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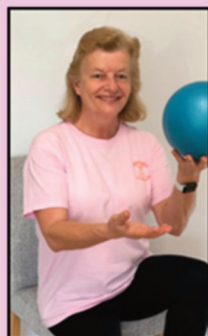
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Hatfield Peverel Parish Council News

As we enter the summer months, we have much to look forward to here in Hatfield Peverel – the Community Information Event, Party in the Park, the Community Park Open Day and continuing sports initiatives in the village.

Community Information Event

This month is our annual Community Information Event. Taking place on Sunday 7th June from 11am – 1pm at The Village Hall, it's a chance to find out more about what's happening here in Hatfield Peverel and Nounsley. You can discover all the events, clubs, societies and community groups that take place at the Village Hall. Representatives from local groups and clubs will be present, along with councillors available to discuss ongoing initiatives and plans, including the Community Park, Party in the Park and other projects.

The Coffee Lounge will be open too so pop in to meet us during your morning walk – and stay for a coffee! See our notice on page 4.

Party in the Park

Things are hotting up for Party in the Park. With only a month to go, the Community Events Committee is working hard behind the scenes to bring you another enjoyable free day out for all the family.

We've got a great lineup of live music, and stallholders, charities, and societies are doing their prep to bring you a day of fun. Put Saturday 4 July 2026 in your diaries. The day starts at 1pm and runs through til 9.30pm. Read more about what's on, on page 9.

We are keen to create a list of residents who may wish to volunteer to help on the day – litter picking, helping to set up for the day and later helping to clear up after the event. If you can spare us an hour, please email our Deputy Clerk, Carly to add your name to the list. deputyclerk@hatfieldpeverelpc.com

Sport in the Village

Our Barclays Free Park Tennis sessions are growing in membership and continue to run every Sunday from 10–11am. They are completely free to attend. As places are limited, we encourage participants to book via the Sport in the Village section of our website or by visiting this link: <https://tinyurl.com/Book-FreeParkTennis> You do not need to be an experienced tennis player to join in – complete beginners are welcome as are families though we ask for children under 13 to be accompanied by an adult. We'd also like to extend a big thank you to the volunteer Tennis Activators who've gone through training to provide these sessions. If you'd like to get involved and become a Tennis Activator yourself, email the Parish Clerk at the address below.

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Community Park

There's a further update on the Community Park by Councillor Mike Renow on page 11. Steady progress is being made but as you can imagine, it's a sizeable task to undertake for such a small parish council so we appreciate your patience as work continues to make the site accessible and safe. Residents can find out more about the plans at the Community Information Event.

How to keep up to date with Council news

To stay up to date with Parish Council news, please visit our website at www.hatfieldpeverelpc.com

We also post main information on the Parish Council noticeboards around the village but for up-to-date and the latest information and news – particularly for Party in the Park – please follow one (or all) of our social channels. See above.

Residents are always welcome to get in touch by email or telephone with any queries. The opening hours of the Parish Council office are on our website.

The next two Full Council Meetings will take place on Monday 1st June and Monday 6th July. Residents are always welcome to attend. Please see the website or noticeboards for the agenda.

Sarah Gaeta

Parish Clerk Hatfield Peverel Parish Council

parishclerk@hatfieldpeverelpc.com | 01245 382865

Parish Council Office, Village Hall, Maldon Road, Hatfield Peverel, Essex CM3 2HP



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 7th June 2026**

 **11:00 am - 1:00 pm**

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



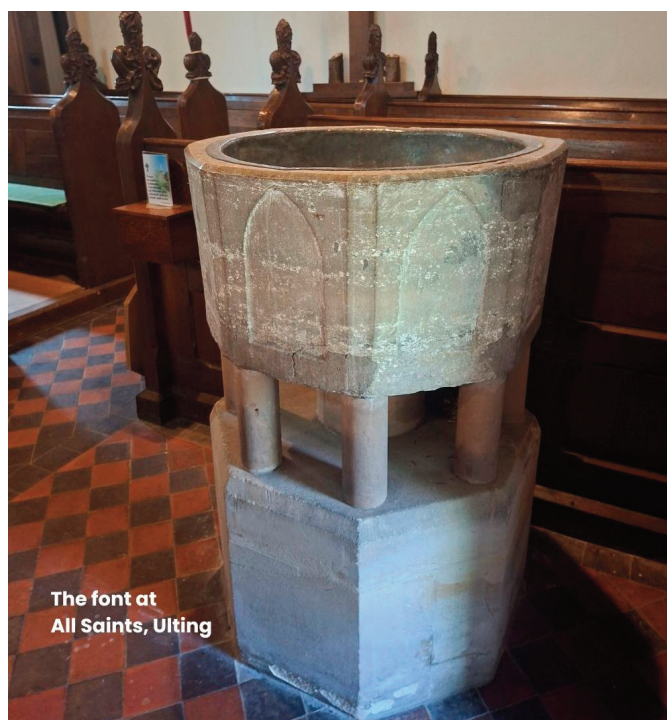
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NEWS FROM ST. ANDREW'S & ALL SAINTS, ULTING

How can it be that we are nearly halfway through the year?

By the time you read this Howard Schnaar will just have had the operation on his back (operation date moved 3 times!) and hopefully will have started on the way to recovery. Sadly, a full cure for his back problem has not been promised but at least there should be a substantial improvement for him to minimise ongoing pain as much as possible.

We have been very busy in both churches recently with six baptisms and four weddings (could there be a film in there somewhere?!) in the last few weeks with more planned soon. Please see the photos of the magnificent baptismal fonts in our two churches. It's so encouraging to have these services in our churches, and we would be delighted to encourage anyone thinking of having any celebration in our ancient and beautiful buildings to get in touch (contact details are on the next page).



Talking of weddings, some of us recently attended an excellent evening at Hatfield Place. What a wonderful venue for a wedding! Margaret Freeman talked us through a most interesting history of the property and Ian Twinley described the amazing work involved in bringing the property into its present splendid condition.

We have celebrated Ascension Day (on 14th May, 40 days after Easter) and the Feast of Pentecost on 24th May (50 days after Easter). Ascension Day commemorates Jesus leading his disciples to the Mount of Olives, blessing them,



and ascending to heaven, signifying his victory over death, his ascension to God's right hand, and the promise of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost, originally a Jewish festival, is celebrated in the Christian Church as the occasion when God sent his Holy Spirit to both transform and empower the followers of Jesus for the mission that He had given them. In Great Britain it is also known as Whitsun, from an Old English word meaning 'White Sunday' - the day on which converts to Christianity wore white garments and were baptised. Pentecost marks the end of the Easter period, so the Easter trail in St Andrew's and the wonderful Easter gardens at both churches were dismantled. We hope that they will have been enjoyed by all visiting the respective churchyards.

Soup and Roll in May supported Christian Aid, appropriately in the middle of Christian Aid week, with a red soup (Roasted Butternut Squash) and a green soup (celery and potato). Although some of our usual guests were away, we still raised £233.45 with the help of some magnificent gift aided donations. Please note this month's event on Tuesday 9th June 12.30-2pm will be in support of [Farleigh Hospice](#) which is in such need of funds as you will no doubt have heard. So, do please come along, and why not bring friend?

On the next page you will find details of our services in June, to which you are all most welcome as well as contact details for us here at St Andrew's and All Saints, Ulting.

Parish of St Andrew Hatfield Peverel with All Saints Ulting

SERVICES etc. for JUNE 2026

	St Andrews	All Saints
Saturday 6th 10 -12 noon	COFFEE MORNING in St Andrew's Church Hall	
Sunday 7 th	10.15am Matins (Morning Prayer with hymns)	9am Holy Communion
Tuesday 10 th	SOUP and ROLLS in St Andrew's Church Hall 12.30- 2pm (In aid of Farleigh Hospice)	
Sunday 14 th	8am Holy Communion 10.15 All Age Service	9am Morning Prayer
Sunday 21 st	10.15 Parish Eucharist	9am Holy Communion
Sunday 28 th	10.15 Parish Eucharist	9am Parish Eucharist (Common Worship) <i>+refreshments</i>

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 Andrews open for prayer every Thursday at 9a.m.

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johnandanna.tomlins@btopenworld.com
All Saints, Ulting: Rev'd Derek Clark 01245 380627 07860235778



Hatfield Peverel Flower Club

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Saturday 6th June 10 - 12.30am

at

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

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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



Contact details for Parish Team

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Rev Derek Clark 07860380627 | Charles Cope 01245 382134

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Serving Essex with Heart: An Interview with Ian Twinley

You may know Ian Twinley from hosting the local primary school when it was unsafe to use the school building. Or perhaps you've seen him opening Party in the Park, leading the Remembrance Parade, or attending one of the many charity events held at his home, The Crix. Or you may know him from having attended last month's Hatfield Place talk, as Ian and his wife Alison are also the custodians of the historic Hatfield Place wedding venue.



Wherever you may have encountered Ian, it will almost certainly have been in a community-minded setting, accompanied by a warm smile and friendly conversation. But what many residents may not know is that Ian is also a Deputy Lieutenant of Essex – an honorary role bestowed upon him in 2012 by the then Lord-Lieutenant of Essex, Lord John Petre.

Ian's path to becoming a Deputy Lieutenant began unexpectedly with his move to The Crix in 2007. The house had long-standing connections with the Strutt family and a strong military and charitable history. Before selling the property to Ian and Alison, Elaine Strutt had just one request – that they continue those charitable and military links. It was a promise Ian readily agreed to honour.

That very summer, The Crix hosted an Army Benevolent Fund evening complete with Beating Retreat, military bands and the attendance of the Lord-Lieutenant himself. Larger military and charitable events soon followed, bringing Ian into contact with senior military figures and organisations across the region.

Despite not having a military background himself, Ian was later invited, as a business leader, to travel to Afghanistan as part of a review into how reservists were integrated into the regular forces. Following hostage training, he travelled to Kandahar and Camp Bastion alongside a group of other business leaders – an experience he describes as arising simply because he had moved into a house with military connections.

From there, Ian became increasingly involved in supporting reserve forces and cadets across East Anglia. What began as employer engagement work developed into several senior voluntary roles, eventually leading to him becoming Chairman of the Reserve Forces and Cadets Association for East Anglia. His involvement continued for around five years.



Throughout this time, Lord John Petre regularly attended the charitable and military events hosted at The Crix. In 2012, he approached Ian and asked whether he would consider becoming a Deputy Lieutenant, a role which is held until the age of 75. Ian happily accepted.

Today, Deputy Lieutenants support the Lord-Lieutenant by attending events and ceremonies throughout Essex on behalf of the King. Duties range from opening community projects and attending awards ceremonies to laying wreaths at Remembrance services. Last year, Ian presented long-service awards for Essex Police wearing the full Deputy Lieutenant ceremonial uniform.

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An Interview with Ian Twinley (continued)



Although the role carries tradition and ceremony, Ian believes it has evolved significantly over the years and continues to do so. He spoke warmly about the importance of recognising the achievements of ordinary people, charities and businesses across Essex.

One of the key responsibilities of the Lieutenancy is supporting honours and awards nominations. From The King's Award for Voluntary Service to Birthday and New Year Honours, Deputy Lieutenants help identify deserving individuals and organisations throughout the county. The process can involve extensive research and fact-finding before recommendations are passed to Westminster for final consideration. Ian himself was awarded an MBE for services to the military.

"So many people do extraordinary things quietly," Ian explained. "To be able to put smiles on people's faces and recognise people that wouldn't normally be recognised - that's a lovely thing."

Community service has remained central to Ian and Alison's life in Hatfield Peverel. Alongside hosting events such as the Essex Dog Day and the Helen Rollason Charity Bike Ride, Ian became a trustee of the Feeofees charity, which supports local children and

families. Later, the couple purchased Hatfield Place, restoring the historic building while also opening it up for community use, awards ceremonies and charitable events. During the RAAC crisis at the local junior school, Hatfield Place even provided temporary accommodation for pupils and staff.

Ian reflects on his journey with a degree of disbelief. A self-described "slightly hooligan Chelmsford schoolboy" in his younger years, he credits his apprenticeship at Ford with helping shape both his career and outlook on life. His successful business career ultimately brought him to The Crix - and with it, opportunities and experiences he could never have imagined.

Despite the ceremonial uniform, royal duties and county-wide role, Ian's focus remains firmly rooted in community. Much of what motivates him centres around encouraging younger generations and helping people feel connected and valued.

He believes strongly that young people need opportunities, guidance and somewhere to belong, and would like to see youth clubs return to towns and villages across Essex.

"Young people need direction, encouragement and things to do," he said. "If communities invest in young people, you create better communities for everyone."

It is perhaps this balance of tradition, service and genuine community spirit that makes Ian so well suited to the role of Deputy Lieutenant. Whether opening a village event, supporting charities, recognising volunteers or encouraging young people to fulfil their potential, his commitment to Essex - and to Hatfield Peverel in particular - is clear to see.

Words by Janice Fitzpatrick

What is a Lord-Lieutenant?

Lord-Lieutenants are the Monarch's official representatives in counties across the United Kingdom. In England, they serve within 48 ceremonial counties, as defined by the Lieutenancies Act 1997, rather than following modern local authority boundaries.

The role dates back to the reign of Henry VIII, when Lord-Lieutenants were responsible for local defence and maintaining order. Today, the position is honorary, non-political and unpaid, with duties focused on supporting civic, charitable and community life.

Essex's current Lord-Lieutenant is Jennifer Tolhurst, the first woman to hold the role in the county since the office was established in the 16th century. As His Majesty The King's representative in Essex, she helps promote voluntary service, recognises achievement and encourages cooperation between communities, charities, businesses and organisations across the county.

What does a Deputy Lieutenant do?

Deputy Lieutenants are appointed by the Lord-Lieutenant, subject to approval by The King, to assist with official duties throughout the county. Essex usually has between 50 and 70 Deputy Lieutenants at any one time, with appointments broadly reflecting the county's population.

Their work can include representing the Lord-Lieutenant at events, supporting honours and awards nominations, assisting with The King's Awards, and visiting voluntary organisations and charities across Essex. Deputy Lieutenants retire at the age of 75, although they retain their title afterwards. To find out more about the Essex Lieutenancy, visit <https://essex-lieutenancy.org.uk/>





PARTY IN THE PARK



returns on Saturday 4th July!

Our annual summer event, Party in the Park, is nearly here and we're looking forward to welcoming the community back to the Strutt Memorial Recreation Ground for a fantastic afternoon and evening of music, entertainment, food and family fun.

Starting at 1pm, this free event promises something for everyone, with a packed programme of live music and performances throughout the day.

This year's headline act is Skafonics, joined by Hope & Ruin, White Onion, Inari and AllyKats. There will also be performances from Hotsteps, KL Aerials and Salsa D'Lite.

There will be plenty to keep younger visitors entertained too, including face painting, bouncy castles from Essex Amusements, apple bobbing, the teddy tombola and much more.



Visitors can also browse a wide range of stalls featuring talented local crafters and makers, alongside community clubs, charities and societies showcasing what they have to offer. Don't forget to pick up some raffle tickets while you're there!



A fantastic selection of food and drink will be available throughout the day, including offerings from Square's and Circle's, Street Eat's, The Coffee Lounge, Omars of Hatfield Peverel, The Treat Stop and Eats on the Street, with Molly's Lollys serving ice cream treats. Refreshments will also be available from The Tipsey Grey and The Swan Inn.



If you would prefer, feel free to bring a picnic, although please note that personal BBQs are not permitted.



Spread the word amongst friends and family and make a day of it here in Hatfield Peverel. And if you can spare an hour to volunteer on the day, we'd love to have you help. Just email deputyclerk@hatfieldpeverelpc.com.

Parking will be available on the Rec, but if you are able to walk, please do. We also kindly ask that no seating or gazebos are set up before 12.30pm.

Our Events Committee have put a tremendous amount of work into organising this year's event and we hope you will join us for what promises to be another wonderful community celebration.



An Update for Registered Patients

We would like to share an important update with our patients about some staffing changes at the surgery.

After an incredible 30 years in the medical profession, Dr Marianne Cronin has now retired. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr Cronin again for her longstanding dedication, care, and commitment to our patients and the wider community. We are sure you will join us in wishing her a very happy, and well-deserved retirement.

At the same time, we are pleased to welcome Dr Mamoon Ashraf, who has joined the Practice as a new business partner. Dr Ashraf brings a wealth of



experience to the surgery. She has experience working in hospitals, the Out of Hours Service, and other local GP surgeries; she has a special interest in women’s health and the training of new GPs. We are delighted to welcome her to our surgery and are confident she will be a valuable addition to the team as we continue to provide high-quality care to our patients.

Thank you for your continued support.

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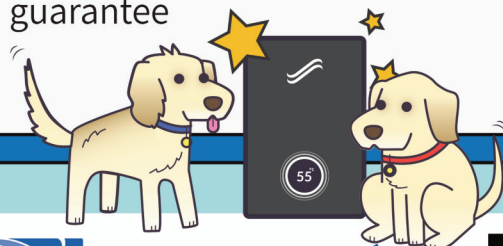


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COMMUNITY PARK

AN UPDATE FROM THE PARKS TEAM

Work continues in preparing the site for public use. Cycle racks and a noticeboard are on order and will soon be installed in the car park. We're also expecting delivery of way marker posts and guidance arrows which will help with navigating the area.

The newly cut pathways are settling in with some work remaining to create a clear surface.

The park team were delighted to take delivery of several well-made and sturdy bird boxes produced by members of the 1st Hatfield Scouts Cubs section as part of their badge earning activities. These will be placed on selected trees around the site alongside the walkways so that nesting activity can be easily monitored by everyone visiting.

Dates to note :-

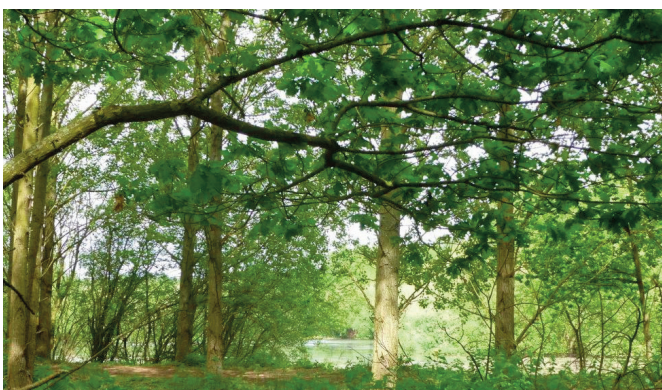
7th June - Hatfield Peverel Parish Council Community Information Event in the village hall.

4th July - Hatfield Peverel Party in the Park.

Members of the park team will be on hand to show the progress made to date and collect contact details from anyone who wishes to sign up for a periodic newsletter on the progress of the park.

Finally, we are aiming to run an Open Day on Saturday 18th July for visitors, subject to confirmation nearer the date. As part of the activity on the day a timetable of accompanied walks around the site will be created which will be published nearer the day. Alternatively visitors to the events on 7th June in the village hall and 4th July Party in the Park will also be able to sign up for particular tours during the day.

The team look forward to welcoming you to the park.



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WESTERN FRONT ASSOCIATION, ESSEX BRANCH

AN ESSEX REGIMENT SOLDIER REMEMBERED

One of the key functions of the Western Front Association is remembrance. This month, we make a change from our normal narrative on WWI campaigns to let you know of a special event that several members of the Branch attended back in April.

It's known that a large number of soldiers that died have no known grave or could not be identified and they are remembered on one of the large Memorials on the major battlefields. In April 1917, the 11th Battalion of the Essex Regiment carried out an attack at Loos, in France, resulting in sixty-eight fatalities with fifty-four of these being recorded on the Loos Memorial.

With major infrastructure projects going on in that part of France, the remains of fallen soldiers are regularly being uncovered. All these soldiers receive a reburial in a Commonwealth War Graves Commission cemetery. The Joint Casualty and Compassionate Centre of the Ministry of Defence make very strenuous efforts to try to identify these fallen soldiers.

One such man was Private Reginald Joseph Blake, of the Essex Regiment, who came from the Tendring area. He was reburied with full military honours on the 22nd of April this year - almost 109 years to the day of his death. The service was carried out by the Chaplain of the 1st Battalion, the Royal Anglian Regiment, and the bearer



party was provided by the same battalion, which is the direct descendant regiment to the Essex Regiment. The last post was played and wreaths were laid, including one from the Essex Branch of the WFA.

Six members of our Branch attended, along with two members from the Southend-on-Sea Branch. It was a very moving service, and we felt honoured to be there to remember him and other members of the Essex Regiment that fell in the conflict.



In June, the Branch talk takes place at the Royal British Legion at Hornchurch on the 10th. It will be a change from the norm, with two branch members giving short talks on areas that interest them. We'll be back at Hatfield Peverel Village Hall on 8th July for a talk by Jim Smyth with The Battles of the Isonzo.

The Branch has a monthly newsletter which carries information concerning branch talks and events, remembering casualties from Essex, historical articles and forthcoming events or publications. If you have an interest in the First World War and would like to receive a copy by email, 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

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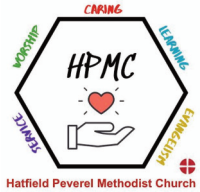
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METHODIST NEWS

We have had some very interesting themes in our worship recently, with a powerful message from Jeff and the story of the Road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-55). We explored the topic of truth and trust, especially challenging our response to those who misrepresent our faith. Who and what do we believe? A powerful video called 'He didn't say' helped us to focus on what Jesus actually said and how he wants, needs and expects us to behave.

Another thought-provoking topic was delivered by David, based on St Paul addressing the people of Athens and referring to the images of gods which they worshipped. What does God actually look like? There is little help in the Bible in answering this question. So, we tried to create our own images of God – with plenty of variation in what we imagined!



Our gospel reading (John 14:15-21) described Jesus revealing that God our Father is 'the Spirit of truth' and will always be with us. We were also reminded of the founder of the Methodist Church, John Wesley, who had experienced this on 24th May 1738. He said,

"In the evening I went very unwillingly to a society in Aldersgate Street, where one was reading Luther's Preface to the Epistle to the Romans. About a quarter before nine, while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed".

The experience of feeling 'strangely warmed' when knowing about the love of God is one that we still feel today. Why not join us and experience the warmth of our welcome?

Sunday worship at the Village Hall

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

You can contact us as follows:

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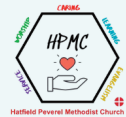
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Hatfield Peverel Flower Club

Programme for Spring/Summer 2026

N.B. No meeting in January

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

N.B. No meeting in August

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June & July – Here comes the sun!

Words by Drew Price

The gardens and allotments are bursting into life at this time of year, and after a chilly start to spring, June and July finally reward us with colour, growth, and hopefully a few bowls of strawberries along the way! Whether you've got a full allotment, a small back garden, hanging baskets, or just a few pots by the kitchen door, there's plenty to enjoy over the next couple of months.

Veg Patch Tips

Now is the perfect time to keep sowing salad leaves little and often for a steady summer supply. Beetroot, carrots, spring onions, and lettuce can all still be planted now. Potatoes should be earthed up regularly, and tomatoes will need tying in and pinching out as they race upwards.

Remember, in hot weather, one good deep watering is far better than lots of tiny splashes. Early mornings or evenings are best, and mulching around plants helps retain soil moisture.

If you're lucky, early potatoes, peas, salad, radishes, and broad beans may already be making their way into the kitchen!

Flower Power

Roses, geraniums, lavender, and foxgloves should all be putting on a wonderful display. Deadheading faded flowers keeps plants blooming for longer, and bees will thank you for leaving plenty of pollinator-friendly flowers around the garden.

Why not encourage the younger gardeners in the family with a sunflower competition? A packet of seeds, a ruler, and a little sunshine can keep children entertained for weeks!

Fruit Corner

Strawberries are one of the highlights of early summer, but the birds seem to know exactly when they ripen! Net

carefully if needed, always making sure wildlife can't become trapped

Tomatoes in pots will benefit from a weekly feed now, and soft-fruit bushes should be watered regularly during dry spells to help them produce juicy fruit.

Wildlife & Critter Corner

Summer gardens are full of life. Bees, butterflies, frogs, hedgehogs, and birds all help create a healthy garden ecosystem.

A shallow dish of water with a few pebbles can help bees and insects stay hydrated during hot days. Leaving one small corner of the garden a little wild also creates shelter for helpful creatures.

Please remember to check long grass before strimming, especially during hedgehog season.

Family Fun in the Garden

- Make a simple bug hotel using old sticks and plant pots
- Grow cress faces on a windowsill – (a classic, easy-to-grow nature activity for children, where edible cress is cultivated to resemble green hair growing from a decorated eggshell, yoghurt pot, or container.)
- Count how many different butterflies you can spot
- Hold a "largest courgette" or "tallest sunflower" family competition



Quick Jobs for June & July

- ✓ Tie in climbing beans and sweet peas
- ✓ Keep on top of weeds little and often
- ✓ Feed tomatoes and hanging baskets weekly
- ✓ Harvest regularly to encourage more crops
- ✓ Keep bird baths topped up during hot weather

Most importantly, take time to enjoy it all. Gardening isn't about perfection! It's about fresh air, muddy hands, small victories, and the joy of seeing something grow.

Happy gardening from everyone at the HPAA!



Flowers and First Aid – the new WI year

In our April meeting we welcomed back our favourite florist, Wendy Jessiman from Blooms and Bouquets. April is the start of the new WI year, and the committee treated their members to a very special meeting of flower arranging.

We learnt how to create the perfect spring bouquet and had the most beautiful flowers to arrange. Each member got to take home their stunning bouquet and display it proudly in their homes. As our meetings take place towards the end of the month – well after the deadline for this issue of Village Voice – we'll bring you an update of our May meeting with author, Ruth Leigh, in next month's issue.



At our monthly meeting at the end of this month, we welcome not one, but two guests. The lovely Laura will be talking through the WI resolutions for this year, which includes 'Bystanders can be lifesavers'. Tying in nicely with this, we welcome TrainEAST who will give us some basic first aid training.

See below for the date of this month's meeting and we'll be holding our annual summer party next month which is a members-only event. If you'd like to be a part of our welcoming group of women who learn, laugh and make a difference together, we'd love you to join us! Get in touch – details below.



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HATFIELD PEVEREL & ULTING HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Society has a busy year planned and we always welcome new members. Our thanks to Upsons Farm Shop where our membership cards and year books are available. Annual membership is just £3 (£2 for seniors).

Thank you to everyone who attended the annual plant sale and coffee morning in May, it was wonderful to see so many visitors.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR 2026

- 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 are held in the Village Hall at 7:30 pm unless otherwise noted. We look forward to seeing you. Our thanks to everyone who attended and contributed to the Spring Show.

Please do look at the Autumn show schedule, we welcome entries from our community, there is a wide range of categories, including plants, baking, crafts and photography. It is a wonderful showcase for the many talents of the residents of our village



TIPS FOR YOUR GARDEN IN JUNE

June is a busy time in our gardens as the warmer weather arrives! Our gardens begin to bloom and flourish and bring welcome colour to our outdoor spaces. The greenhouse can be planted with tomatoes and cucumbers but remember to water regularly as the temperatures increase. For some excellent tips and ideas on planting and caring for vegetables, see The Hatfield Peverel Allotment Association's article on page 13.



Prune:

June is the time to prune spring flowering perennials to encourage new growth. Prune spring and summer flowering shrubs such as weigela and philadelphus. Tie up climbing plants to provide support for summer growth and cut back long shoots to encourage flowering next spring e.g. jasmine, clematis, wisteria and honeysuckle.

Plant:

Continue to plant summer bedding for a long summer of colour. Water regularly to enable them to establish quickly and encourage growth. Plant exotic, tender plants such as cannas, coleus and amaranthus now that the risk of frost has passed.

Propagate:

Cuttings can be taken from pinks, fuchsias, dahlias and geraniums and planted in the greenhouse or on windowsills to establish. Softwood cuttings can be taken from herbs such as sage and marjoram. Plant in gritty compost to establish root growth.

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



by Karen Bayley



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THE END OF ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SEASON!



Maldon Film Club continues to go from strength to strength and its successful 21st Season finished in June 2026 with the screening of *La Chimera*. Of the films screened in 2025/2026 a majority received an approval rating in excess of 70% with two films, *Radical* and *One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest* topping the 90% mark and four others - *Conclave*, *I'm Still Here*, *A Complete Unknown* and *Touch* - scoring in excess of 80%!

Even before the screening of *La Chimera*, Maldon Film Club's committee was preparing for its 22nd season which begins on Tuesday 8th September 2026. The programme for the new season, which is heavily influenced by the members' votes, will, as always, cover a wide variety of themes with films from different regions of the world. Many of the nineteen films to be screened have received Oscars and/or nominations and, as usual, the programme will offer something for everyone. Further details of our 2026/27 season, including a full list of the films to be screened, will be published in next month's magazine. Given the significant increase in the number of members you are advised to book your 2026/27 membership at the very earliest opportunity.

The Club, which was formed in 2005, meets at Maldon Town Hall on a Tuesday evening (September to December) and then on a Wednesday from January until the end of the season. Doors open at 7.15pm, and wine and soft drinks are available, at a charge, from 7.30pm. Unless otherwise stated, the films commence at 8.00pm.

Currently there are almost 200 members, and the price of next season's annual subscription will be just £30. This entitles members to free admission to all the season's nineteen 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 and members' guests pay just £4. As a member you will be asked to give your reaction to the films you have seen and help the committee compile the programme for the following season. Membership is open to all, and new members will be made very welcome.

For further details please check out the website www.maldonfilmclub.uk, visit the Maldon Visitor Information Centre (Tuesday - Saturday 1100-1600) or phone 01621 869133 for membership enquiries. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, John Salisbury, on 07905 971608.

Until next season.... that's a wrap!

By John Salisbury



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HADFELDA (LADIES) GROUP



Our April meeting took place on the 22nd, the day before St George's Day. We celebrated our patron saint by decorating the hall with flags and serving cakes also decorated with the cross of St. George. The day before our meeting, 21st April, would have been the 100th birthday of the late Queen, so we were sandwiched between two interesting dates.

Our April speaker, John Cameron, gave us a fascinating talk about Medical Detection Dogs. They work by using their extraordinary sense of smell to identify Volatile Organic Compounds produced by diseases and can detect illnesses like cancer and Parkinson's. He also told us about the Cinnamon Trust, a charity that will find volunteers to walk an owner's dog if they are unable to do so for any reason*.



April was also the month of our AGM, albeit a very informal affair. It is now four years since our Hadfelda group broke away from the WI and went independent, and we seem to have gone from strength to strength. Not only have we increased our membership, but we have also enjoyed some excellent speakers and events.

Fortunately, the committee agreed to stay on for another year, but unfortunately, we've had to increase our annual subscription by £2 to £27 due to bank charges and a rise in hall costs.

The Hadfelda Ladies Group meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 2pm in St. Andrew's Church Hall. At the time of writing, our May meeting was yet to take place, so we will bring you more details about the Owl Rescue Charity by Stephanie Callister-Jarrold next month.

Our meeting on 24th June is an Afternoon Tea - always very popular! And on 22nd July, we have a talk from a representative from Marie Curie - a very worthwhile charity.

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.

By Marel Elliston

**The Village Voice* ran a piece in July 2025 by John, detailing the work of Medical Detection Dogs and the Cinnamon Trust. Click the link to read it.



PEVEREL WINE CLUB

THE FUTURE'S ORANGE! (BUT ONLY MAYBE)

At May's meeting, we were very lucky to have one of Essex's most knowledgeable wine experts, Alison Curwood-Gore, to present to us the topic of Quirky Wines. We had no idea what Alison would choose, but in the event, she introduced us to a selection of interesting wines whose quirkiness ranged from their colour to grape variety to country of origin.

We looked first at three very different orange wines: most of us had heard of orange wines but were a bit hazy what they actually were. Alison soon dismissed the notion that they were wines made from orange juice and explained that they were simply wine made from white grapes but in the way that red wine is made, skins, pips and all. This extended skin contact can last for days or even months and produces an orange-hued wine with higher tannins and bolder flavours than a conventional white wine.

Although orange wine has become fashionable in the last few years, the process is in fact an ancient one, dating back to Georgia 8,000 years ago.

The three wines were all very different, with the **Côté Mas Rosorange**, a very quirky blend of rosé and orange wines (**Waitrose, currently on offer at £8.75**) and the **Winzer Krems Orange Grüner Veltliner (Majestic, £11 Mix 6 price)** tying as our favourites. Knowing that orange wine is definitely a bit of a Marmite choice, Alison was pleased to see that about half the audience would try orange wine again.

The three reds were less controversial, the first being an excellent-value Moldovan from Aldi using the Rara Neagra grape, the second a powerful offering from Puglia using the rare but ancient Nero di Troia grape and the last a big Australian Shiraz from the very left-field producer Mollydooker. The clear winner here was the beautifully made **Collezione Beatrice Nero di Troia** from North Essex wine merchants **Baythorne Wines** (£13.49).

June sees the first of the summer's *Out & About in Essex* meetings, when we shall be visiting the lovely Missing Gate vineyard in its beautiful setting opposite RHS Hyde Hall. We shall hear how the vineyard was set up and its subsequent progress, before seeing some of the young vines and enjoying a tasting session on site. July will also see us straying away from the village hall for our annual walking treasure hunt in a mystery location, followed by a pub supper.

Fingers are very firmly crossed for good weather on both occasions!

If you'd like to join us in July (not June which is now fully booked) – or indeed 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, particularly during the summer months).



Our website www.peverelwineclub.co.uk has now been relaunched in a new and very clear, easy-to-use format – why not take a look? The exciting 2026 programme is available to view on the website, or email Vee at peverelwineclub@hotmail.co.uk for more information.

By Vee Green, Secretary

SOCIAL TENNIS HAS STARTED ON THE NEW HP COURTS!

A small group has started to use the excellent new HP Tennis Courts and is now enjoying playing on Monday and Friday mornings from 10am to 12 noon.

We'd be very happy if others wished to join us. Not a club as such: arrangements are made through a WhatsApp group and then courts booked depending on numbers, sharing the modest costs.

If you might be interested, come along and have a chat or give me a ring on 07821 263931.

Thanks, Chris



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