

HATFIELD PEVEREL

VILLAGE VOICE

News from Hatfield Peverel, Nounsley
and surrounding areas



A Wartime Mystery from Hatfield Peverel

NEW BLEED KIT INSTALLED AT VILLAGE HALL
HATFIELD PEVEREL TENNIS COURTS TURN ONE!
PLUS VILLAGE NEWS AND WHAT'S ON

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Hatfield Peverel

GROUP ADULT Tennis COACHING

NEW COURSE STARTS
TUES 8TH SEPTEMBER 2026
6.30 PM - 7.45 PM

Weekly sessions
Course booking £56
or £12 pay as you go
Hatfield Peverel Tennis Courts

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First session free



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HATFIELD PEVEREL PARISH COUNCIL

OCTOBER NEWS



The Tennis Courts – One Year on!

It's been nearly a year since our tennis courts at the Strutt Memorial Recreation Ground were officially opened.

Thanks to Section 106 funding, the courts opened last October. Since then, we have had 975 court bookings – the equivalent of the courts being used more than nineteen times each week over the past 51 weeks.

Our LTA coach, Mark Cain, has also been running group coaching sessions every Tuesday for both children and adults. Walking Tennis takes place on Tuesday mornings, while every Sunday residents are invited to come along and enjoy Free Park Tennis. These sessions are free to attend and give families and individuals the

opportunity to enjoy some fun, active tennis in a friendly and welcoming environment.

We have also recently installed new benches inside the courts, with canopies over the benches to protect from the elements.

We're delighted that the tennis courts have proved to be such a popular addition to the village and are continuing to look at other amenities that could benefit the community.

Community Park – keep an eye out!

We are planning to hold guided familiarisation walks around the Community Park, off Wickham Bishops Road, in the coming months. Please keep an eye on our social media channels for details of how to sign up for one of the walks.

In the meantime, work is continuing to make the park safe and welcoming for everyone to enjoy. We appreciate your patience while this work takes place.

Remembering Ken

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Ken Earney last month. Ken was a familiar and much-valued part of village and Parish Council life for more than fifty years.

Together with his wife, Jackie, Ken created and edited The Review, the precursor to Village Voice, and over the years they were both heavily involved in many community events and projects around Hatfield Peverel.

In April 2024, Ken and Jackie were awarded the Freedom of the Parish in recognition of their many years of hard work and dedication to the local community. You can read more about the presentation, and about Ken and Jackie's contribution to village life, in our April 2024 issue of Village Voice.

Many members of the Parish Council knew Ken and Jackie not only through their work in the village, but as lifelong friends. We send our heartfelt condolences to Jackie, the Earney family and all those who knew and loved Ken.

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 5th October and Monday 2nd November. Residents are always welcome to attend. Please see the website or noticeboards for the agenda.

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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.





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

"Seasons of mist and mellow fruitfulness" were the opening words of John Keats in his poem *To Autumn*. We haven't seen any mists yet and not sure about the mellow fruitfulness either. But we are now in Autumn. We have already had our Harvest Service at St Andrews in our beautifully decorated church and were delighted with the huge quantity of food and fruit so kindly donated which we are able to pass on to the Food Bank. Harvest at All Saints will be at 4pm on Sunday 4th October and it's always so special there beside the river. There will be refreshments after the service, and all are most welcome. The other noteworthy service we enjoyed last month was a combined service at St Andrew's of members of the congregations of both our churches followed by a shared lunch.

Celebrations and Remembrances

Since our last article much has happened. Rev Howard and Deirdre attended the Greenbelt Festival held near Kettering in weather that went from hot and sunny to deluges of rain but reported that it was a wonderful experience. We celebrated the life of Martin Waller (a long-time resident of Ulting) at his funeral and burial at All Saints and the marriage of Emma and Timothy at their splendid wedding at St Andrew's.

Remembering Lesley and Ken

We have had some sad news – the sudden and unexpected death of Lesley Guy who with her husband John served the village so well as GPs for many years and also Ken Earney who so many in the village knew from the very many years of editing and producing the Village Review with his wife Jackie. We are thinking of and praying for both the Guy and Earney families.

Caring for our historic churches

We underwent the first of our quinquennial inspections at All Saints (an architect inspects each church every 5 years noting where works of repair are needed or recommended). All Saints came out with a mainly clean bill of health except for one main problem – an area of the external North wall of the church, where in times long past repairs were carried out with a cement mortar, which does not breathe. It is starting to allow damp to affect our recently replastered internal walls. There are other lesser items to deal with as well – all part of trying

to maintain a wonderful ancient building! The inspection at St Andrew's will be on the 2nd October and we expect there will be more problems to cope with there!

Praying for Our Community

On the 10th September we welcomed some 30 Christians for an evening to "Pray for the Community", with discussion and prayer led by Rev Howard, and singing led by Jane Cook and a lovely 3-piece band. We had lots of ideas about what we can do and pray for. Thanks to Alison Macklin and Jane for organising the evening.

Soup, Rolls and Supporting Good Causes

Soup and Roll in September was on the first wet day for months and turnout was well down, but we still made £185.82 for the British Red Cross Nepal Disaster appeal. This month's Soup and Roll will be on Tuesday 13th October, 12.30–2.00pm and will be supporting Combat Stress.

Confirmation at St Andrew's

Howard and Deirdre are running a course leading to a confirmation service on 2nd November. Do get in touch if you are interested.

Below are details of our services in October, to which you are all most welcome.

Parish of St Andrew Hatfield Peverel with All Saints Ulting

SERVICES etc. for OCTOBER 2026

	St Andrews (+refreshments after 10.15 services)	All Saints (+refreshments after service on 4 th Sunday)
Saturday 3rd October 10–12 noon COFFEE MORNING in St Andrew's Church Hall		
Sunday 4th	10.15am Matins	9am Morning prayer 4pm HARVEST FESTIVAL AND REFRESHMENTS
Sunday 11th	8am Holy Communion 10.15 All Age Service	9am Morning Prayer (Common Worship)
Tuesday 13 th 12.30–2pm SOUP and ROLL in St Andrew's Church Hall (In aid of Combat Stress)		
Sunday 18th	10.15 Parish Eucharist	9am Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 25th	10.15 Parish Eucharist	9a.m. 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 Church open for prayer every Wednesday at 9am [with Morning Office]

St Andrew's Church open for prayer every Thursday at 9am

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PEVEREL GREEN CARE HOME'S SUMMER FÊTE

Hatfield Peverel care home, Peverel Green, has raised more than £500 for Alzheimer's Society after around 90 residents, relatives and members of the local community came together for its annual summer fete.

Ahead of the fete, residents painted bird boxes to sell on the fundraising stalls, while the day itself featured homemade cakes, a barbecue, raffle and traditional fete games including Hook-a-Duck, Tin Can Alley and Name the Teddy Bear. Younger visitors were also able to enjoy a soft play area provided by the Little Party Company.



The fete also welcomed guests working in dementia support across Essex, including Mark Neville, Community Development Coordinator and Pan Essex IDC Co-Chair for the Essex Community Dementia Support Service, and Melanie Williamson, Integrated Dementia Commissioner for Essex County Council.

By the end of the day, proceeds from the stalls, games, raffle, resident-made bird boxes and donations had taken the total raised to more than £500 for Alzheimer's Society.

The home chose to support Alzheimer's Society because of the close connection dementia has to the lives of many residents and their families at Peverel Green.

Lianne Parkin, General Manager at Peverel Green Care Home, said:

"We're incredibly grateful to everyone who helped make the fete such a success. To have around 90 people here, from our residents and their families to local organisations and members of the wider community, really showed how many connections there are around Peverel Green."

"Supporting Alzheimer's Society was particularly important to us because dementia is something that touches the lives of residents and families within our home. I'm very proud of what everyone achieved together and especially pleased that our residents played such an active part in the fundraising."

The team at Peverel Green Care Home thank everyone who donated, contributed to the fete or came along on the day, as well as the local organisations that supported the event.

Founded in 1999 by brothers Ravi and Sukhi Gidar, Gold Care Homes is dedicated to providing high-quality residential, nursing, dementia and specialist care. Its mission is to "enhance the lives of the residents in our care by bringing them joy, happiness and fulfilment".





HATFIELD PEVEREL FOOTBALL CLUB

BACK ON THE PITCH

As we enter the autumn months, all teams have now started the 2026/27 season. This year we have sixteen junior teams including four girls' teams, two senior men's teams, our Ladies and our new Over 35 Veterans team.

Ladies Day 2026

At the end of August, we hosted our 3rd Ladies' Day, where we came together as a club to celebrate the ladies' and girls' game. In the morning our new Under 9 Hawks and Under 10 Ravens, along with Under 12 Vipers competed with other invited teams in a mini soccer tournament. After a short break it was the Ladies' turn, when they played in a 'round robin' 11-a-side tournament.

We were privileged to welcome His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Essex – Jennifer Tolhurst CVO – to the event. She clearly enjoyed the footballing skills on display, as well as meeting the players, coaches and club officials.



HPFC MEERKATS

LOOKING FOR MORE YEAR ONE/RECEPTION AGE CHILDREN (AGES 4, 5 & 6) FOR OUR FANTASTIC SATURDAY MORNING SESSIONS!

A GREAT INTRODUCTION TO FOOTBALL WITH LOTS OF FUN, WITH FUTURE PROGRESSION INTO TEAMS AT THE CLUB - GREAT WAY TO START YOUR FOOTBALLING JOURNEY!

PLEASE CONTACT IF INTERESTED OR FOR MORE INFORMATION

LUCA CURTIS – 07745728430

Younger Players – Please come and join us too!

If you have younger children interested in taking part in this amazing sport, then please contact us for more details. We run Meerkats training sessions for either Reception or School-Year 1 (ages 4 to 6) and 'girls only' Wildcat training sessions.

Please visit www.hatfieldpeverelfc.co.uk for more information and to book any of these sessions.

HPFC Walking Football

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 at: crcwayne@btinternet.com / 07880 224321 for further details.

Please visit www.fulltime.thefa.com for results and fixtures and our social media and club website www.hatfieldpeverelfc.co.uk

We have ample parking, and our licensed bar will open for all matches.



HATFIELD PEVEREL FOOTBALL CLUB CONTACTS



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HPFC Wildcats <i>Girls only sessions</i>	Adam Collier	07488 282366
HPFC Meerkats Ages 4-6	Luca Curtis	07745 728430



Hatfield Peverel FC



[hatfieldpeverelfc | hpfc_ladies](https://www.instagram.com/hatfieldpeverelfc/)



www.hatfieldpeverelfc.co.uk

Keith Bigden Memorial Ground, Wickham Bishops Road, Hatfield Peverel, CM3 2JL



The Church of St John the Baptist , Danbury

2026 Monthly lunchtime concerts in the church

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

- 9th Oct The Swift Singers – our local ladies community choir
- 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!

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



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What's on at
the Village Hall?

hatpevvhall.org/



Bereavement Help Point

Drop in group for anyone bereaved

Hatfield Peverel

Date: 1st and 3rd Monday of each month
(except Bank Holidays)

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
or call 01245 457308

GRIP STRENGTH: A SMALL DETAIL THAT MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE



Hello again, everyone! It's Stefan here – your local mobile personal trainer. This month, I'd like to talk about something we often take for granted: grip strength.

Our hands and forearms are involved in many everyday activities, from opening jars and carrying shopping bags to holding onto a handrail or picking something up from the floor. As we get older, maintaining this strength can become increasingly important for independence and confidence.

Why Grip Strength Matters

Grip strength is closely connected to how well we can perform everyday tasks. It also works together with the muscles of our arms and shoulders whenever we lift, carry, push, or pull.

Here are some benefits of maintaining good grip strength:

1. **Easier everyday tasks** – Carrying shopping, opening containers and handling household items becomes easier.
2. **Better lifting ability** – A stronger grip helps you hold objects securely when exercising or doing daily activities.
3. **Improved confidence** – Being able to hold and carry things safely helps maintain independence.
4. **Supports upper-body strength** – Your hands and forearms are an important part of many strength exercises.
5. **Keeps you active** – Maintaining functional strength makes it easier to continue doing the activities you enjoy.

You don't need complicated equipment to work on your grip. Even simple exercises performed regularly can help maintain strength as we age.

Remember, fitness isn't only about the big muscles we can see. The small muscles and movements we use every day also play an important role in keeping us strong, capable, and independent.

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



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STMyPersonalTrainer



Our Community Fitness Sessions

Our weekly fitness sessions at Strutt Memorial Recreation Ground run every Thursday at 6.30pm, and it has been fantastic to see our community continue to come together.

Although our original funding has now finished, I really wanted to keep the sessions running because of the great community we have built. There is now a small optional contribution for anyone who would like to help support the classes and keep them going.

Everyone remains welcome, whatever your age or fitness level. My aim is to keep providing a friendly place where people can exercise, meet others, and work towards better health together. See the notice for the link on how to get involved.

Exercise Tip of the Month:

Towel Squeeze

Strengthen your grip – one squeeze at a time

How to do it:

1



Roll up a small towel and hold it comfortably in one hand.

2



Slowly squeeze the towel as firmly as you can without causing discomfort.

3



Hold the squeeze for 3–5 seconds.

4



Slowly relax your hand.

5



Repeat 10–15 times on each hand for 2–3 sets.



Try to keep your wrist in a comfortable, neutral position rather than bending it while squeezing.



HATFIELD PEVEREL FEOFFEES

Do you qualify for help?

Notice is hereby given that applications are again invited from residents of Hatfield Peverel who might qualify for help from the Feoffees Charity.

Hatfield Peverel Feoffees **cannot** apply its funds to:

- The relief of taxes (including Council Tax) or use the monies where Social Benefits would apply.
- The giving of recurring grants.
- An applicant not in genuine need.

Applications must be sent in writing, to arrive by Monday 2nd November 2026, to be considered for the annual distribution.

Applicants must include:

- a. Their name, age and address
- b. The reason for their request.

Applications must be addressed to:-

Hatfield Peverel Feoffees, c/o The Vicarage, Church Road, Hatfield Peverel, Chelmsford, Essex CM3 2LE

Hatfield Peverel Flower Club

Programme for Autumn 2026

- 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 Moira Neville - "Once Upon a Star"

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



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Hatfield Peverel

Group Tennis Coaching Sessions

Sessions begin 8th September 2026

- Tuesday 3.45-4.30pm 5-8 yrs old
- Tuesday 4.30-5.15pm 9-12 yrs old

After school sports!

First session free

Register Now markacain@live.com

Contact Information 07741 083192

Hatfield Peverel Tennis Courts
Courses run term time 8 Sept-20 Oct
Course price: £36 children; Limited places

HADFELDA LADIES GROUP

Back in August, our talk had the intriguing title of 'Life Skills'. The speaker, Stuart Phillips, is a retired police officer and well trained in First Aid. He explained the difference between a heart attack and heart failure. Interestingly, a heart attack is a medical emergency and can be life threatening if not dealt with quickly. Heart failure is a chronic condition that prevents the heart from functioning correctly but can be controlled. If someone is having a heart attack, whilst waiting for the ambulance, it is helpful to give CPR. Many are apprehensive as they are not sure what to do, however you can't do any harm, and you could save someone's life. Stuart showed us how to administer CPR on adults, where you must be quite forceful, and on a child, which is much gentler. He also demonstrated what to do if a person is choking and stressed it is important not to put your fingers in the person's mouth as you could push the obstruction further down their throat.

The average person has 5 liters of blood and this can be lost very quickly from a severe wound so it is vital to try and stop the bleeding as soon as possible using pressure or a tourniquet. As well as calling 999, the emergency services can also be reached on 911 (which will redirect many mobile phones to emergency services) and 112. After a fascinating talk, we were left feeling a little more confident about helping out in an emergency.

September was our Harvest lunch, and, as usual, the members enjoyed Fish & Chips from our local fish shop. There'll be more about this in next month's Village Voice.

It is very important to keep active as you get older, and balance can be a problem. At our meeting on 28th October, our speaker Amanda Durrant - who runs the chair exercise class at St Andrew's - will demonstrate some gentle exercises to keep us all fit and mobile. Do join us! Guests and visitors are always welcome. We meet at 2pm in St. Andrew's Church Hall. (see notice for dates).



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Book your spot at The Hatfield Peverel Tennis Courts (Strutt Memorial Recreation Ground)



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St Andrew's Church Hall
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

VISITORS WELCOME
£5 per visit
(Includes refreshments & raffle ticket)
Annual Membership: £27

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



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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WESTERN FRONT ASSOCIATION, ESSEX BRANCH

THE ESSEX REGIMENT- THE COST OF WAR

110 years ago, the fighting continued on the Western Front and, for British Forces, in the Battle of the Somme, which started on the 1st of July. By October fighting continued in the area near Bapaume in the villages of Grandcourt and Gueudecourt.

The Essex Regiment was heavily involved in these actions with five battalions engaged. During the month of October, 485 men of the Essex Regiment died, with 332 having no known grave and are remembered on the Thiepval Memorial.

Two of the men who died came from Chelmsford. The first is Lance Corporal Charles Joyce, aged 20 who died on the 15th of October serving with the 11th Battalion. He is buried in Bancourt British Cemetery, and he came from High Easter.

Sgt Eric Harrison was aged 30 when he died on the 16th of October, serving with the 1st Battalion. He died as a prisoner of war in Flesquieres in France and was reburied after the war in Ontario Cemetery, Sains-le-Marquion. He was from Baddow Road, Chelmsford.



Ontario Cemetery, Sains-le-Marquion

Details will be provided in the November newsletter but for more information on the Essex branch of the WFA, visit westernfrontassociation.com/branches/united-kingdom/essex/

The Essex Branch 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 of the First World War.

If you would like to receive a copy by email, with attachments, please ask via essexwfa@googlemail.com. We ask for no other information, and the newsletter is the sole use of the email address.

The Cenotaph and Remembrance

The Western Front Association has long been committed to ensuring that the sacrifices of those who served in the First World War are never forgotten. Central to this mission is our annual presence at the Cenotaph in London, the nation's foremost memorial to the fallen.

Each year on November 11th, our members gather at the Cenotaph to lay wreaths, pay respects, and honour those who served. This ceremony is a poignant reminder of the human cost of conflict and an opportunity to reflect on the lessons of the First World War. By maintaining an annual presence at the Cenotaph, the WFA ensures that remembrance is not only observed but actively taught and shared. Members of all ages, historians, and visitors join us to witness this enduring tradition, connecting the past with the present and inspiring future generations to remember.

Jim Kevany
Essex Branch Chairman



Branch talks

As part of our alternating venue policy the Branch talk in October will be held at the Royal British Legion at Hornchurch on the 12th. This presentation is by Paul Weaver and will be looking at the British Army's development of uniform and equipment that was suited to a modern battlefield. Knowing Paul's excellent talks, this will be supported by quite a lot of kit!

We will be back in Hatfield Peverel on November 11th with a talk by Dr Catherine Pearson which will look at the important role of key local manufacturers - Marconi and Hoffman - in the two world wars.

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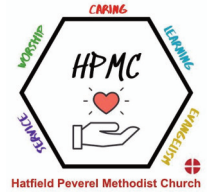


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METHODIST NEWS

We have been busy with many things lately and have enjoyed being part of our and other communities. It was a joy to lead the worship music for St Andrew's midweek event on 10th September where we also prayed for the needs of our community. It was a wonderful opportunity and a special time for Christians in Hatfield Peverel and beyond to worship, pray and share. Do let us know if you would like to be kept informed of any similar future events.

Our members have supported holiday Club and Messy Church in Maldon as well as Café Worship in South Woodham Ferrers. Members of Stitch to Enrich always have a joyful time in the Coffee Lounge on the first and third Thursdays each month. We recently had a go at making bowls using threads, fibres and stitch with soluble fabric. Hopefully there will be a nice display in the craft classes at the Village Show on 3rd October!

During a time of worship recently we were reminded about the need to forgive and be forgiven, with Jesus' words from Matthew 18:21-35 providing our focus. We know how unconditionally we are forgiven by God. It takes some thought to appreciate that he expects us to forgive those who have harmed us too. What a challenge! We chose a stone and reflected on its weight, size and shape, before placing it in the water – a powerful reminder of how we can become clean and have our worries and failings lifted and lightened. Plenty to think about! Perhaps you saw us blowing bubbles in the park as part of our prayer time? Why not find us in the Coffee Lounge on a Sunday morning and be part of the conversation?



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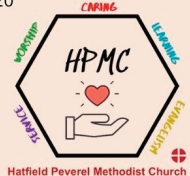
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NEW BLEED KIT INSTALLED IN HONOUR OF LIAM TAYLOR

On Friday 4th September, a new bleed kit was unveiled outside the Hatfield Peverel Parish Council office at the Hatfield Peverel Village Hall next to the defibrillator.

The Bleed Kit was donated by Julie Taylor in memory of her 19-year-old grandson Liam. Following Liam's tragic death in Writtle in January 2020 at the age of 19, Julie set up the [The Liam Taylor Legacy](#) - RIP Fish and has since worked tirelessly to raise awareness of knife crime and make bleed control kits more widely available.

Thanks to Julie's unwavering commitment, there are now 800 bleed kits across our county.

Roger Hirst, Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex, said, "15 of these kits have been used in Essex during life-threatening emergencies involving 16 people."

"Julie has done amazing work across the county. After suffering such a terrible loss, her determination to make a difference is extraordinary. We are very pleased to support her work and help make sure these kits are rolled out across Essex. I know they have already saved lives."

The kits are also carried in Essex Police cars and available at all 50 Essex fire stations, as well as in pubs, restaurants, cafes and other public places including within the village [The Swan Inn](#), [The Duke of Wellington](#), and [The Cross Keys](#).

The unveiling was attended by the Deputy Lord-Lieutenant of Essex, Ian Twinley MBE and Patron of [Helen Rollason Cancer Charity - HRCC](#), the Essex Police and Fire Crime Commissioner, Roger Hirst, the High sheriff of Essex Susannah (Susie) Dutton, representatives from the [Chelmsford Lions Club UK](#) and Hatfield Peverel Parish Council and of course Julie Taylor herself who, after suffering such a terrible loss, has made an extraordinary difference to local communities.



NOT SURE HOW TO USE A BLEED KIT?

Always call 999 in an emergency.

When you call emergency services, the dispatcher will instruct you on how to open the kit, choose the right tool, and apply it correctly while help is on the way.

You don't need any medical training. Each bleed kit contains clear, step-by-step instructions showing you how to use the equipment.

Be sure to protect yourself from infection using the provided gloves.

The important thing is to call 999 and follow the instructions – you won't be expected to know what to do on your own.

You can view nearby public locations using the [UK Bleed Control Kit Map \(BleedMap\)](#), or the [HeartSafe Bleed Kit Map](#).



A WARTIME MYSTERY FROM HATFIELD PEVEREL

A rather special piece of wartime history has found its way back to Hatfield Peverel and we're hoping Village Voice readers might be able to help solve the mystery behind it.

John Styne has recently been sorting through the belongings of his late father, who came from Burton-on-Trent and served with the Royal Armoured Corps during the liberation of Europe. Among the family papers he discovered the wonderfully entertaining account reproduced on these pages.

It was written by **Sergeant G. A. Sutcliffe**, who signed the piece with the letters **BLA – British Liberation Army** – and, most intriguingly for us, gave his home address as **The Nook, Hatfield Peverel, Essex**.

Exactly who Sergeant Sutcliffe was, and why his story remained among the possessions of John's father for more than 80 years, is unknown.

The account itself gives us a glimpse of two servicemen far from home. Sergeant Sutcliffe describes himself, with considerable self-deprecation, as "not so young and going thin on top", while his younger driver came from Chorlton-cum-Hardy. Their adventures include a broken wagon, an evening at the YMCA, a lift with Allied servicemen and an encounter over cognac with a young woman – all related with a wonderfully dry sense of humour.



John initially wondered whether the young driver might have been his father, particularly as his research has revealed that his father served as a driver for the Town Major during this period. The reference to Chorlton-cum-Hardy however appears to rule that out which only deepens the mystery of how Sergeant Sutcliffe's story came into his possession.

John has found great pride and pleasure in piecing together his own father's and grandfather's histories and would now love to reunite this original document with Sergeant Sutcliffe's family.

"It put a smile on my face reading it, so I can only imagine the joy it might bring to his grandchildren or great-grandchildren should I be able to find them."

There could be more to discover, too. John has numerous unidentified photographs of his father and other servicemen taken during the liberation of Europe. If a connection between the two men can be established, it is just possible that somewhere within this collection there may even be a photograph of Sergeant Sutcliffe himself.

Can you help?

Do you remember **The Nook** in Hatfield Peverel, or a Sutcliffe family who lived there? Was G. A. Sutcliffe your father, grandfather, great-grandfather or another relative? Perhaps the name simply rings a bell.

On the following pages, we have recreated Sergeant Sutcliffe's piece titled "Nightlife on the Continent".

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"NIGHTLIFE ON THE CONTINENT"

We have reproduced the original piece by Sergeant Sutcliffe over the next few pages for your enjoyment.

NIGHT LIFE ON THE CONTINENT:

Darkness is falling. The driver, who is young and full of joie de vivre, is singing, "The Wheel of the Wagon is Broken." We are walking down the Rue Nationale to seek transport back to our billet after leaving the wagon to have the wheel mended by the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. The Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, as usual, were very rude to us. They told us that none of the wheels they had in stock would fit our wagon. They were not taking in any more work for a week. All their men were sick and if we had taken the trouble to oil the wheel it would never have broken. We said that we did not know the vocabulary number of the oil and therefore could not indent for it so they dismissed us with contemptuous sneers and will now work very hard on the wagon for they have promised it in two days. So my driver is singing, for he likes the idea of being stranded in a wicked Continental city at 2000 hours. I am not so young and going thin on top and would much prefer to be sitting in front of my warm stove.

The liberty trucks are lined up in the main square of the town. We ask the drivers if they are going anywhere near where we live. All shake their heads except one driver who makes a noise which sounds quite unintelligible to us. He is one of our Gallant Allies and we remember that they have a camp not far from where we are billeted. One of their officers appears and acts as interpreter and it is arranged that we join the party at 2215 hours. "Oh goody!" says the driver, "Let's find a couple of birds." I am not much of a one for Foreign birds although I get on very well with British birds, so I tell him that I am NCO IC this party and lead him to the YMCA.

There is an orchestra in the YMCA playing classical music and this is a great mystery to my driver who can only tolerate music to which he can stamp

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Nightlife on the Continent continued...



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his foot and wag his finger. We stand in a long queue and, after some time, are served with half a mug of tea and a piece of cake. Not satisfied with this refreshment, the driver pesters me to go somewhere and have a real drink, so we plunge into the darkness and find a little cafe where the radio is playing loudly and it is all very bright and jolly. I order two beers and we sit at a little table to drink them.

At the other side of the room there is a charming young lady who is, apparently, very proud of her sheer silk stockings for she is displaying quite a lot of them. Although I am not so young and going thin on top I am still quite interested, but my driver, who is very young, is extremely interested and draws my attention to the excellent way in which they are filled. He then tells me that beer is a lad's drink and goes up to the counter for two cognacs and pays for them with a 500 franc note. I happen to know that this note represents his total capital but he pockets the change as though it was a mere nothing. The young lady is now very interested in us. When my friend returns with the drinks she comes and sits alongside him and tells him he is a nice boy. In spite of the fact that my driver tries to give the impression that he is a man of the world he is really a decent young chap who is the pride and joy of a certain small house in Chorlton-cum-Hardy. He sits with his face as red as a beetroot while the young lady sips his cognac and, after a while, I decide to rescue him but I drink my cognac first to make sure of it. I tell the young lady, not very truthfully, that we will return next week but must leave now as there is a camion waiting for us. When we come back - I say in my best French - we will bring plenty amour and plenty money. The young lady instructs me, however, not to worry about the amour but to be sure and bring the money, so off we go.

The liberty truck is crammed full of our Gallant Allies but they squeeze us in somehow and, as we travel through the night, they sing their national songs

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in loud gruff voices. Then, as a graceful compliment to their English visitors, they sing one of our national songs in English. The tune is familiar and we can distinguish the words, "Postol Picking Mimma" so we applaud vigorously and all is well. The Gallant Ally who is half suffocating me on the right speaks a little English so I ask him the way to say "Good night" in their language. He tells me and I rehearse it during the final kilometres of our journey. When we leave the truck, I say what I am told is "Good night" in their language but my acquaintance must be a humorist for it appears that I have said something very rude indeed and our Gallant Allies vanish into the night still making noises at me that would sound insulting in any language.

As we walk to our billet, my young friend explains to me that none of the great Continental cities he has seen are a patch on Chorlton-cum-Hardy and although I am not so young and going thin on top, I too sometimes feel homesick and am inclined to agree with him.

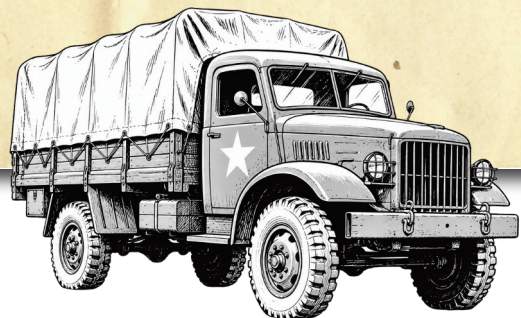
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Home address:- The Nook,

Hatfield Peverel,

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We hope you enjoyed Sergeant Sutcliffe's memoir! If you have any information, however small, please contact communications@hatfieldpeverelpc.com. We would love to help John solve the mystery and, hopefully, return this little piece of wartime history to Sergeant Sutcliffe's family.

Words by Janice Fitzpatrick

October in the Garden

October is a lovely time to be in the garden or allotment. The days are getting shorter and cooler, but there is still plenty to enjoy. After a challenging summer, this is a good month to pause, look around and appreciate what we have achieved.

The lack of rain and the recent drought in the UK certainly made gardening harder. Keeping plants watered was tiring, and some crops inevitably struggled. But gardens and allotments are remarkably resilient. Despite the challenges, many of us have still enjoyed good harvests, tried something new and learned a little more about what works in our own patch. That is something to be proud of.

Enjoy the harvest. October can bring plenty of rewards, including pumpkins and squashes, potatoes, carrots, beetroot, leeks, cabbages, apples, pears and late tomatoes. Pick what is ready and enjoy it while it is fresh. There is a special satisfaction in eating something you have grown yourself!

Clear a little, not everything. Remove any fallen or rotting fruit and vegetables before they become a home for pests and disease. Remove tired annuals, weeds and diseased leaves, but don't feel you have to make everything perfectly tidy. Seed heads and stems can provide food and shelter for birds and insects over winter. Leave a few quiet corners where nature can take its course.

Give the soil some attention. Clear away finished crops and weeds, adding healthy plant material to your compost heap. Leave some roots in the ground where practical, as they can help feed the soil as they break down. If you have well-rotted compost or manure, October is a good time to spread it over empty beds. This helps improve the soil and gives next year's plants a good start. There is no need to do everything at once — one bed or small area is enough for a satisfying afternoon's work.

Plant and protect. Autumn is a good time to plant many trees, shrubs, bulbs, and some perennial plants. Garlic and autumn onions can also be planted now. Protect tender plants from early frosts when necessary and keep an eye on newly planted areas until they become established. There is still time to plant spring-flowering bulbs such as daffodils and crocuses.

Hardy plants and shrubs can also be moved or planted while the soil is still reasonably warm. Protect tender plants from early frosts and bring pots of vulnerable plants under cover where possible. Check stakes, ties, fences and supports before strong autumn winds arrive.



A few jobs for next year. October is also the perfect time to make a note of what worked well — and what didn't. Which crops did particularly well despite the dry weather? What would you grow more or less of next year? Clean and store tools, check pots and supports, save useful seeds and make a simple plan for the coming season.

Most importantly, take a moment to enjoy what you have created. Gardening isn't about getting everything right. Sometimes the greatest success is simply trying something different, learning from it and enjoying the journey.

And if you are new to gardening or have recently taken on a plot, welcome! There is always something to learn, and there is no better time to start than now.

A little time for the community As the growing season winds down, October is also a good time to look around and see what can be shared. Perhaps you have surplus produce, spare seeds, plants or gardening materials that another plot holder or neighbour could use. A friendly chat over the fence can sometimes be as useful as a gardening book!

Most importantly, enjoy the changing season. There is satisfaction in harvesting the last of the summer crops, preparing the ground for next year and knowing that the garden is being made ready for its winter rest. **A well-prepared garden today gives us something to look forward to when spring returns.**

Words: Drew Price

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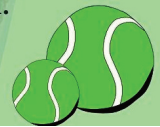
SOCIAL TENNIS ALL YEAR ROUND ON THE NEW HP COURTS!

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



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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).

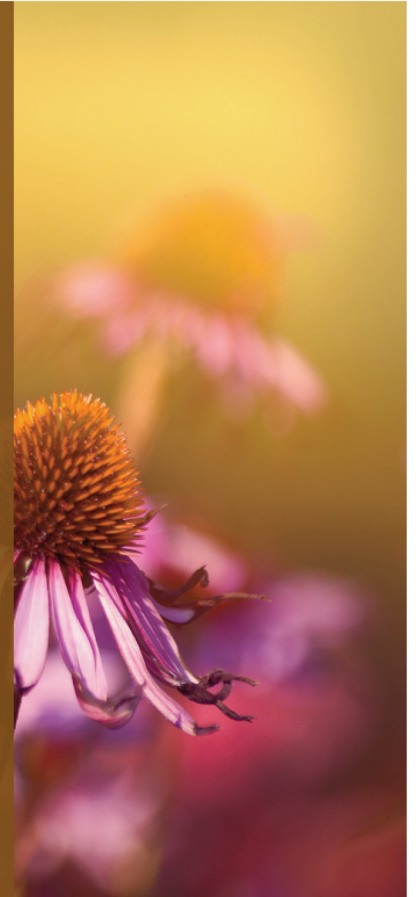
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR 2026

- 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.

We thank all those who took part in and visited the Autumn Show. We welcomed entries from our community, in a wide range of categories, including plants, baking, crafts and photography. It was a wonderful showcase for the many talents of the residents of our village. More about that in next month's issue.

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 OCTOBER

After many months of hot and dry weather, October weather brings a welcome relief for our gardens and some rain to encourage our lawns to be green again! It is the time to cut back all summer flowering plants, take cuttings for next years display and weed the borders. Consider your planting plans for next year possibly with a view to plants that can survive and flourish in a far more humid and drier environment.

The village allotment association provides some excellent tips and ideas on planting and caring for vegetables in this magazine.



Prune:

Cut back roses after they have finished flowering. Cut back overhanging branches from pathways and fences to allow easy access around your garden. Trim conifer hedges to keep shape and size sympathetic to your garden.

Plant:

Sow hardy annuals such as cornflowers, ammi and scabiosa for flowering next spring. Plant up containers for Autumn interest with heathers, cyclamen, heucheras and other colourful autumn plants such as crocuses, daffodils, hyacinths, bluebells and snake-head fritillaries. Plant drifts of spring bulbs for informal lawns. Plant shrubs whilst soil is still warm

Propagate:

Collect seeds from annuals as they appear to save for later planting. Take hardwood cuttings from ornamental trees and shrubs.

by Karen Bayley



MALDON FILM CLUB

FILMS THIS AUTUMN

Maldon Film Club welcomed in its 22nd season with the screening of the Oscar nominated *Song Sung Blue* and the highly acclaimed *The Last Journey*.

Our season continues the 6th and 20th of October when the films to be screened are the Oscar winning *Hamnet*, starring Jessie Buckley and Paul Mescal and the Oscar nominated *Io Capitano*.

Hamnet – After her son Hamnet dies at the age of 11 Agnes Shakespeare is struck with intense grief. As she mourns with her husband, William, the pair struggle to come to terms with the frailty of life and the ruthlessness of the plague. Agnes, a healer by trade, must find a way to move on with her life and provide for her other children.

Io Capitano – Seydou (Seydou Sarr), is a teenage boy who, together with his cousin, Moussa (Moustapha Fall), decides to leave Dakar in Senegal and make his way to Europe. The story is a contemporary Homeric Odyssey through a labyrinth of checkpoints, the dangers of the scorched desert, the horrors of the detention centres in Libya and the perils of the sea. A special screening of the film took place at the Vatican in 2023 when the Director and cast were granted an audience with Pope Francis.

Coming up in November

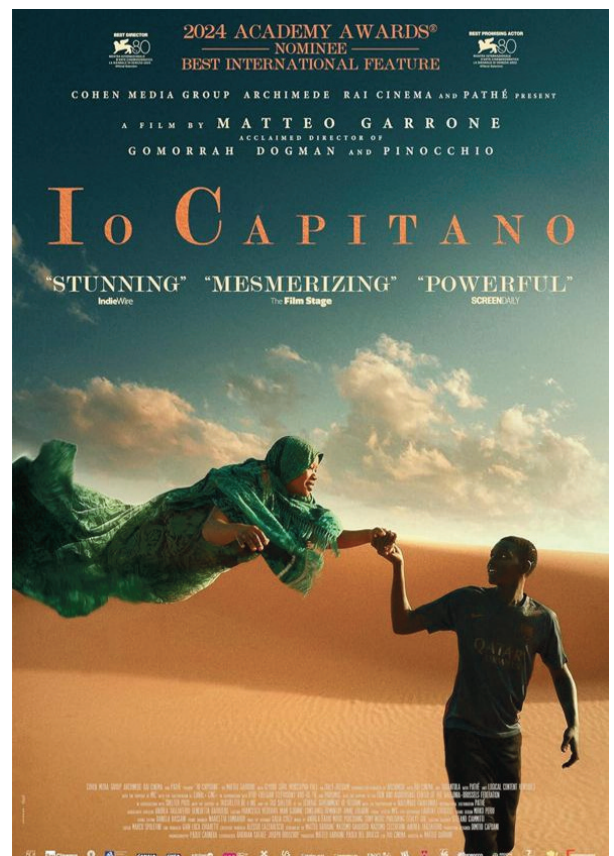
Our films for November are *The Taste of Things* starring Juliette Binoche and Benoit Magimel and *I Swear*, which was the winner of 2 BAFTA Awards. The films will be screened on November 3rd and 17th respectively.

We continue with our 22nd season until 26th May 2027 with films being shown fortnightly on Tuesdays in 2026 and Wednesdays in 2027. The Club meets at Maldon Town Hall, doors open at 7.15pm, wine and soft drinks are available at a charge from 7.30pm and unless notified to the contrary all films commence at 8pm.

The price of an annual subscription remains at £30 and this entitles members to free admission to all the season's films – that's less than £1.60 per film! In addition, there are a limited number of places for junior members, aged 16-18 in full-time education and training, at the reduced cost of £20. As a member you will be asked to give your reaction to the films you have seen and help the committee compile the programme for the following season. Membership is open to all, and new members will be made very welcome. Members' guests pay just £4 per film!

For further details and an application form please visit our website www.maldonfilmclub.uk, pop into the Maldon Visitor Information Centre (Tuesday – Saturday between 1100 and 4pm) or phone 01621 869133 for membership enquiries. Alternatively, you are welcome to come along as my guest at our next screening, 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, John Salisbury, on 07905 971608.





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PEVEREL WINE CLUB

THE FINE ART OF PAIRING WINE WITH CRISPS

September saw us back inside the village hall for the first meeting of our autumn programme, a new venture entitled Wine & Crisp Pairing. At Peverel, we do try to keep up with the latest trends in the wine world, and this is definitely one to watch. A couple of publications on the subject came out more or less simultaneously recently, and attracted quite a bit of media attention, spotted by our eagle-eyed media correspondent, Pat Hercules, who thought it would be a good topic for us. Judging by the fierce debates going on at each table over the preferred pairings, she was right!

We learnt that there is a correct technique required for a wine and crisp tasting and spent a few minutes training to become Crisp Connoisseurs and Vine Virtuosos! The technique is simple:

- With a clean palate, sip the wine first to establish its basic flavour, acidity and tannic content.
- Now taste the crisp. Any sharp acidity in white wines or harsh tannins in reds will be softened as the fat and salt of the crisp coats your tongue.
- Follow this with a second sip of wine. The salty crisp will have acted as a palate cleanser, making the wine taste fruitier and smoother than it did on the first sip.

By doing things in this order, the particular flavours of the snack and the wine play off one another in perfect harmony – or not, as we found out with some of the combos we tried! We also took on board some very simple rules to follow when deciding which wines and crisps to try together

- It makes sense to pair lighter wines like Champagne or rosé with lighter, more delicate crisps. Conversely, pair heavier reds like Primitivo with bolder, heavily seasoned snacks.
- Nearly all crisps and snacks are salty and so need wine with high acidity or even bubbles to cleanse the palate between munches. Apparently, we should avoid highly tannic reds, which start to taste metallic with salty snacks.

We recognized, sadly, that even with our new knowledge we are still more likely to match our favourite wine with whatever crisp is on special offer at the supermarket that week, but at least we might avoid ruining an expensive bottle of Côte d'Or burgundy with a red-hot chilli pepper pappadam!

Volunteers Vee & Chris Green, Pat Hercules, David Wickenden, Tara Sullivan and Stephen Roberts introduced each wine plus a pair of possible crisp or snack pairings for members' delectation, and each table then debated the merits of the alternative combos. Some pairings (particularly of the stronger flavours) were thought to be less happy, but all the wines proved to be excellent value for money. The top

white wine pairing was voted to be a **Fairleigh Estate Sauvignon** from Marlborough, New Zealand (**Majestic Mix Six price £8.50**) with **goat's cheese bruschettas**, and the favourite red pairing was **Wave Crest Shiraz** from Australia's Limestone Coast (**Majestic Mix Six £8.50**) with **Waitrose N°1 Sea Salt & Black Pepper crisps**. By contrast, the best wines of the evening were agreed to be the South African Duncan Savage's **Pringle Bay Chenin Blanc** (**Majestic Mix Six £9**) and **Catena High Mountain Vines Malbec** from Argentina (also **Majestic Mix Six, a snip at £10**).

October promises to be a slightly quieter affair than September as it sees the Club's Annual General Meeting take place; however, all members have a big incentive to deal with the official business as swiftly as possible in order to have plenty of time for the highlight of the evening: the now traditional Six of the Best tasting, reviewing some of the wines voted the evening's best at meetings during the past year before voting for the prestigious Peverel Wine of the Year!

If you'd like to join us in October – 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). For more information on us, visit our website at www.peverelwineclub.co.uk, where the exciting 2026 programme is available to view, or email Vee at peverelwineclub@hotmail.co.uk.



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