

HATFIELD PEVEREL

VILLAGE VOICE

News from Hatfield Peverel, Nounsley and surrounding areas



SAVE THE BEES!

**World Bee Day &
Rewilding in Hatfield Peverel**

***PLUS* sports & events
around the village**

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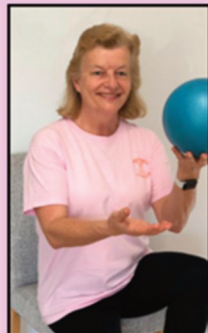
St Andrews Church Hall, Hat Peverel.
May 19th 11.15 – 12.00
 Please make sure you have the go ahead from your doctor that it is safe for you to exercise.
 Please contact for details
 01376 408046
mandadurrrant@gmail.com



Bringing the Community Together!

Exercise & Activities for People with early Dementia

St Andrews Church Hall, Hat Pev.
June 16th 11.15 – 12.00
 Carers welcome to attend
 Please contact
 01376 408046
mandadurrrant@gmail.com



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!*

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

Hatfield Peverel Parish Council News

Welcome to May here in Hatfield Peverel and Nounsley! As always, there's lots going on in the villages and surrounding areas with a real focus this month on our environment. It's World Bee Day on 20th May so take a look at the useful information from our local group of Beekeepers on page 14.

Sport in the Village

Our Barclays Free Park Tennis sessions began on the last Sunday in April. These sessions 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 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.



Walking Tennis

This month we are introducing another sports initiative – Walking Tennis. It's ideal for those who enjoy tennis but prefer a gentler pace of play. All ages are welcome. Our Tennis Coach, Mark Cain, will run a course of sessions starting 5th May on the Strutt Memorial Tennis Courts behind the Village Hall. The first five sessions are completely free, with a charge for continued sessions thereafter. To book in, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/book-WalkingTennis>

Community Information Event

Next 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 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 free day out for all the family. Stallholders are being finalised and the live music lineup is nearly ready to reveal.

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

Community Park

Plans for the Community Park continue to progress, with a brief update from Councillor Mike Renow on page 6. We appreciate how keen residents are to access the site. 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.

Local Elections

A reminder that Essex County Council elections will take place on 7 May. Please ensure you bring a form of ID to your allocated voting site so that you can make sure your vote counts.

No Mow May

Following the last two years, Hatfield Peverel and Nounsley will once again be part of No Mow May which means certain verges and areas around the villages will be left to rewild. Some of those areas will be tended to at the end of May; others will be left to continue with our rewilding initiative throughout the summer. You can read more about this on page 9.

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 11 May, and residents are 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



COME & TRY

WALKING TENNIS

starting 5th May 2026

FIRST FIVE WEEKS FREE*

Suitable for all ages – No previous experience necessary

TUESDAYS

10.30AM – 11.30AM

**Hatfield Peverel
Tennis Courts**

EQUIPMENT PROVIDED

To book visit <https://tinyurl.com/book-WalkingTennis>
or scan QR code

Mark Cain | markacain@live.com | 07741 083192

*Includes 5 free sessions – charges apply thereafter;
places limited, booking essential



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

Easter was some week's ago, but at the time of writing, we are still fresh from the glow of the celebrations of Eastertide. We had a series of very special services – on Maundy Thursday at Faulkbourne, and Good Friday and Easter Sunday at both our churches. We enjoyed wonderful Easter hymns and prayers and meaningful memories for all who attended those services and the services for both Infant and Junior schools. The Easter trail in St Andrew's, and the Easter gardens at both churches, which were themselves so beautifully decorated, were hugely appreciated. The Easter Cross at St Andrew's made from a stripped Christmas tree became emblazoned with lights to show life resurrected.



A note about services

Our Priest in Charge, Rev Howard Schnaar, will be going into hospital this month for a much-needed operation to help a very painful back and while he is recovering, we will organise cover for services as best we can. If a service doesn't quite happen as advertised, please bear with us whilst praying for Howard's speedy recovery.



Donations in aid of [Christian Aid](#)

COME AND ENJOY Soup and a Roll

on Tuesday 12th May 2026
12.30pm - 2pm
in St Andrew's Church Hall



Church Road, Hatfield
Peverel, Chelmsford,
Essex CM3 2LE

Monthly Soup & Roll

Our Soup and Roll lunch in April raised £140 for 'Tools with a Mission' (TWAM for short), a Christian Charity that collects unwanted usable tools, refurbishes them and sorts them into trade tool kits for livelihood creation to over 500 organisations in the UK and sub-Saharan Africa.

Our next Soup and Roll lunch on 12th May, 12.30-2.00pm will support Christian Aid, which exists to help create a world where everyone can live a full life free from poverty. The charity's current focus is its Middle East Humanitarian appeal, helping where man-made disaster follows man-made disaster, increasing the suffering of the innocent and vulnerable. For anyone who has yet to come to any of these events, you are most welcome to enjoy company and a simple meal, all for free though a donation to the charity is most welcome.

Come to our Coffee Morning

Our next Coffee Morning is on Saturday 2nd May 10.am-12noon. Apart from excellent (not instant!) coffee and tea, there is always a selection of mouthwatering home-made scones and cakes to eat, an opportunity to sit and

chat and stalls with homemade cakes and pastries to take away, home-made cards, bric a brac, a raffle and a bookstall. The bric-a-brac stall often has interesting and unusual items so come along and see for yourselves!

On the next page you will find details of our services in May, to which you are all most welcome.



Contact details for Parish Team

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Rev Derek Clark 07860380627 | Charles Cope 01245 382134

John Tomlins 07712699722 | Mark Keenan 07791141974

Website: www.hatfieldpeverelultingchurches.org.uk



Parish of St Andrew Hatfield Peverel with All Saints Ulting

SERVICES etc. for MAY 2026

	St Andrews	All Saints
Saturday 2nd	10 -12 noon COFFEE MORNING in St Andrew's Church Hall	
Sunday 3rd	10.15am Matins (Morning Prayer with hymns)	9am Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 10th	8am Holy Communion 10.15 Parish Eucharist	9am Morning Prayer
Tuesday 12 th	SOUP and ROLLS in St Andrew's Church Hall 12.30- 2pm (In aid of Christian Aid)	
Sunday 17th	10.15 All Age Service	9am Holy Communion
Sunday 24th	10.15 Whitsunday Service	9am Parish Eucharist

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

Contacts:
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 revhoward@withamvillages.team,
 Mark Keenan 07791141974 kramnaneek@live.co.uk
 John Tomlins 01245 380359 07712699722 johnandanna.tomlins@btopenworld.com
All Saints, Ulting: Rev'd Derek Clark 01245 380627 07860235778

COMMUNITY

COMMUNITY PARK

AN UPDATE FROM THE PARK'S TEAM



It's all about signs and security this month!

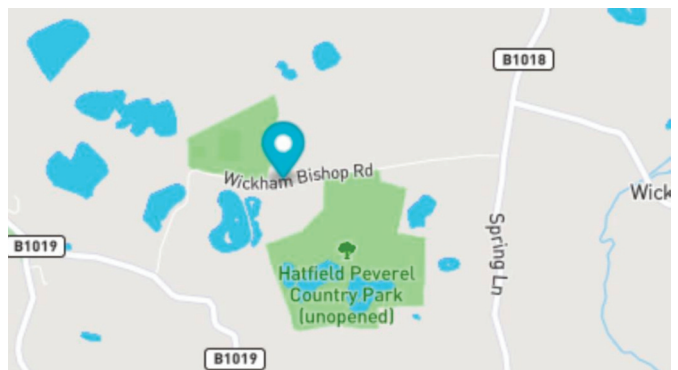
Following last month's update, work on the Community Park continues with the creation of a display map, which will highlight the park's walkable routes and help guide visitors around the site.

Waymarking posts are now being acquired and installed to ensure routes are easy to follow on the ground. Alongside this, additional directional signage is being put in place to support navigation across the park.

Suitable camera monitoring systems are also being sourced to enhance security, particularly around the car park entrance.

We will continue to keep residents updated as work progresses. If you are able to offer any support in helping bring the Community Park vision to life, please do get in touch with one of our councillors.

Cllr Mike Renow



Hatfield Peverel Flower Club

Floral Workshop

“Fresh Flower Arrangement”

Pot et Fleur

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



HATFIELD PEVEREL FOOTBALL CLUB

TOWARDS THE SEASON'S END...

As you read this update we will be entering the last few weeks of the 2025/26 season. It was nice for our junior teams to enjoy a 2-week break over the Easter Holidays; This was a time for our players and managers to re-charge their batteries and prepare for the final few games.

Work behind the scenes does not let up and we continue to invest in our facilities. While the pitches have been redundant, they have been verti-drained, sanded, re-seeded and fertilised. Our hard-working 'pitch elves' have also re-seeded all 16 goalmouths!

Theft of our Tractor and Mower

We are devastated to report the theft of our New Holland Boomer 25 tractor & mower, which was stolen during a break-in at the club in the early hours of 27th March (between 2.30 and 3.30am), by a gang of 4 masked men.

This is a tough time for the club, we are a small village football club, 100% run by volunteers, and a registered charity, but we have confidence that our club members and the local community will get behind us and do what they can to help us get through this awful time.

Please support our **GoFundMe** campaign at <https://gofund.me/3d690281c> to help support the extra costs of cutting pitches in the short-term, and to enhance security at the site.

Thomson Day 2026



Our annual 'in-house' youth tournament will take place on **Saturday, 20th June 2026**. Teams will be competing in a 5-a-side tournament across all age groups. There will be a bouncy castle, Football Darts and many other fun activities as well as a BBQ and licensed bar running all day, so please come and join us at the Keith Bigden Memorial Ground. (Free on-site parking).

Provision of Disability Football At HPFC

We are working with Essex County FA to look at the potential to provide disability footballing opportunities within our community. Initially, we are looking to gauge if there is an appetite here in the village. If you have a child or young adult that maybe interested in playing this wonderful game, then please reach out to the club.

Walking Football

Our Walking Football squad has gone from strength to strength over the last few months and we now have over 20 players. If you're over 50, why not dust off your boots and get back on the pitch - no matter your ability - it's all about fun, fitness & friendship. Just turn up or drop us an email/text to crcwayne@btinternet.com / 07880 224321 for further details. We meet every Saturday morning - 9:45am for a 10am start at Witham Sports Ground (3G), Spinks Lane, Witham CM8.



And finally...

For results and fixtures, please visit www.fulltime.thefa.com Find our website and social details at www.hatfieldpeverel.co.uk

Our licensed bar is open Saturday afternoons and on Sundays, hot food, drinks and snacks are available from 9:30am to 4:30pm.

HATFIELD PEVEREL FOOTBALL CLUB 		
Youth Enquiries (U11 to U18)	Terry Lingley – Secretary	07736 042466 terrylingley@hatfieldpeverel.co.uk
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Club Vice Chair & Treasurer	Gareth Howard	07778 408051 treasurer@hatfieldpeverel.co.uk
HPFC Wildcats	Susan Little	07841 042389
HPFC Meerkats	Luca Curtis	07745 728430
 Hatfield Peverel FC  hatfieldpeverel hpfc_ladies  www.hatfieldpeverel.co.uk		

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**



WICKHAM BISHOPS

JAZZ

SATURDAYS



FEATURING

16 MAY JOHN ELLMER'S
SWISH BAND
20 JUN JOOLS & THE
JAZZAHOLICS

3RD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
6.30PM FOR 7.30PM-10.30PM
WICKHAM BISHOPS VILLAGE HALL,
SNOWS CORNER, CM8 3JZ

FOR TICKETS

RING PETE ON 07548 775777 or EMAIL
wickhambishopsjazzclub@gmail.com

Proceeds to charitable causes

the COFFEE LOUNGE

at Hatfield Peverel Village Hall

Mon - Sat 9 - 5 pm

Sunday 10 - 4 pm

BREAKFAST
LUNCH
CAKES & SNACKS
HOT & COLD FOOD

Coffee Club every Thursday
9 - 11am. Everyone welcome



Hatfield Peverel & Ulting Horticultural Society

PLANT SALE & COFFEE MORNING

SATURDAY 9TH MAY

10-12pm

HELD AT OAKLANDS, NOUNSLEY ROAD CM3 2NF

ALL WELCOME

COME AND BUY YOUR BARGAIN PLANTS
AND ENJOY A CHAT IN THE GARDEN
WITH A CUPPA AND HOMEMADE CAKE.

DAHLIAS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR
COMPETITION ENTRY IN THE AUTUMN SHOW.

CASH ONLY

e-voice.org.uk/hatpevgardens

Enjoy a
cuppa &
a cake



REWILDING IN HATFIELD PEVEREL & NOUNSLEY



Hatfield Peverel's rewilding efforts are set to continue this year, helping to bring more colour, life, and biodiversity to our village green spaces.

For the last two years, as part of Plantlife's **No Mow May** campaign, we have been leaving some grassy areas around Hatfield Peverel and Nounsley to grow longer, allowing native wildflowers to bloom.

Over the last two years, the response from the community has been overwhelmingly positive, and the parish council has decided to continue this initiative in 2026. By allowing wildflowers to flourish, we provide essential food for bees, butterflies, and other pollinators while offering shelter for small mammals. As you will read on pages 14 and 15, our native bees and pollinators depend on these wilder areas for food ensuring a healthy ecosystem.

Last year, we were delighted to have handmade signs created by the younger members of the community and we will be displaying these again around the various points in the village.

If you have a garden, you might consider joining in by letting a section of your lawn grow wild this spring.

Did you know that 97% of flower-rich meadows have disappeared since the 1930s? The No Mow May movement aims to counteract this loss by encouraging people to let lawns, verges, and green spaces grow wilder— supporting wildlife, improving air quality, and even helping to lock away carbon underground. With over 20 million gardens in the UK, even the smallest patch of uncut grass can make a real difference!

Where in the village?

The following areas will be left for No Mow May, after which they will be cut and maintained:

- Nounsley Priory Farm Road verges
- Strutt Memorial Recreation Ground: area beside MUGA pitch (south end)
- Cemetery – extension area.

Additionally, these areas will remain wild throughout the summer and be cut at the end of the season:

- The Green (middle area of large verge)
- Cemetery extension – following No Mow May maintenance, a cross pathway will be mown with the rest of the area left to rewild.
- Allotment site: the verge along the footpath from The Green to Church Road (a small margin by the footpath will be cut).
- Woodham Drive: The verge along the road at both sides of the entrance to Woodham Drive (a small margin will be cut by the footpath).
- Middle verge in Woodham Drive (a small margin will be cut).
- Strutt Memorial Recreation Ground: area beside MUGA pitch (north end);
- Area at rear of Maldon Road cottages;
- Area at the front of the Village Hall;
- The verge along the driveway to the Village Hall;
- The verge at the back of New Road (a small margin will be cut by footpath).
- Nounsley – the middle of both verges by Nounsley Playing Field (a small margin will be cut around the edges)

Rest assured, we will always ensure clear sightlines at junctions for safety. To learn more, visit plantlife.org.uk



Chelmsford and District Welsh Society

Presents

THE LONDON WELSH MALE VOICE CHOIR

7.30 p.m. Saturday 13th June 2026

Chelmsford Cathedral. Doors open at 6.45pm



Tickets £25

(£22.50 if purchased before March 1st 2026)

Contact: concertorganiser.cdws@gmail.com

For availability call 07356 053540 Or use QR code



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CHELMSFORD & DISTRICT WELSH SOCIETY
Cymdeithas Gymraeg CHELMSFORD & R Cylch



WESTERN FRONT ASSOCIATION, ESSEX BRANCH

FROM JUTLAND TO MALDON - WAR ON THE HIGH SEAS & IN THE LOCAL AREA

The major event in the War in May 1916, 110 years ago, happened on the 31st and was the great naval battle of Jutland. This was a mighty clash between battleships and many other warships. It was a long-awaited battle between the Grand Fleet of the Royal Navy and the German High Seas Fleet, which had effectively been blocked in its home ports until then.

151 British ships and 99 German ships were involved. German gunnery proved effective and three British battlecruisers literally blew apart with large loss of life. The battle ebbed and flowed, deep into the night and the Germans eventually returned to port.

British losses were 14 ships and over six thousand crew. The Germans lost 11 ships and two thousand five hundred crew. Many ships were damaged on both sides. Materially the Germans held the upper hand but never ventured from their ports again in the war in large numbers.

When men are lost at sea, they have no grave and Royal Navy losses are recorded on three huge memorials at Plymouth, Portsmouth, and Chatham.

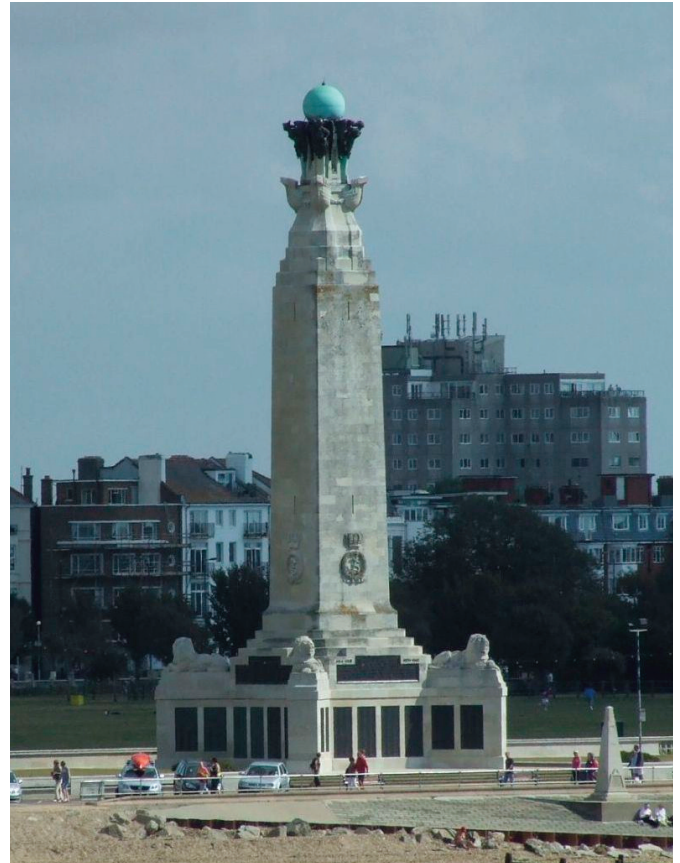
A brief review of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission website identifies four local men who died in the battle. All of these are remembered on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial, pictured here.

They were

- Gunner William Dean, Royal Marine Artillery, in HMS Indefatigable, from Chelmsford
- Able Seaman William Loveday, in HMS Queen Mary, from Woodham Mortimer, Maldon
- Stoker 1st Class Albert Otley, in HMS Queen Mary, from Writtle
- Sub-Lieutenant Neville Seymour, in HMS Queen Mary, from Maldon.

Interested in WWI and local history?

For our next meeting, we return to the Village Hall at Hatfield Peverel on Wednesday 13th of May. On that evening local historian, Stephen Nunn, will tell the story of *Maldon in the First World War*. Not only does it cover how the town coped with the war itself and its men leaving for service but also tells of the nearby downing of a zeppelin and the proximity of an RFC / RAF base, and even a naval base.

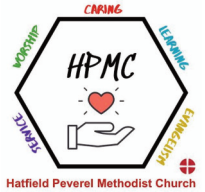


Our talk starts from 8pm. Members and non-members of the WFA equally welcome. Any new visitors are guaranteed a friendly atmosphere and a warm welcome from a group of like-minded enthusiasts. We request an entrance donation of £4.00 and tea and coffee is available.

The Essex Branch of the WFA has a monthly newsletter which carries information concerning Branch talks and events, remembering casualties from Essex, historical articles and forthcoming events or publications that may be of use to anyone with an interest in 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.) And for more information on our WFA branch, please visit westernfrontassociation.com/branches/united-kingdom/essex/

by Jim Kevany
Essex Branch Chairman, Western Front Association



METHODIST NEWS

Easter fun

We had a great time at our Easter Family Event on Palm Sunday. Lots of Easter crafts were enjoyed and the puppets made a welcome appearance too!

We welcomed Val Carter to lead our Easter Sunday worship and to celebrate Holy Communion with us. We were challenged again to imagine how it must have felt for the disciples seeing the empty tomb after Jesus rose from the dead. The strips of linen that had been used to wrap Jesus body had been discarded and the cloth which had covered his head was folded in a separate place. This reminded us of the contrast with the report of the death of Lazarus who Jesus raised to life. He emerged from his tomb still wrapped in the strip of linen.



We have also been reminded recently of the story of Jesus' disciple, Thomas, who was absent when the risen Jesus appeared to the other disciples. Thomas was unable to believe that Jesus had really been there in person, alive and speaking. Thomas represented how many of us might feel – we want to see things with our own eyes before we can believe. But that is the essence of faith – believing with our other senses and our hearts. Why not join us on Sunday and discover more?

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:



Minister: Rev. Dr. Jennifer Walters 07824 440820

Mission Lead: Jane Cook 07827 594535


For information and prayer requests:

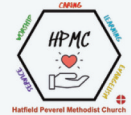
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May & June

Gardening notes for Allotments & Home Gardens

May and June are among the busiest and most rewarding months in the UK gardening calendar. With longer days, warmer soil, and the last frosts fading away, this is the time to move from spring preparation into full summer growth.

A little regular care now will set you up for healthy crops, colourful borders, and satisfying early harvests.

Getting Plants Established (May)

- Harden off tender plants like tomatoes, courgettes, and beans before planting out. Give them a week outdoors during the day, bringing them in at night.
- Watch for late frosts – keep fleece or cloches handy just in case.
- Earth up potatoes when shoots reach around 20cm to protect developing tubers.
- Sow directly outdoors: carrots, beetroot, radish, lettuce, and parsnips all do well in warming soil.
- Check for pests early – especially aphids, slugs, and lily beetles. A quick daily glance can prevent bigger problems later.

Water, Feed & Support (June Focus)

- Water deeply, not little and often – early morning or evening is best. Aim for the roots, not the leaves.
- Mulch generously (compost, straw, or bark) to lock in moisture and suppress weeds.
- Feed hungry plants like tomatoes, cucumbers, and squash weekly once they start flowering.
- Support climbing plants – tie in beans, peas, and flowering climbers regularly as they grow.
- Pinch out tomato side shoots (cordon types) to encourage better fruiting.



Keep on Top of Growth

- Weed little and often – it's much easier than tackling a jungle later.
- Mow lawns regularly but raise the blade in dry weather to reduce stress.
- Thin out overcrowded fruit on apple and plum trees to improve size and prevent branch damage.
- Succession sow every couple of weeks (salads, radishes, spring onions) for a steady supply.

Harvest Highlights

- Asparagus – enjoy until mid-June, then stop cutting.
- Rhubarb – pick young stems and remove any flowers.
- Early potatoes – gently lift as needed.
- Salads & radishes – best picked young and fresh.
- Strawberries – protect from birds and harvest as they ripen.

A Note for Nature

- Keep a small dish of water for birds and pollinators, add a taller stone for short legs and non-swimmers like bees to escape.
- Let some plants flower – bees will thank you, and your crops will benefit too.
- Avoid harsh chemicals where possible; nature often balances itself if given the chance.

Final Thought

A few minutes each day, especially at home, – watering, checking, tying in, or harvesting – makes all the difference at this time of year. Stay observant, enjoy the process, and don't forget to pause and appreciate how quickly everything is growing.

Happy gardening!
By Drew Price

ALL ABOUT THE BEES

Did you know it's World Bee Day on Wednesday 20th May this year? Its purpose is to acknowledge and raise awareness of the role of bees and other pollinators for ecosystem health, food security, and sustainable development.

The date for this observance was chosen as it was the day Anton Janša, a pioneer of modern apiculture, was born. Janša came from a family of beekeepers in Slovenia, where beekeeping is an important agricultural activity with a long-standing tradition.

There are over 270 species of bee in the UK but today our bees, pollinators, and many other insects are declining in abundance. World Bee Day provides an opportunity for all of us to act – protecting and enhancing pollinator habitats, boosting biodiversity, and supporting sustainable beekeeping.

In the UK, events often include educational activities, planting wildflower areas, and supporting local beekeepers. These initiatives frequently coincide with “No Mow May”, something we proudly take part in here in Hatfield Peverel.

How to Participate in World Bee Day:

- **Planting:** Choose bee-friendly flowers for the garden and window boxes, like lavender, **coneflowers (Echinacea)**, rosemary, sunflowers, foxgloves or wildflowers. Bees prefer simple, open flowers over complex, double-petaled ones, which make accessing nectar difficult.
- **“No Mow May”:** Support initiatives that allow wildflowers to grow in lawn spaces. Dandelions and white clover are invaluable food sources (see our section on Rewilding)
- **Bee Hotels:** Build or buy houses for solitary bees or make a safe water station for bees.
- **Avoid Pesticides:** Do not spray chemicals on open flowers.
- **Education:** Visit apiaries or attend talks from local beekeepers, such as at the Maldon and Dengie 100 Beekeepers!

However you choose to help our vital pollinators, every small action makes a real difference. World Bee Day is a reminder that these tiny creatures play a huge role in our everyday lives and that by working together, we can help ensure they continue to thrive for generations to come. Read on for more about our local beekeeping society and how to help keep bees safe.



MEET THE MALDON & DENGIE 100 BEEKEEPERS!

Maldon & Dengie 100 Beekeepers is a dedicated group of local volunteers and bee enthusiasts committed to supporting and promoting best practices in beekeeping. We provide training and mentorship for new and experienced beekeepers, while actively raising awareness of the vital role pollinators play and the challenges they face.

We also attend a variety of local shows and community events, where visitors can view our observation hives, sample our products, try candle-making, and speak with our members about all aspects of beekeeping. We will be attending Party in the Park on 4th July at Strutt Memorial Ground, Hatfield Peverel, and warmly invite you to come and meet us.

Honey Bee Swarms

We at Maldon & Dengie 100 Beekeepers also aim to help people understand bees and the importance of swarming as a natural and essential part of the honeybee lifecycle. The swarming season is generally from the end of April to early July, when you may see clumps of bees in trees, on walls or pretty much anywhere. Swarms can look alarming, but they are generally non-aggressive and are a temporary feature. If it is safe to do so, left alone they will generally leave after a day or so to a more permanent home. If they are causing a nuisance, contact your local beekeeping association for assistance.



Threats to bees

One of the most significant emerging threats to native pollinators, including honey bees is the Yellow-Legged Asian Hornet. Native species have no natural defence against this invasive predator.

Originating from Southeast Asia, the Yellow-Legged Asian Hornet has spread across parts of Europe, aided in part by rising temperatures. Since its arrival in 2004, it has had a severe impact on local pollinator populations in regions such as France, Guernsey and Jersey. There have been sightings in the UK, but some excellent work by beekeepers in Kent in tracking hornets back to their nests and destroying them has so far contained the spread.



Why is this a Problem?

Asian hornets are highly effective predators. They need protein to feed their larvae and a honeybee is the perfect size to provide this. Yellow-Legged Asian Hornets hover outside honeybee colonies and catch the bees in flight as they come and go to forage. It is estimated that a single Asian Hornet can kill up to 50 honeybees, or other pollinators, per day – that’s about 11.32 kg of insects per season per hornet – and each nest can contain between 3,000 – 6,000 hornets. Their prey includes a huge range of species, including butterflies, moths, wasps and spiders.

Whilst European Hornets do take honeybees at some points of the year, these native species have evolved strategies to live alongside each other and they do not pose a significant threat to our pollinators. In fact, they play an important role as pollinators themselves.

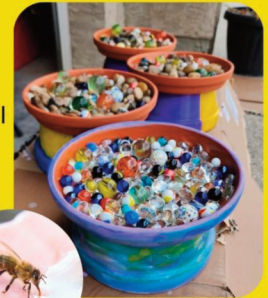
Identifying the Yellow-Legged Asian Hornet

Below are the key identifying features of the Yellow-Legged Asian Hornet

Yellow-legged (Asian) hornet	European hornet
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Head dark from above • Thorax dark brown/black • Dark abdomen except for 4th segment • Brown legs with yellow ends 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Larger than Asian hornets • Yellow band across the head • Abdomen yellow with black stripes • Brown/amber legs

Create a bee water feeding station

- Place a copper disc into a shallow dish (optional but prevents algae growth)
- Fill the dish with pebbles or marbles, then add water until it sits just below the top of the marbles, creating safe, non-drown landing spots.
- Place this station in a sunny garden spot near flowers, and replenish it daily.



If you think you have spotted an Asian hornet nest:

- Do not approach or disturb the nest
- Take a photo if it is safe to do so
- Report the sighting using the Asian Hornet Watch app, or report online at the UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology (<https://www.ceh.ac.uk/our-science/citizen-science/asian-hornet>)

Get Involved

The best defence against the Yellow-Legged Asian Hornet is vigilance and monitoring. Asian hornets love camellias, but the best time for monitoring for Asian hornets is around August, when colony numbers are at their highest.

Where to find us:

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If Tai Chi is something you have ever been interested in or you are just curious to know more, come along on Thursday 14th May at 7.00pm or email nick.etca@gmail.com. You will be very welcome.

Details of the Academy can be found at - <https://www.essectaichiacademy.org/>



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For further information
Contact Nick Boddington
Call: 07702 176128
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HADFELDA (LADIES) GROUP

VOLUNTEER LIFE at The National Trust

In March we were delighted to welcome an old friend to the meeting. Our speaker, Paul Andrae, had lived in the village for many years before he and his family moved away.

After retiring, he decided to volunteer for the National Trust and had many amusing anecdotes and stories to share with us. It was interesting to hear how things had changed over time, particularly regarding 'Health & Safety'. When Paul first began volunteering, they were able to organise many events and different fun things to do, especially with the children. Sadly, that has all changed and the many rules now make organising anything very difficult. However, Paul still continues to enjoy volunteering and informing visitors about our heritage.

April was a complete change when we learned about Medical Detection Dogs and The Cinnamon Trust – more about these charities in next month's edition.

Who is the Hatfelda Ladies Group?

We are a friendly and fun group who are always happy to welcome visitors to our meetings. Our programme for the next few months features some excellent speakers and our afternoon teas are not to be missed! Guests are always welcome!

Wed 27th May Stephanie will be talking about the Owl rescue charity that she runs. Be ready for lots of photos of cute baby owls!

Wed 24th June Our annual Afternoon Tea

Wed 22nd July Marie Curie charity

If any of these events interest you, do come along. If you don't fancy coming on your own, bring a friend! We meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 2pm in St. Andrew's Church Hall and you can be assured of a warm welcome.

by Marel Elliston

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Stories from theatre & TV

In our March meeting we welcomed actor David Webb. David had a long and successful career in showbusiness with his twin brother Tony. The Webb Twins are best remembered as the twin Yellowcoats, Stanley and Bruce Mathews, in the long-running BBC comedy series "Hi De Hi".

Before that, they were appearing in theatres across the country with some of our best loved performers including Dame Vera Lynn, Sir Harry Secombe, Bruce Forsyth and Roy Castle.



In his illustrated talk, David shared wonderful behind-the-scenes stories from his time in show business, giving us a real glimpse into life on set and the camaraderie of the Hi-de-Hi cast. His warmth, humour, and passion for entertainment truly shone through, and it was an absolute pleasure to hear him speak (and sing!).

There were plenty of laughs, a touch of nostalgia, and lots of great questions – making it a thoroughly enjoyable and memorable evening for everyone who attended.

This month is our annual meeting where we elect our committee for the forthcoming year. Alongside our AM, we welcome back the fabulous author and our dear friend, Ruth Leigh. Ruth is the author of four Isabella M Smugge novels and the Jane Austen-inspired book, *A Great Deal of Ingenuity: A Collection of Pride & Prejudice stories*, as well as *The Little Book of Unexpected Poetry*. We are so excited to welcome Ruth back for her fourth visit to Terling WI.

Next month we welcome not one, but two guests. Lovely Laura is coming to let us know what the resolutions are and what they're all about. And tying in nicely with that, we will have some CPR/defib awareness training.

If you'd like to be part of a welcoming group of women who learn, laugh and make a difference together, we'd love you to join us! Get in touch!



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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).

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR 2026

- 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 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.

TIPS FOR YOUR GARDEN IN MAY

May is a busy time in our gardens as the warmer weather heads our way! Continue to tidy your garden - in particular look out for weed seedlings that can establish - and cover new plant seedlings. The greenhouse can be planted with tomatoes and cucumbers but remember to water regularly as the temperatures increase. The village allotment association provides some excellent tips and ideas on planting vegetables in this magazine.

Prune:

May is the time to prune spring shrubs after they have flowered to keep a compact shape. Remove faded blooms from spring flowering plants. Tie up climbing plants to provide support for summer growth e.g. jasmine, clematis, wisteria and honeysuckle.

Plant:

Sow annuals directly into the garden for late summer displays. Plant hanging baskets and summer bedding for a long summer of colour. Plant more tender plants such as canna and dahlia tubers once the risk of frost has passed.

Propagate:

Cuttings can be taken from fuchsias, dahlias and geraniums and planted in the greenhouse or windowsill to establish. Cuttings can also be taken from woody herbs such as rosemary and thyme.

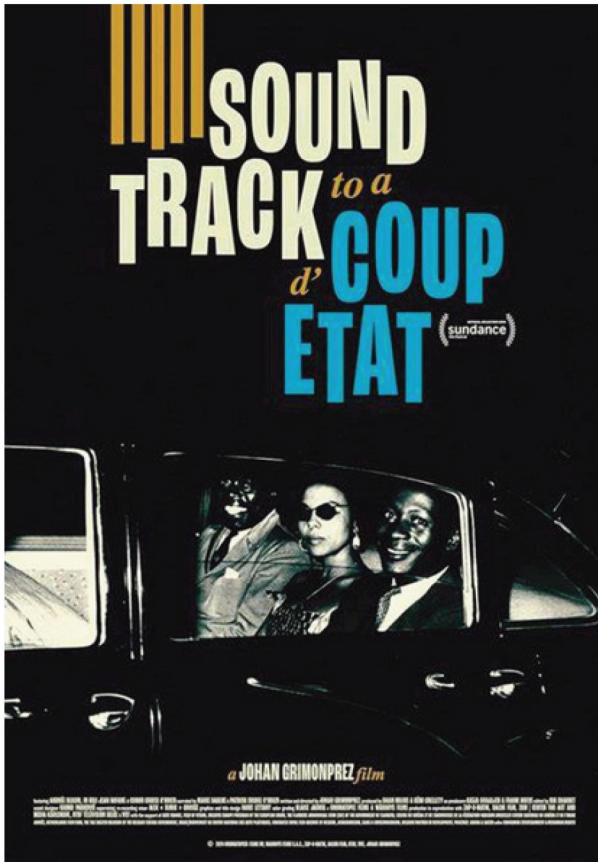
For general information about the society, contact Clive Emberson at cliveemberson9@gmail.com or visit <https://e-voice.org.uk/hatpevgardens>



by Karen Bayley

THAT'S VERY NEARLY A WRAP!

The last three films of the 21st Season



Another very successful season of the Maldon Film Club will soon be coming to an end! This month, we have the screening of the Oscar nominated *Soundtrack to a Coup d'Etat* on Wednesday 6th May and the biopic, *Maria* plays on Wednesday 20th May. Our final film of this season is the highly acclaimed *La Chimera* which screens on Wednesday 3rd June.

Soundtrack to a Coup d'Etat (2024)

Jazz and decolonisation collide in this gripping historical rollercoaster, re-examining the Cold War events that drove musicians Abbey Lincoln and Max Roach to storm the UN Security Council in protest at the 1961 assassination of Patrice Lumumba, the leader of the newly independent Congo. It's a powerful look at how African politics and American jazz intersected amid the political forces behind his murder.

Maria (2024)

Maria Callas, (played by Angelina Jolie) the famed Greek-American soprano is one of the most iconic performers of the 20th century. The film re-imagines her final days in Paris as she reckons with her identity and life, flashing back to moments from her glamorous life in the public eye. The legendary diva hopes for a grand comeback but has caught the unwanted attention of persistent paparazzo.

La Chimera (2023)

A dreamy, 1980s-set Italian drama directed by Alice Rohrwacher, *La Chimera* stars Josh O'Connor as a British archaeologist-turned-grave robber with a gift for divining the locations of Etruscan tombs.

A band of thieves of ancient grave goods and archaeological wonders seek their Chimera - the dream of easy wealth. Arthur, a crumpled English archaeologist, recently out of jail, seeks his Chimera - Benjamina, the woman he lost. To find her, Arthur challenges the invisible, and looks everywhere in search of the mythical door to the afterlife. Journeying between the living and the dead, between forests and cities, between celebrations and solitudes, the destinies of these characters entwine.

Next season

Our new season begins on Tuesday 8th September 2026 and information about the 19 films to be screened in 2026-27 will be available in next month's magazine. Watch this space for further details as Maldon Film Club starts to prepare for its 22nd season!!

For further details and a membership form for the 2026-27 season please check out the web site www.maldonfilmclub.uk, visit the Maldon Visitor Information Centre (1100 - 1600 Tuesday to Saturday) or contact me, John Salisbury, on 07905 971608.

Given the very significant increase in our membership during this season early applications for 2026-27 are strongly recommended.

By John Salisbury



THE IMPORTANCE OF RECOVERY AND REST



Hello again, everyone! It's Stefan here – your local mobile personal trainer. This month, I'd like to talk about something that many people overlook when focusing on fitness: **recovery**.

We often think progress comes only from exercise, but in reality, your body improves during rest. Recovery is when your muscles repair, your energy is restored, and your body adapts to the work you've done.

Why Recovery Matters

Without proper rest, the body can become tired, sore, and more prone to injury. Recovery is just as important as training if you want to stay healthy and consistent.

Here are some key benefits of good recovery:

1. **Reduces risk of injury** – Rest allows muscles and joints to recover properly.
2. **Improves performance** – A well-rested body moves better and feels stronger.
3. **Supports muscle repair** – Recovery is when your body rebuilds and strengthens.
4. **Reduces fatigue** – Helps you feel more energised for your next session.
5. **Improves overall wellbeing** – Rest supports both physical and mental health.

Simple things like getting enough sleep, staying hydrated, and taking rest days can make a big difference.

Our Community Fitness Sessions

Our weekly fitness sessions at Strutt Memorial Recreation Ground continue as usual, and it's great to see the community staying active together.

As many of you know, the original funding has now come to an end. To keep the sessions running and continue supporting the community, there is now a small optional contribution.

My aim is still to keep these sessions open, welcoming, and beneficial for everyone, regardless of age or fitness level.

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

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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Exercise Tip of the Month: Child's Pose Stretch

This gentle stretch is great for relaxing the body, releasing tension in the back, and supporting recovery after activity.

How to do it:

1. Start on your hands and knees on the floor.
2. Sit your hips back towards your heels.
3. Stretch your arms forward and lower your chest towards the ground.
4. Rest your forehead on the floor if comfortable.
5. Hold for 20–30 seconds while breathing slowly.



This is a great way to relax your body after exercise or before going to bed.

Remember, progress isn't just about working harder—it's also about recovering smarter.

HERE COMES THE SUN... AND MORE WAYS TO HELP!

Thank you runners!

April has been busy for us, and we especially want to say a big thank you to all our wonderful 2026 TCS London Marathon runners who raised an incredible amount of money for the charity. If you fancy a challenge, take a look at our website at helenrollason.org.uk/events/. Coming up we have the Hackney Half, Colchester Zoo 10K, Brentwood Nuclear 6K and 12K, plus many more.

Ride For Helen, Sunday 10th May

This year's cycle event is on Sunday 10th May and you can book at helenrollason.org.uk/ride-for-helen-2026/. Whether you're a seasoned cyclist, just getting started or cycling with children, there's a route for everyone – with our 6, 15, 30, 50, 65 and 100 mile routes. All routes start and finish at The Crix estate in Hatfield Peverel, Essex. A great opportunity to pedal through some lovely countryside with support along the way, while raising money to help people living with cancer. We hope this year's event will be bigger and better than ever. Join us and help us reach 1,000 cyclists.



Timeless in the Summer

There's lots happening at Helen Rollason now that summer is almost here. On Sunday 12th 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 30th 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/

How we can help

Our centres support clients with all types of cancer at all stages, whether newly diagnosed or longer term, throughout and after completion of treatment. Founded in 1999, the charity is the legacy of BBC broadcaster Helen Rollason, whose vision was: "Good quality of life while coping with cancer is the most important gift a sick person can receive. It should be available to everyone."

Helen Rollason Cancer Charity supports adults who have received a cancer diagnosis within the last 3 years, and their carers, who are being treated for cancer by an Essex hospital.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 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

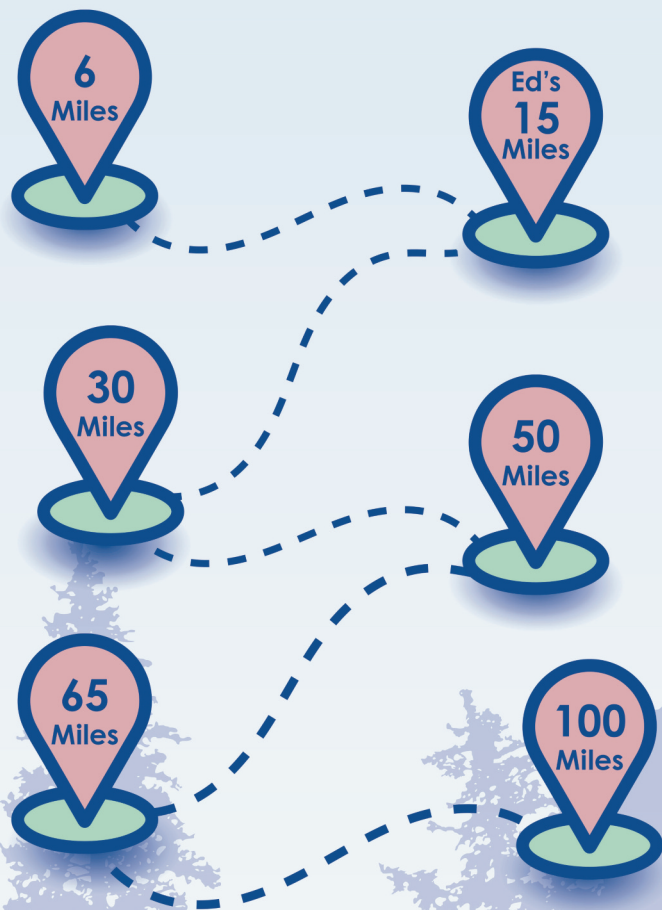
RIDE FOR HELEN 2026

SUNDAY 10th MAY



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PEVEREL WINE CLUB

UNUSUAL FRENCH WINES & CHEESE (AND EVEN STRANGER WINES TO COME)



April saw a very well-attended meeting to celebrate the anniversary of *L'Entente Cordiale* on Wednesday 8th April, or possibly to sample a splendid selection of unusual French wines and cheeses in honour of the occasion! The wines were tasted blind, but there were clues to help identify the regions from which each wine came and its actual name; the cheeses were also tasted blind but were much more recognizable. Most tables were able to use their finely-honed detective skills to identify the correct regions, but virtually everyone (including the organiser) had great difficulty in identifying which wine was which, all the whites accidentally being very similar to each other, and two of the reds also very close!

Eventual winners were Steve Spearman's team of Steve, wife Anne, Chris Green, David Mahoney and Stephen Roberts with a magnificent 29 points out of 35, closely followed with 27 Points by the team consisting of Jill Shakespear, Pat Hercules, Linda Fisher and Ali and Rod Pudney. The favourite white by a clear margin was **Majestic's Ormarine Picpoul at £13.50 (Mix Six price) from Languedoc**, now part of the new French region Occitanie. Members were torn between two wines for the reds, with a gutsy **Chasm de Cabrespine Minervois at £9.74** (bought on an amazing offer from **Laithwaites** when it should be £19.99, and now unsurprisingly sold out!) just triumphing over a good-value Bergerac. We noted that the Minervois also came from the Languedoc, confirming what many of us already believe – that the wines of Languedoc are now among the best value offerings from France, a far cry from the notorious Languedoc Wine Lake of the 1970s-1980s! Bottom of Form.

All the cheeses were much enjoyed, the favourite to accompany the whites being a beautiful creamy washed-rind **Langres from the Champagne-Ardennes** region, certainly a cheese which deserves to be better known available from **Tesco at £3.50** per cheese. Of the cheeses accompanying the reds, the **Bleu d'Auvergne** was a particular favourite and went exceptionally well with the Minervois. Again, not so well-known as the more famous Roquefort, but a creamier, more buttery and milder blue, matured in cool, wet cellars beneath the Auvergne's windswept moors, mountains and dormant volcanoes. It's currently on offer from **Waitrose at £3.60**.

Next meeting

This month sees a return to straightforward wine-tasting and bringing our own snacks and nibbles – although

straightforward is possibly not the right word as May's subject is Quirky Wines, introduced by Essex wine guru Alison Curwood-Gore. Her brief was to find six wines which were odd or unusual in some way, and so we have no idea what she will be selecting, but the evening promises to be both quirky, interesting and different!

If you'd like to join us in May – 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, particularly during the summer months). The exciting 2026 programme is available to view on the website at www.peverelwineclub.co.uk or email Vee at peverelwineclub@hotmail.co.uk for more information.

Words by Vee Green

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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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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NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE HALL

We are pleased to announce two new activities are coming to the village hall starting in May. We were delighted to have such good interest in the proposal to run a monthly quiz night at the hall, so we'll be starting that on Friday, 29th May. It will then run every last Friday of each month. Just £2pp (cash on entry please) to take part in teams of up to 6 people. There'll be cash prizes and we'll be running a raffle as well. Of course, a full bar service will be available too.

If you want to take part, please email Quiz@hatpevvhall.org to book your place or call the bookings manager on 0300 102 0473.

We are also pleased to announce that Essex Tai Chi Academy will start running a weekly class for beginners, starting Thursday, 14th May from 7-9pm. They've run workshops on Saturdays at the hall for a couple of years but will now also be running these weekly classes. See details on page 17.

We have lots of groups and activities for all ages running at the hall - go to our website at www.hatpevvhall.org/clubs-at-hpvh for details and contact information. See more of our upcoming events on the back page as well as the QR codes to join our mailing list or to purchase tickets.

Badminton Mondays 7pm 	HotSteps Tuesdays from 3:30pm 	EMC Lunch club Wednesdays 1-3pm 	Kazen Kai Karate Thursdays 3-4:5 	Table Tennis Tuesdays 7:30pm (Sep-Apr)
Tuesday Toddler Time Tuesdays 9:30am 	Tappy Toes Dance Wednesdays 10am 	Tiny Track & Play Monthly 	Moo Music Thursdays 9:45am 	Little City 3rd Wednesday of the month 9:30am
Move2Love Wednesdays 7:30pm 	Shining Stars Childcare Mon-Fri 7am-6pm 	Methodist Church Sundays 9:15am 	Stitch to Enrich 1st & 3rd Thursday 2-4pm 	Bereavement Help point 1st Monday 1:30pm
Essex Tai Chi Academy Thursdays 7-9pm 	Nickelstick last Saturday, 9:30am 	Western Front 2nd Wed 8-10pm May, Jul, Sep, Nov 	Bread Making 1 Saturday a month 11am-3pm 	Dancematic Latin Dance Fridays 2pm
Flower Club 1st Weds of the month 7:30pm 	Essex Yeomanry Band Sundays 9:30-13:00 	Bingo 1st & 3rd Friday of the month: 7-10pm 	Essex Hearing Help 2nd Weds, bi-monthly 10-12 	Wine Club 2nd Weds of the month 7:30pm

Hatfield Peverel Village Hall

QUIZ NIGHT

Quiz night returns to the Lounge Bar.
The last Friday of the month, starts

Friday May 29th

- All welcome
- Doors/Bar open from 7:00pm
- Quiz 8-10pm with Quiz Master Marky-Mark
- Cash Prizes
- Raffle
- Close at 10:30pm
- £2 per person entry; Teams of up to 6 people.
- More information at www.HatPevVhall.org/Quiz or email Quiz@hatpevvhall.org or call 0300 102 0473



Bereavement Help Point

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: 1st and 3rd Monday of each month

Time: 1.30pm to 3.00pm

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

For more info visit www.farleighhospice.org/bereavement
or call 01245 457308

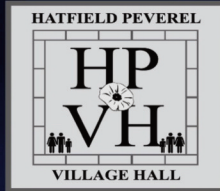


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Foxtrot Tour

Hatfield Peverel Village Hall

Saturday, May 23rd Doors: 7pm Band: 8pm

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The Pantoons present:

Sherlock Holmes and The Hound of The Baskervilles



Sunday, June 14th

Hatfield Peverel Village Hall

Doors: 1:30 Show: 2:00

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Hatfield Peverel Village Hall

Saturday, Jul 25th

Doors : 7pm Band : 8pm

Tickets :-

www.ticketsource.co.uk/hatfield-peverel-village-hall



The Pantoons present:

Shakespeare's Twelfth Night



Sunday, Sept 27th

Hatfield Peverel Village Hall

Doors: 1:30 Show: 2:00

www.ticketsource.co.uk/hatfield-peverel-village-hall

Tickets from:- <http://tinyurl.com/HPVH-Tickets>