Pain
25/03/26	If Only I Could Hibernate
08/04/26	A Complete Unknown
22/04/26	Hard Truths
06/05/26	Soundtrack to a Coup d'Etat



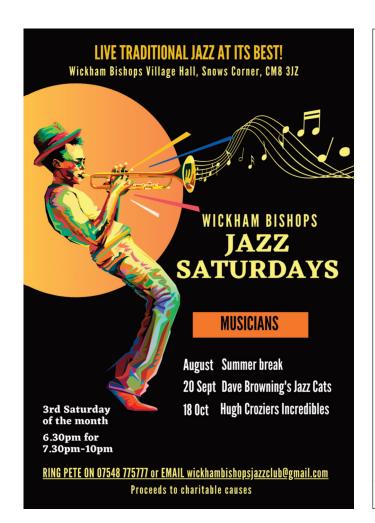


The price of an annual subscription remains at £30 and this entitles members to free admission to all of the season's 19 films, that's less than £1.60 per film! In addition, there are a limited number of places for junior members aged 16-18 in full-time education and training at the reduced cost of £20. 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!

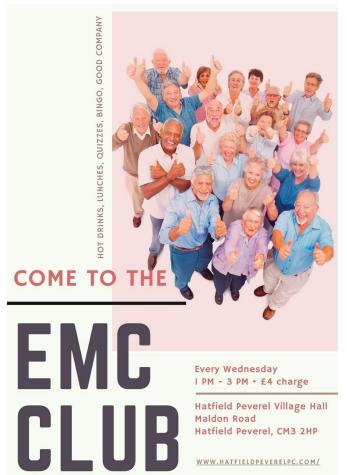
For further details and an application form, please visit our website www.maldonfilmclub.uk, pop into the Maldon Visitor Information Centre (Tuesday – Saturday between 11am and 4pm) or phone 01621 869340 for membership enquiries. Alternatively, you are welcome to come along as my guest to the first film of the new season, meet members of the committee and pay your annual subscription on the night.

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

By John Salisbury











Sunday 7 September 2025

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100 km





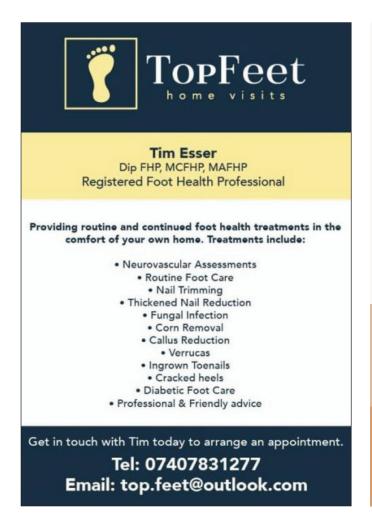


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The Link Between Hydration and Fitness

Hello again, everyone! It's Stefan here—your local mobile personal trainer. With summer now in full swing, it's the perfect time to talk about something essential that many people still overlook - hydration. Whether you're exercising or simply going about your daily routine, staying well-hydrated is one of the easiest and most effective ways to support your health.



Why Hydration Is So Important

Water plays a role in nearly every function of the body. Even mild dehydration can affect how you feel and how well your body performs. And as we get older, the natural thirst response becomes weaker so it's important to stay on top of it consciously.

Here's what proper hydration can do for you:

- Improves energy levels Fatigue is often a sign that you need water, not rest or caffeine.
- Supports joint health Water keeps your joints lubricated and moving smoothly.
- Boosts physical performance Muscles work better and cramp less when well-hydrated.
- Aids digestion It helps break down food and supports regular bowel movements.
- Regulates body temperature Crucial during the warmer months or when exercising.

Try sipping water throughout the day rather than drinking a large amount all at once. Adding a slice of lemon, cucumber, or a pinch of salt and splash of juice can also help if plain water feels boring.



Chair Exercise St Andrew's Church Hall Hatfield Peverel

Tues 10.00 – 10.45

Apr 15,22.May 6,20,27.June 3,17,24.

July 1,8,22. Aug 5,12.

(New term starts Sep 9th.)

Would you like to improve your....

Balance, Strength, Flexibility, Confidence, and General Fitness levels? Why not **come and join us** and have fun too! **You will be very welcome** whatever your level is.

Fully qualified Instructor.

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Medical conditions must be controlled if you would like to attend. Fully qualified Chair Based Instructor & Personal Trainer Mental Health & Exercise Level 4

Please come in comfortable stretchy clothing, leisure footwear and bring water.

Bookings taken now, or turn up on the day!

For details and cost mandadurrant@gmail.com

Telephone - 01376 408046 – Please leave a message

Exercise tip of the month: Heel to Toe Walk

Here's a fun and simple movement that combines coordination, balance, and lower-body awareness—and you can do it anywhere. This is great for building stability and ankle strength, especially for older adults.

How to do it:

- Start Position: Stand tall with your feet together.
- Step Forward: Take a slow step forward, placing your heel directly in front
 of your other foot's toes.
- Pause for Balance: Hold for a second, then repeat with the other foot.
- Continue: Walk 10–15 steps forward in a straight line, then turn around and repeat.

So remember, drink up and move daily. Staying hydrated and adding small exercises like this can keep your body functioning at its best, especially in the warmer months. See you next month with another health tip and new movement to try!

Join us at Strutt Memorial Recreation Ground for our friendly, inclusive fitness classes—hydrated and ready to move! Book in here: https://bookwhen.com/mypersonaltrainer

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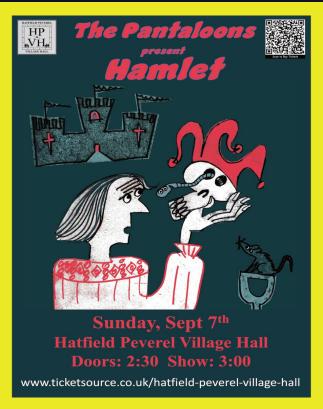






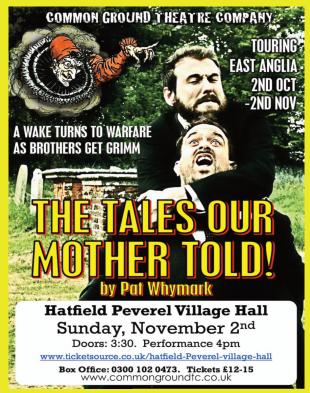


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