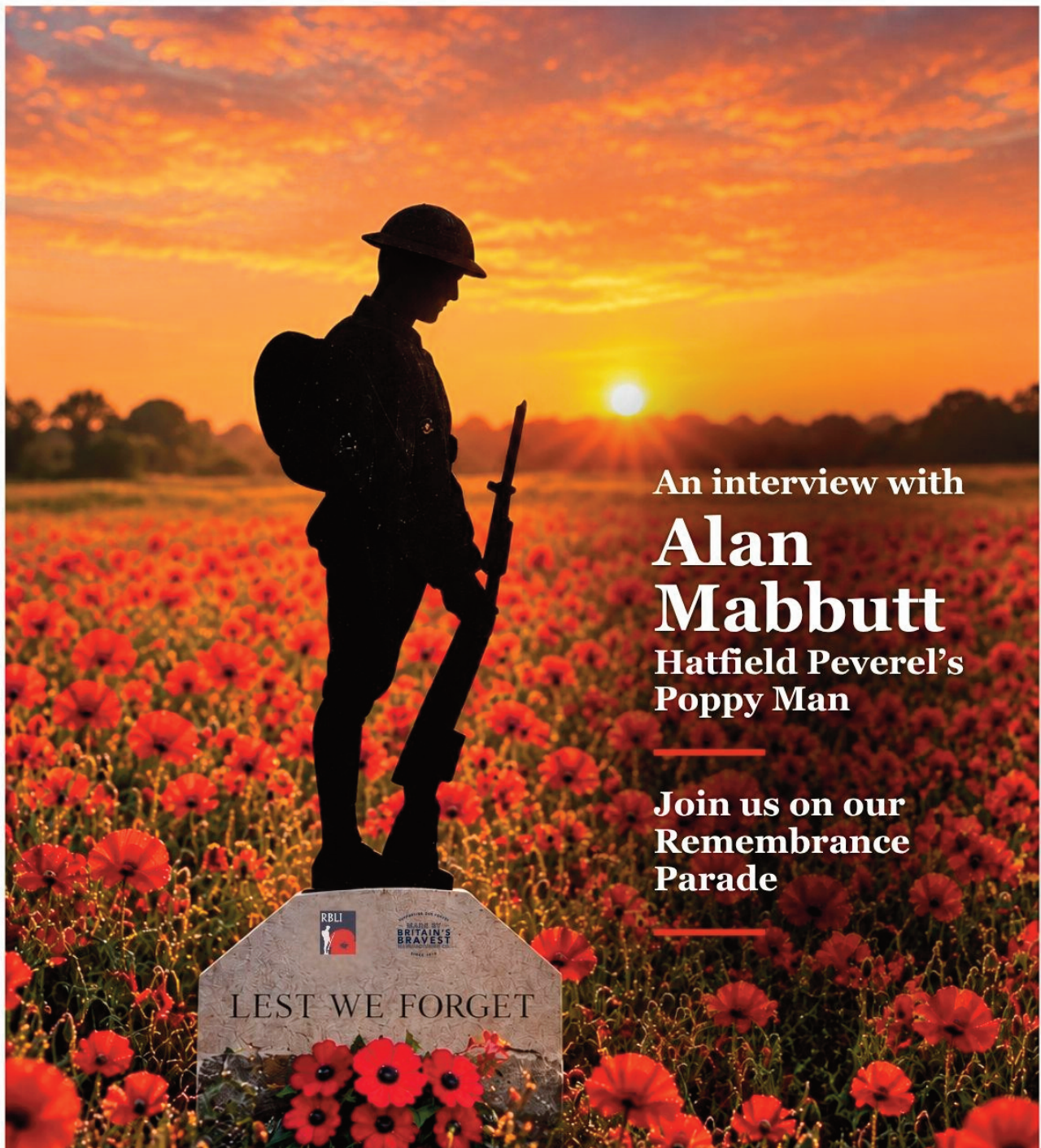


HATFIELD PEVEREL

VILLAGE VOICE

News from Hatfield Peverel, Nounsley
and surrounding areas



An interview with

**Alan
Mabbutt**

Hatfield Peverel's
Poppy Man

Join us on our
Remembrance
Parade

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HATFIELD PEVEREL PARISH COUNCIL

NOVEMBER NEWS

Remembrance Day

We will once again be holding our Remembrance Day parade on Sunday 8th November. Please see details below for the parade meeting point and time.

Community Park

Thanks to our Community Park Committee, works to make the Community Park safe and accessible are coming along nicely. As previously mentioned in the





REMEMBRANCE

SUNDAY PARADE

SUNDAY 8TH NOVEMBER

Join us as we pay our respects to
all who gave their tomorrow for our today.



MUSTER
10.00am outside the
Scout Hut, Church Road.



PARADE
The parade will make its way
to St Andrew's Church for the
Service of Remembrance at
10.30am.



PLEASE JOIN US
The Parish Council welcomes
everyone to take part.



The portion of Church Road between
the Scout Hut and the Church will be closed
for the duration of the parade.

Village Voice, we're hoping to provide guided walks around the area soon – potentially from January 2027.

You can see how beautiful it is – especially on a sunny autumn day – and we can't wait to share it with you. Please keep an eye out on our socials and in the Village Voice for more updates and when you can sign up to look around.

Christmas in the Park

We're getting ready for Christmas in the Park next month to be held on Saturday 5th December in the Village Hall. Look out for details on our socials and check out the notice on page 12, to book in to see Santa. We hope to bring you a day of festive fun, singing, music, good food, our Christmas raffle and, of course, our indoor Christmas market with local crafters and stallholders. If you are a business that would like to supply a prize for our raffle, please get in touch with Carly on deputyclerk@hatfieldpeverelpc.com

Village Hall Improvement Project

The Parish Council is considering applying for a £500,000 loan through the Public Works Loan Board (PWLb) to fund improvements to the Village Hall. The proposed works include replacing sections of the existing asbestos roof, enlarging the Parish Council office and meeting room to better meet community needs, and installing insulation and solar panels to help reduce future electricity costs and support the Council's environmental objectives.

Residents are invited to submit any comments, questions or observations on the proposal by 30th November 2026. Responses can be sent by email to parishclerk@hatfieldpeverelpc.com, by post to Parish Council Office, Village Hall, Maldon Road, Hatfield Peverel CM3 2HP, or raised during the public participation section of a Parish Council meeting.

All comments received will be considered by the Council before any borrowing application is submitted.

How to keep up to date with Council news

Visit our website at <https://www.hatfieldpeverelpc.com>, see noticeboards around the village or follow us on our social media platforms. The next two Full Council Meetings will take place on Monday 2nd November and Monday 7th December. Please see the website or noticeboards for the agenda.

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



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

October has come and gone as has the late summer heat, but it stayed fine and pleasant for our two Harvest Festivals at St Andrew's and All Saints. Both churches were beautifully decorated and the entrance porch of St Andrew's looked particularly splendid. *"We ploughed the fields and scattered the good seed on the ground"* is such a wonderful and nostalgically appropriate hymn originally written in German by Matthias Claudius in 1781 – the first two lines being "Wir pflugen und wir streuen den Samen auf das Land." It was translated into English in 1861 by Jane Montgomery Campbell.

We celebrated the life of Ken Earney in a moving memorial service at St Andrews attended by many in the village, each with his or her memories of all that Ken with his wife Jackie have done for the village, particularly the 30 years of creating *The Review*, and of course Ken's championing of walking and maintaining our local footpaths. Our thoughts remain with Jackie, Jon, Sarah and Simon.

We celebrated the baptism of Ivy Rose Hyde at All Saints; it's always good to bring a new life into the church. We also saw the preparation by Howard and Deirdre of four members of the St Andrew's congregation in readiness for Confirmation by the Bishop of Colchester at St Nicolas, Witham at 7.30pm on the 2nd November.

Sunday November 8th will be Remembrance Sunday with services at both St Andrew's and All Saints starting at 10.30am. This is a special day, and the congregation as well as scouting organisations will be parading to St Andrew's from the Scout Hut at 10am. Please do come along and support the event.

On Sunday 29th November we will celebrate the first Sunday in Advent (the church's run up to Christmas) and also St Andrew's day (in fact the 30th) and there will be a special service at St Andrew's which will be supported by members of the congregations from St Nicolas Witham and the Witham Villages Churches (Terling, Fairstead, Faulkbourne, White Notley, Rivenhall, and Silver End).

October's Soup and Roll supported Combat Stress and November's Soup and Roll will be on Tuesday 10th November (12.30pm – 2.00pm) and will be supporting

Médecins Sans Frontieres. Please do come to these happenings. They are free, and there is always a choice of soups with delicious Farm Shop rolls, followed by cake and tea or coffee. There is always good company and fellowship, and they raise money for charity – a win-win situation!

On Thursday 12th November (7.00 for 7.30pm) at St Andrew's Church Hall there will be a second *Pray for our Community* evening following on from the successful initial evening in September. It's so good for all local Christians to gather, and if you didn't come in September, please come this time.

On Saturday 21st November at 6.30pm we shall be having a Film Night at the church hall. The film will be *Brother Sun, Sister Moon*, about the life of the wonderful St Francis of Assisi, who died almost exactly 800 years ago.

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Charles Cope 01245 382134

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Mark Keenan 07791141974

 www.hatfieldpeverelultingchurches.org.uk

Parish of St Andrew Hatfield Peverel with All Saints Ulting

SERVICES etc. for NOVEMBER 2026

	St Andrews (+refreshments after 10.15 services)	All Saints (+refreshments after service on 1 st , 2 nd and 4 th Sundays)
Sunday 1 st	10.15 Matins	9am Holy Communion
Saturday 7 th COFFEE MORNING		
Sunday 8 th	10.30 a.m. REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE	10.30 a.m. REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE
Tuesday 10 th 12.30- 2pm SOUP and ROLL in St Andrew's Church Hall (In aid of Medecins sans Frontieres)		
Sunday 15 th	10.15 Parish Eucharist	9am Holy Communion
Saturday 21 st	7pm Film Night 'Brother Sun Sister Moon'	St Andrew's Hall
Sunday 22 nd	10.15 Café Church	9a.m. Parish Eucharist
Sunday 29 th ADVENT	10.15 Parish Eucharist Patronal Festival	9a.m. Holy Communion

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 at 9am every Wednesday [with Morning Office]

St Andrews open for prayer at 9am on Thursdays

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COME AND ENJOY
Soup and a Roll
on Tuesday 10th November
12.30pm - 2pm
in St Andrew's Church Hall

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

Donations in aid of Medecins Sans Frontieres



ALAN MABBUTT – THE POPPY MAN

Every autumn, a house on Maldon Road becomes a familiar sight as flags, poppies and a military remembrance sculpture appear in the garden. Behind this patriotic display is local resident Alan Mabbutt, better known to many as 'The Poppy Man', whose annual fundraising efforts have raised an extraordinary amount for the Royal British Legion.

Alan has been selling poppies in Hatfield Peverel since 2019, but it was the Covid lockdown of 2020 that led to the creation of what has become something of a village institution.

Previously stationed outside the Co-op and Hatfield Peverel railway station, Alan found himself unable to continue his usual fundraising activities when lockdown restrictions came into force. Determined not to let the pandemic put a stop to his efforts, he decided to sell poppies from his own driveway instead.

That first year, he raised an astonishing £5,000. Since then, his annual poppy appeal has gone from strength to strength, with Alan helping to raise more than £25,000 for the charity.

But there's much more to Alan than his poppy-selling activities. In fact, a lifetime of service and charitable work lies behind this familiar village face.

A lifetime of service

Alan grew up in Woodford Green, where he met his wife, Molly, while they were both at school. Leaving school at 16, he began an apprenticeship as a mechanic with civil



engineering company W&C French before being called up for National Service in 1956.

He spent two years in the Army, initially serving as a medic before being assigned to a mobile X-ray unit, travelling throughout Western Command.

Following his National Service, Alan briefly returned to engineering. He and Molly married in 1960, and Alan subsequently followed in the footsteps of Molly's family by joining the Fire Service, where he spent the next 30 years stationed throughout Essex at Leytonstone, Loughton and the headquarters at Shenfield.



Upon retirement, Alan and Molly moved to Spain for a time, and it was there that Alan first became involved with the Royal British Legion, which also has branches overseas.

After returning to the UK, a chance meeting at Hatfield Peverel's Party in the Park brought Alan into contact with Peter Archer, a longstanding supporter of the village's Royal British Legion activities. Peter encouraged Alan to get involved with the annual Poppy Appeal, and the rest, as they say, is history.

A City of London connection

Alan's commitment to helping others extends well beyond the Poppy Appeal. Through his career in the Fire Service, he was invited to join the Worshipful Company of Firefighters, one of the City of London's historic livery companies. These organisations have their roots in the medieval trade guilds and, while their original roles have changed considerably over the centuries, charitable fundraising remains an important part of their work.

As a liveryman, Alan has supported numerous charitable causes through fundraising events, dinners, donations and other activities.

His involvement also led to membership of the Tower Ward Club and, in 2000, he was awarded the Freedom of the City of London, taking an oath of allegiance to the City and the Queen.

Historically, the Freedom of the City was an important privilege, granting individuals the right to trade and conduct business within the City, along with certain exemptions from tolls and other restrictions.

Contd...

Alan Mabbutt – The Poppy Man (contd from page 5)

Today, it is largely ceremonial, although it still carries some interesting traditions. Perhaps the most entertaining is the much-celebrated privilege of driving sheep across London Bridge – something Alan could theoretically add to his already impressive list of accomplishments!

One of Alan's proudest memories from his involvement with the City's organisations was helping to organise an exhibition commemorating the 50th anniversary of the London Blitz. This involved sourcing and curating a fascinating collection of historical artefacts, including a barrage balloon.



The generosity of a village

Back on Maldon Road, Alan's annual Poppy Appeal has become a much-loved local tradition.

Over the years, word has spread, and his driveway attracts a steady stream of visitors, from schoolchildren and local residents to dog walkers – the latter perhaps encouraged by the complimentary dog biscuits, while younger visitors can enjoy a sweet or two!

Even local MP Priti Patel has become a regular customer.

But it's the extraordinary generosity of people that continues to surprise Alan. On one memorable occasion, a businessman from Ulting pulled up outside his house and handed over a cheque for an incredible £1,250 in exchange for a poppy.

"The kindness of people is extraordinary," says Alan. "People don't know just how much of a difference they make sometimes."

It's a sentiment that perhaps sums up Alan's own contribution to village life. What began as a practical solution during lockdown has grown into a remarkable fundraising effort, bringing people together each November to remember those who have served and sacrificed.



This year, alongside the traditional Royal British Legion poppies, Alan will also have flags and handmade crocheted poppies available, lovingly created and donated by local friends and supporters.

So, as Remembrance Day approaches, do make a point of visiting The Poppy Man on Maldon Road. Whether you stop for a chat, pick up a poppy or make a donation, every contribution helps support the vital work of the Royal British Legion.

And if you don't happen to have any cash on you, don't worry – Alan has embraced modern technology and happily accepts card payments too!

With more than £25,000 raised and counting, The Poppy Man is a wonderful reminder of just how much difference one person – and one very generous community – can make.

Words by Janice Fitzpatrick



AN EMPOWERED START TO THE AUTUMN!

After our August break, our first meeting in September was devoted to self-defence! We welcomed local Personal Trainer, Jamie Hepworth from FITTHIT, to come and give us a demonstration and chat around self-defence and nutrition.

It turned out to be a quiet meeting with only half the ladies in attendance – which was understandable due to road closures – but everyone got up and had a go at some of the moves.

It was a fun and instructive meeting and we received great feedback from the members and their guests. For those that missed it, we will welcome Jamie back again in the new year for something a bit different. Keep an eye out in the Village Voice for upcoming dates and on our socials.

At this month's meeting we will be introduced to Laughing Yoga, something we're all looking forward to and which we'll report back on in January's Village Voice. For this meeting, guests are welcome at £5 per person. Membership to our W.I. is open to newcomers so come along to the meeting, check us out and see what we're up to.



KEY TERLING WI DATES

Thursday 26th November –
monthly meeting, guests welcome £5pp

Thursday 17th December -
monthly meeting, guests welcome £5pp

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MALDON CROQUET CLUB

Hoops (packed) away!

It's been another successful season for Maldon Croquet Club members. We participated in several competitions and enjoyed our annual weekend trip to Ramsgate to play the local Croquet Club there.

We currently have seventy-five members and are now one of the pre-eminent clubs in East Anglia with the added bonus of having some of the finest lawns in the country – thanks in particular to our dedicated member Geoff Macro.

Our season's closing event was a very enjoyable Finals Day with congratulations going to our trophy winners...

The Rainbow Trophy	Mick Fryer
The Georgie Clarke Vase	Pete Howe
The Forrester Plate	Janette Lett and
Graham Parker.	

Trophies were duly presented at our annual presentation dinner held in October.



So, our members have now packed away our hoops and mallets for the winter but will continue to meet for our monthly lunches. We will also be planning our expansion to accommodate a third lawn.

We have been delighted to have entertained over 100 visitors this season who have enjoyed learning to play croquet. Our lawns open again next April 2027 so come and try your hand at a new sport.

You can also learn more about us by visiting our website at maldoncroquetclub.org.uk

WALKING FOR A HEALTHIER YOU

Hello again, everyone! It's Stefan here – your local mobile personal trainer. This month, I'd like to talk about one of the simplest and most effective forms of exercise: **walking!**

Walking is something most of us can do, yet we often underestimate how beneficial it can be. Whether you're walking the dog, visiting the shops, enjoying the countryside, or simply taking a short walk during your lunch break, every step counts.

Why Walking Matters

Walking is a low-impact activity, meaning it is generally gentle on your joints while still giving your heart, lungs, and muscles a good workout. It can be adapted to almost any age or fitness level and is an excellent way to become more active without needing expensive equipment or a gym membership.

Here are some key benefits of walking:

1. **Better heart health** – Regular walking supports circulation and can help reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease.
2. **Stronger bones and muscles** – Walking helps maintain leg strength and supports bone health.
3. **Improved mental wellbeing** – Getting outdoors and moving can help reduce stress and improve your mood.
4. **Healthy weight management** – Walking uses energy and can support a healthy body weight.
5. **Greater independence** – Maintaining walking ability helps us continue enjoying everyday activities as we get older.

You don't need to walk for hours to benefit. Start with a distance or duration that feels comfortable and

gradually build up. Consistency matters much more than speed, especially when you're just starting.

Our Community Fitness Sessions

Our weekly fitness sessions at **Strutt Memorial Ground in Hatfield Peverel** continue as usual, and it's wonderful to see our community coming together to stay active.

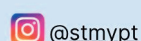
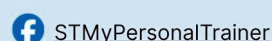
Although the original funding has now finished, I wanted to keep the sessions running because of the fantastic community we've built together. There is now an optional contribution for anyone who would like to help support the classes and keep them going.

Everyone is welcome, regardless of age or fitness level. My aim is to continue providing a friendly, supportive environment where people can exercise, socialise, and improve their health together.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our community sessions. Let's keep walking, moving, and building a healthier community together!

To 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:
<https://bookwhen.com/mypersonaltrainer>

For more information & details on my personal training services, contact me on 07456717115 or via social media



EXERCISE TIP OF THE MONTH: Standing Calf Raises

This month's exercise is the standing calf raise. It's a simple exercise that strengthens your calf muscles and helps support walking, ankle stability, and balance.

How to do it:

1. Stand upright with your feet hip-width apart, holding a sturdy chair or wall for support if needed.
2. Slowly raise your heels, lifting yourself onto your toes.
3. Pause at the top for 2–3 seconds.
4. Slowly lower your heels back to the floor with control.
5. Aim for 10–15 repetitions, resting before repeating for 2–3 sets if comfortable.



Keep the movement slow and controlled and use support if you need help with balance. Stop if you experience pain or feel unsteady.

Remember, you don't need to make huge changes to improve your health. A short walk, a few simple exercises, and a little consistency can make a real difference over time.

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WEDNESDAY 25TH NOVEMBER

HELD AT

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AGM 7PM

DOORS OPEN 6.30PM

SPEAKER 8PM

**A FUNNY THING HAPPENED
ON THE WAY TO
THE POTTING SHED**

By Nick Dodson

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HADFELDA LADIES GROUP

There's nothing quite like the smell of Fish & Chips, and this lovely aroma greeted our members as they arrived for our Harvest lunch in September. There were of course the essentials on each table, salt and pepper, vinegar and tomato sauce. The food arrived from our local chippy piping hot and very tasty. Tea, coffee and individual apple pies rounded off the feast. Our members do enjoy their food!

As we go to print, our October meeting is yet to take place. Amanda Durrant who runs the Chair Exercise group on Tuesdays at St Andrew's Church Hall (see page 22) will be showing us some gentle exercises to help keep us young and fit. We'll bring you more about our October meeting in the December edition of the Village Voice.

At November's meeting on the 25th, our speaker is John Rayment who is a key trustee and membership secretary at the Thames Sailing Barge Trust in Maldon.

This is an open meeting, so please come along and bring your friends! Visitors are always welcome at our meetings.

By Marel Elliston



HADFELDA LADIES GROUP

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🕒 2:00pm
📅 4th Wednesday of every month

A warm and welcoming group for retired ladies. Join us for relaxed, friendly afternoons with conversation, engaging speakers, and good company.

UPCOMING PROGRAMME

- 22nd July – A speaker from Marie Curie
- 26th August – Speaker: Stuart Phillips - Basic Life Skills
- 23rd September – Harvest Lunch. 1pm Start
- 28th October – Amanda Durrant - Gentle Exercise
- 25th November – John Rayment - Thames Sailing Barge Trust
- 9th December – Christmas Meeting

Come along, make new friends, and enjoy a pleasant afternoon together.

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Hatfield Peverel Flower Club

Christmas Wreath Workshop

Saturday 28th November
10 - 12.30am
at
Hatfield Peverel Village Hall,
Maldon Road
CM3 2HP

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

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LATEST NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

We're getting into the festive mood here at Helen Rollason Cancer Charity – there's lots of activities coming up in the next couple of months.

Santa Sleigh and a festive afternoon tea

If you live in Hatfield Peverel or Nounsley, watch out (and listen out) for Santa and his sleigh on the afternoon of Sunday 29th November. Santa will be going around the streets with his sleigh, supported by volunteers from Helen Rollason Cancer Charity and The Lions Club of Chelmsford.

The Helen Rollason centre in Hatfield Peverel will also be open on Sunday 29th November from 1pm until 4pm for a Festive Afternoon Tea with tea, coffee, homemade cakes and taster sessions of treatments. There will also be festive gifts, Christmas cards and calendars with lovely local scenes for sale. Santa will be at the centre before he sets off around the villages with his sleigh. Don't miss it!

Father Christmas Experience

Places are already filling up for the Father Christmas Experience at Layer Marney Tower on Friday 18th December. It's the third year for this event which has previously sold out quickly so don't delay in reserving your places at helenrollason.org.uk/event/father-christmas-experience-2026. Tickets include lots of activities, crafts, live entertainment, storytelling, face painting, meeting with Father Christmas and a gift for each child. Plus, mince pies and mulled wine for grown-ups.

Christmas Tree Collection and Recycling

Are you having a real fir tree this year? If so, let us take the hassle out of having to dispose of it. We will be collecting and recycling real Christmas trees between 9th and 13th January. By having your tree collected and recycled, you will not only help the environment but also make a real difference to local families affected by cancer. You need to register on-line before 5th January so that we can include your tree in the collection. Please register at helenrollason.org.uk/event/christmas-tree-collection-2027

Do you have a van?

Helen Rollason is looking for vans and drivers to help with tree collecting between 9th and 13th January. Can you spare some time to volunteer? Could you help by driving your van for a day to help collect trees. You will find it very rewarding, knowing that you are supporting local people with cancer. Full details and routes/addresses will be provided. If you can help, please contact us at volunteer.fundraising@helenrollason.org.uk



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Layer Marney Tower

Friday 18th December 2026
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Tickets £35 per child, £10 per adult

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat 28 Nov	Look out for us in Chelmsford High Street. We will have a stall, choir and our lovely donkeys	
Sun 29 Nov	Santa Sleigh and Afternoon Tea in Hatfield Peverel	
Fri 18 Dec	Father Christmas Experience at Layer Marney Tower	
Jan '27	Christmas Tree Collection. Register online by 5 January 2027	

Details of all our events and challenges are on our website at www.helenrollason.org.uk/events





METHODIST NEWS

We were very pleased to see so many lovely entries for the Autumn Village Show last month and the Stitch to Enrich members showed some wonderful examples of their work. We were also delighted to see so many entries in the children's class for a recycled item made from pre-used or repurposed material. Well done to the prize-winners – we hope you enjoy your prizes!

Our Sunday worship sometimes takes the form of a Discovery Bible Study session, and we recently discussed the passage from John 8, verses 1-11. Jesus is challenged to condone the stoning of a woman who had been caught in adultery.

In Discovery Bible Study we read the passage, retell in our own words and then consider four questions.

1. What does this passage tell me about God?
2. What does it tell me about people (or myself?)
3. If this is God's word for my life, how will I act on it?
4. Who am I going to tell?

This passage prompted a lively discussion, thinking about how Jesus' dilemmas they tested him. Should he confirm the punishment specified in their ancient laws or show mercy and risk the consequences of contradicting their leaders. Not looking at them he said 'Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.' One by one, members of the crowd slink away. How easy it is to find fault in others and condemn them, without looking at ourselves and what we might be guilty of. We wondered if the contemporary version of stoning could be the online criticism and damage caused by one after another attacking with vicious words. We have seen some of the consequences. Jesus neither condones nor condemns the woman's behaviour. He just tells her not to do it again. What a lesson for us all – forgiveness and guidance. Why not come and share with us on a Sunday morning? We would love to welcome you!

Stitch to Enrich

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For more information, please contact
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Hatfield Peverel

Date: 1st and 3rd Monday of each month
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Time: 1.30pm to 3.00pm
Location: Coffee Lounge,
Hatfield Peverel Village Hall, Maldon Road,
Hatfield Peverel, CM3 2HP

For more info visit www.farleighhospice.org/bereavement
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WESTERN FRONT ASSOCIATION, ESSEX BRANCH

REMEMBERING THE PAST: THE WESTERN FRONT ASSOCIATION

The 11th of November marks the anniversary of the 1918 Armistice, which brought an end to the fighting on the Western Front. However, the guns did not fall silent everywhere at once. Fighting in the Middle East had ceased a week earlier, while conflict in Africa continued for another week. In post-revolutionary Eastern Europe, fighting would continue for considerably longer.

It is therefore a particularly fitting date for the Essex Branch of the Western Front Association to return to Hatfield Peverel Village Hall for its next meeting on Wednesday 11th November.

This month, the branch welcomes Dr Catherine Pearson for the first time, who will explore the vital contributions made by two major Essex industries, Marconi and Hoffman, during both World Wars.

By 1914, Marconi was already a leading name in radio and communications technology, while the Hoffman Manufacturing Company produced the precision ball bearings that quite literally helped keep the armed forces moving.

Both companies played important roles in supporting the war effort, but their stories also reveal something of the wider social changes taking place at the time. As increasing numbers of men were called up for military service, women stepped into roles and industries traditionally dominated by men. This transformation of the workplace would leave a lasting legacy, making the subject as much a fascinating piece of social history as one of wartime industry.

The talk begins at 8pm, with WFA members and non-members equally welcome. New visitors can be assured of a friendly atmosphere and a warm welcome from a group of like-minded history enthusiasts. An entrance donation of £4 is requested, and tea and coffee will be available.

A Time for Remembrance

While Armistice Day falls on 11th November, the nation's principal commemorations take place on Remembrance Sunday, which this year falls on 8th November. HM King Charles III will lead the National Service of Remembrance at the Cenotaph in Whitehall.

The Cenotaph itself has a fascinating history. The present memorial was unveiled by King George V in November 1920, replacing a temporary wooden structure erected for the commemorations of 1919. During the 1920 ceremony, the funeral procession of the Unknown Warrior paused at the Cenotaph on its way to Westminster Abbey, where the unidentified serviceman was laid to rest.



Although the Cenotaph is an empty tomb, its symbolism remains as powerful today as it was more than a century ago. It stands as a lasting tribute to those who lost their lives in the First World War and in subsequent conflicts, honouring the sacrifice of British and Commonwealth service personnel.

Keeping History Alive

For anyone with an interest in the First World War, the Essex Branch of the Western Front Association also produces a monthly newsletter. This includes details of forthcoming talks and events, commemorations of casualties from Essex, historical articles and news of publications and activities that may be of interest to fellow enthusiasts. 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.

Whether you are a keen historian or simply curious to discover more about the people, places and events that shaped our past, the branch extends a warm invitation to come along and learn more. For more information on the Essex branch of the WFA, visit westernfrontassociation.com/branches/united-kingdom/essex/

Jim Kevany
Essex Branch Chairman, Western Front Association



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November in the Garden

– Preparing for Winter

November brings shorter days, cooler temperatures and the occasional frosty morning. The garden may look quieter now, but there is still plenty to enjoy, along with a few simple jobs that will make life easier when spring arrives.

After the challenges of this year's dry weather and lack of rain, many of us have had to adapt and accept that some crops did better than others. Hopefully, there have also been satisfying harvests, new discoveries and pleasant surprises. Gardening is a learning experience, and every season teaches us something useful!

Enjoy the last of the harvest

There may still be leeks, carrots, parsnips, beetroot and cabbages to gather. Store suitable produce in a cool, dry place, and share any surplus with a neighbour. There is something special about enjoying vegetables you have grown yourself.

Look after your soil

Remove diseased plants and troublesome weeds from empty beds. Add well-rotted compost where appropriate to improve the soil for next year. Avoid digging or walking on very wet soil, as this can damage its structure. Covering an empty bed with cardboard and compost is another simple way to protect and improve it over winter.

Prepare for colder weather

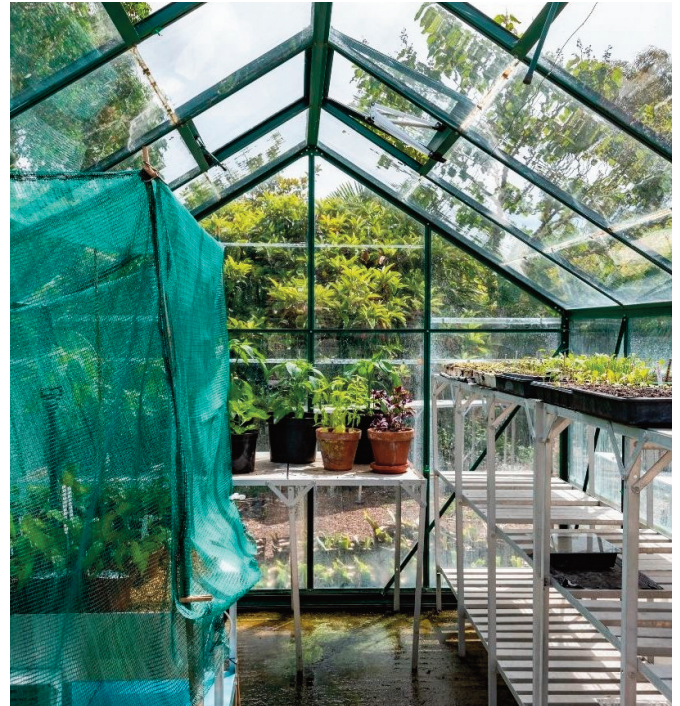
Protect vulnerable plants from frost when necessary. Raise pots onto feet or bricks to help drainage and move tender containers to sheltered spots. Check sheds, greenhouses and plant supports before winter winds arrive.

Remember our garden visitors

Birds need food and fresh water, especially during cold spells. Clean your feeders and water containers regularly, and leave some seed heads, fallen leaves and quiet corners for wildlife. A small pile of leaves and twigs can provide useful winter shelter.

Make it a family project

Children can collect interesting leaves, plant spring-flowering bulbs in pots, or make labels for next year's seeds. Why not choose one new vegetable or flower to grow next year? Small experiments can bring great pleasure.



Celebrate your successes

Before the year ends, think about what went well. Perhaps your potatoes thrived, your tomatoes finally ripened, or a new flower surprised you. Even keeping plants going through a dry summer deserves recognition. Make a note of what worked and what you might change next year.

A little advice goes a long way

Gardening communities thrive when we share ideas. If you need help, ask an experienced gardener. Rather than wondering, "How can I do this?", try asking, "Who could help me?" A conversation over the allotment fence may provide just the answer you need.

A Thought for November

As we prepare our gardens for winter, remember that success isn't measured only by the size of a harvest. Sometimes it means trying something new, persevering through difficult weather or simply enjoying a quiet hour outdoors. We cannot control the weather, but we can learn, adapt and begin again. Take pride in what you have achieved, however small it may seem. The garden is resting, but the possibilities for next year are already beginning to grow!

By Drew Price

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- 13th Nov Philip Prior – Recitalist, Organist and Director of Music at St James the Great, Colchester with our final hurrah for our organ in its big birthday year
- 6th Dec The Grammaticus Choir and Friends present “The Ancient of Days”, at 3pm A Christmas Cantata by Clive Smith
- 11th Dec A Sax Christmas – Colchester Saxophone Quartet with their Christmas musical offering accompanied by readings for the season & carols for you to join in

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



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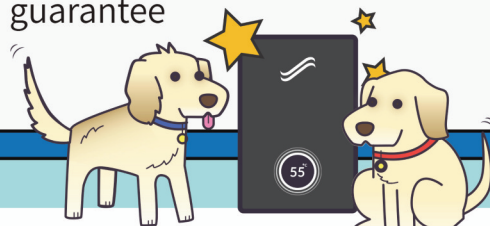


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Hatfield Peverel Library – Books and Beyond

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Our shelves are regularly refreshed, with thousands of titles available to browse and borrow including fiction, non-fiction, large print, audiobook CDs and children's collections. If you can't find what you're looking for on our shelves, you can reserve it from another library and collect it from Hatfield Peverel Library free of charge. Through your Essex Library Service membership, you can access more than 7 million items from across Essex, Thurrock, London, Surrey and Luton. You can even borrow blood pressure monitors, just like books! The library is open until 7pm on Tuesdays, making it easy to pop in after work to collect reservations or choose your next read.



Your library membership also includes free access to BorrowBox, our digital library service, where you can download e-books and audiobooks to your smartphone or tablet.

Beyond books, Hatfield Peverel Library offers activities to bring people together. You can help complete our community jigsaw puzzle, bring the little ones for a singsong at our Wednesday morning *Rhymetimes*, or get creative at our Tuesday afternoon craft group. If you're not sure where to start, our friendly library team are always happy to recommend a book, help you find information, or introduce you to our digital services and events.

Joining the library is free and easy; just bring proof of your address to a member of staff. Members can borrow up to 14 books at a time, use our public computers, access online resources, and enjoy all the benefits of the Essex Library Service.

Why not pop in and see what your local library has to offer? We're open on Tuesdays from 2pm to 7pm, Wednesdays from 9am to 1pm, and Saturdays from 9am to 5pm. We look forward to welcoming you soon!



For anyone unable to visit the library because of a disability, mobility issues or caring responsibilities, our wonderful Home Library Service volunteers can bring books straight to your door, choosing titles based on your interests and preferences. If you think you could benefit from this service, or would like to volunteer, we'd be delighted to hear from you.



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Thursday: Closed; Friday: Closed
Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Sunday: Closed

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

- 25th 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.

Thank you to all those who visited the Autumn show this year at Hatfield Peverel Village Hall. We welcomed over 320 entries from our community, covering a wide range of categories, including plants, baking, crafts and photography. A special thank you to the many children who entered some wonderful items for the show. It was a wonderful showcase for the many talents of the residents of our village – as well as a great chance to meet for delicious refreshments!

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



TIPS FOR YOUR GARDEN IN NOVEMBER

November is a time for protecting and preparing your garden for the cold winter months. Clear leaves from grassed areas, mulch around tender plants to protect them from winter frosts and replace gravel around alpines to avoid them rotting over the winter months. Clean greenhouses and prepare the space ready to over-winter some more tender plants and cuttings in pots.

Check out the Hatfield Peverel Allotment Association for some excellent tips and ideas on planting and caring for vegetables this month.



Prune:

Cut back perennials to encourage growth for next spring. Clear climbing annuals such as sweet peas and morning glory from their summer support frames.

Plant:

Plant tulips in pots or borders. November is also a good time to plant bare root hedging, roses and other garden shrubs to encourage root growth over the winter months.

Propagate:

Propagate perennials by taking root cuttings from oriental poppies, phlox and Verbascum.

by Karen Bayley



MALDON FILM CLUB

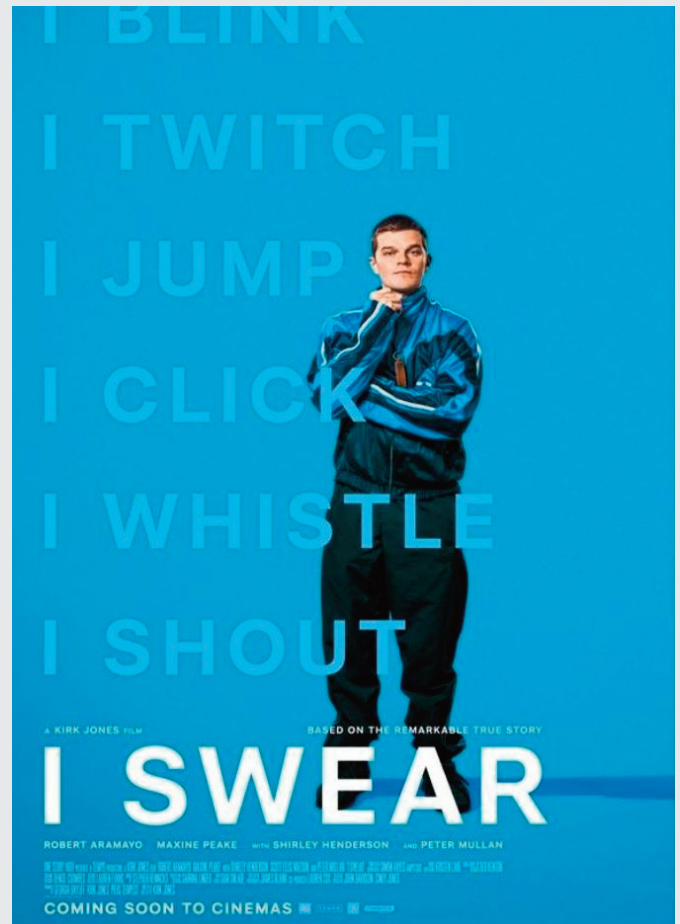
FILMS THIS NOVEMBER

Our 22nd season continues with some great films, excellent feedback and around 100 members coming along to each screening!

This month we're showing the highly acclaimed ***The Taste of Things*** on Tuesday 3rd November and the winner of two BAFTA Awards, ***I Swear*** on Tuesday 17th November.

The Taste of Things starring Juliette Binoche and Benoit Magimel tells the story of the relationship between Eugenie, an esteemed cook, and Dodin, the gourmet she has been working for over the last 20 years. Growing fonder of one another, their bond turns into a romance and gives rise to delicious dishes that impress even the world's most illustrious chefs. When Dodin is faced with Eugenie's reluctance to commit to him, he decides to start cooking for her.

I Swear, our second film for November, is based on the true story of John Davidson (played by Robert Aramayo). Diagnosed with Tourette's syndrome at a young age, which alienated him from his peers, he struggled with a condition few people had witnessed. As an adult he campaigns for a better understanding and acceptance of the condition. In due course he finds his life's purpose and in 2019 is awarded an MBE by the Queen who, on the occasion is as gracious as ever. As John Davidson said, the problem is not Tourette's, the problem is that people don't know enough about it.



Our upcoming films for December are the Oscar-nominated *Past Lives*, and *The Golden Spurtle* which is a documentary about porridge making! Prior to the screening of *The Golden Spurtle* we shall be holding our first social of the season and you never know porridge may well be served!

Our 22nd season continues until next May 2027. Films are shown fortnightly on Tuesdays (in 2026) and on Wednesdays in 2027. The Club meets at Maldon Town Hall – doors open at 7.15pm with wine and soft drinks available at a charge from 7.30pm. And unless notified to the contrary all films will commence at 8pm.

The price of an annual subscription remains at £30. So why not join now and watch the remaining 15 films with us? In addition, there are a limited number of places for junior members aged 16–18 in full-time education and training at the reduced cost of £20. As a member you will be asked to give your reaction to the films you have seen and help the committee compile the programme for the following season. Membership is open to all, and new members will be made very welcome. Members' guests pay just £4 per film!

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

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

By John Salisbury



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Hatfield Peverel Flower Club

Programme for 2026/7

2nd September	Diane Leggett and Shirley Macro - "Surprise, Surprise"
7th October	Debbie Bull - "Memories are Made of This"
4th November	Linda Kingcott - "Sunset to Moonlight"
2nd December	Moirra Neville - "Once Upon a Star" NB No meeting in January
3rd February	Angela Wooley: "Traveller's Tale"
3rd March	Sian Tribe: "As I Like it"
7th April	Angelika Mead: "Flowers in Art"
5th May	Pauline Pearce: "A Colour Wheel of Memories"
2nd June	Helen Hare: "Down Under"
7th July	Janet Dye: "Island of Flowers"

Hatfield Peverel Village Hall, Maldon Road, CM3 2HP
7.30 for 8pm
Refreshments and Raffle
Guests welcome Non-members £8

For further details telephone: Jane Eastall on 01245 466364
or to join the email group to receive updates
contact: Helen Peter on helenopeter@yahoo.co.uk
www.hatfieldpeverelflowerclub.co.uk



PEVEREL WINE CLUB

WINE CLUB AGM AND VOTING FOR OUR WINE OF THE YEAR

The Club celebrated its 49th Annual General Meeting in fine style in October, with about half the membership in attendance, not a bad turnout for an AGM! The meeting passed without controversy and with suitable speed, given that the formal business of the evening would be followed by a review of the best wines tasted during the previous twelve months. Chairman Steve Spearman reflected on his second year in office, recognizing the unique nature of the Wine Club with its loyal membership of wine enthusiasts of all ages and a Committee brimming with good ideas. All were thanked for their contributions to the smooth running of the Club.

Treasurer David Wickenden's report also confirmed that the Club was in a healthy position financially and thanked Auditor Barbara Hill for diligent auditing, support and advice during the year. The rest of the official business continued without issues: three Committee members (Pat Hercules, Sarah Roberts and Stephen Roberts) had reached the end of their current 3-year term but were duly re-elected; Committee members Paul and Donna Boreham had stood down at the end of their term, and Peter Harris nobly volunteered to join the Committee in their stead, with wife Cathy joining as a co-opted member. Race Against Dementia was selected as the good cause to which our Christmas Raffle proceeds would be donated, and all was done and dusted in just over half an hour!

All had waited patiently during the AGM with an array of prizewinning bottles tantalizingly in sight, and at last the time had come to taste these candidates for Peverel Wine of the Year, an award up there with the Oscars in terms of prestige. The three white wine finalists – Villemarin Picpoul de Pinet, Bread & Butter Chardonnay and McManis Viognier – were introduced by Jill Shakespear, Sarah Roberts and Vee Green, with the Californian **McManis Family Vineyards Viognier (Street Wines, www.streetwines.co.uk, £15)** being voted the runaway winner of Peverel White Wine of the Year 2026. The red wines – Catena High Mountain Malbec, Feuerheerd's Anchor Reserva and Vergelegen Mill Race, introduced respectively by Tara Sullivan, Chris Green and Steve Spearman, presented a trickier problem to place in order, as all three were excellent in their own way, so that the decision really boiled down to personal taste. The Portuguese wine from the Douro Valley, a beautiful easy-drinking wine made extra-mellow by ageing for 12 months in former port barrels, was declared the winner: in a vote-off against the McManis Viognier, it also won comfortably, so that the **2026 Peverel Wine of the Year and Red Wine of the Year is declared to be Feuerheerd Anchor Reserva Red Blend (Sainsbury's, £12.75, but often on offer with up to 25% off).**

Next month promises another interesting tasting to celebrate the Rugby League World Cup, taking place on the other side of the world between 15 October and 15 November. We shall be tasting 8 wines (very) loosely connected with participating countries and teams and going straight to the knock-out stage of the tournament, hoping for a tense head-to-head in the final. We've been assured that, to take part, we shall need absolutely no sporting ability, only the tiniest knowledge of rugby, slightly more knowledge about wine plus a small amount of skill and quite a bit of luck!

If you'd like to join us for this – 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). Our website www.peverelwineclub.co.uk has been relaunched in a new and very clear, easy-to-use format – why not take a look? Our programme for 2026 is drawing to a close, but the committee is working hard to find even more interesting topics for 2027. Email Vee at peverelwineclub@hotmail.co.uk for more information about the Club and meetings.

SOCIAL TENNIS ALL YEAR ROUND ON THE NEW HP COURTS!

A small group is now playing regularly on Monday and Friday mornings from 10am to 12noon, and plans to continue playing throughout the year.

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



by Vee Green



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By PAT WHYMARK



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Thursday, Dec 17th
Doors: 6:30pm Show: 7:30pm

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