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Maldon Road, CM3 2HP

DOORS OPEN 7.30PM SPEAKER 8PM

HANNINGFIELD NATURE RESERVE

by Bill Godsafe

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REFRESHMENTS

Hatfield Peverel Parish News



SOCIAL MEDIA

Hatfield Peverel Parish Council are now on Insta! Check out our new account at [@hatfieldpeverelpc](https://www.instagram.com/hatfieldpeverelpc) and give us a follow! Though we are phasing out the use of our X account, you can still follow us on Facebook [@hatfieldpeverelpc](https://www.facebook.com/hatfieldpeverelpc). Please note, that while we share some of our Facebook posts to local groups, we don't

typically respond to comments or questions about council business on Facebook. For any enquiries, please contact the Parish Clerk, Sarah, via the email address below.

TENNIS COURTS

As mentioned in our July edition, the tennis courts are expected to open in October. Details on how to book will be shared in our October issue and via social media, so keep an eye out!

COMMUNITY PARK

The Community Park Committee has been working hard behind the scenes to bring the Community Park to life. While we had hoped to install the car park in August, as with many projects involving planning and contractors, this is now likely to take place later in the autumn. We'll keep you informed through the usual council channels.

If you have relevant expertise—or simply plenty of enthusiasm—we'd

love you to consider joining the Community Park Committee. Meetings are held on the last Monday of each month at the Village Hall and are open to the public.

GET INVOLVED

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 1st September in the Vic Olley Room at the Village Hall. Public participation is welcome, please see the [agenda](#) which is published on the Parish Council website and on the noticeboard outside the Parish Council office.

Sarah Gaeta, Parish Clerk; Carly Truman, Assistant Clerk

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Hatfield Peverel Flower Club

Programme for Autumn 2025

N.B. No meeting in August

3rd September	Violetta Veikniene - "The Language of Flowers"
1st October	Rekha Naidoo - "Inspiration of India"
5th November	Helen Bird - "Made to Measure"
3rd December	Lorraine Gragen - "A Holly Jolly Christmas"

Hatfield Peverel Village Hall,
Maldon Road,
CM3 2HP

7.30 for 8pm

Refreshments and Raffle
Guests welcome Non-members £7

For further details telephone:
Jane Eastall on 01245 466364
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NEWS FROM ST. ANDREW'S AND ALL SAINTS



It is unbelievable how fast the year is speeding by and here we are publicising events in September, but before that we just need to report on a couple of events which took place before we went to print for the August issue. We had not at that time had our Pet service in the Vicarage garden or the Messy Summer Workshop and we were delighted with both events. Sitting under Charles Cope's tent at the Pet Service were inter alia 2 children, a baby, 11 dogs, a canary and just outside the tent an unaccompanied cat.

The Messy Workshop was enjoyed by a good number of young with parental support and much craft work was created on the verse "Jesus Loves me" including making paper boats which we floated on a make-believe Sea of Galilee, and we had a trail around the vicarage garden to find and put together the letters of the missing verse.

By the time you read this we will have had our August Soup and Roll in aid of British Heart Foundation and will be looking forward to the September event which will be 12.30 -2.00pm on Tuesday 9th September and will support Mercy Ships. Please do try and come to these events (usually on the second Tuesday of each month) as well as our regular Coffee mornings on the first Saturday of each month (next one at 10am on Saturday 6th September).

As we write this in early August, we are well into *actual* harvest time - so much earlier than we are used to and many fields have already yielded up their crops. However, we are not used to having Harvest

Festival services until late September so the **Harvest Service** at **All Saints, Ulting** will be on **Sunday 28th September, 4pm**, and at **St Andrew's** on **Sunday 5th October at 10.15 am**. These are special services with decorated churches and some of the best loved hymns of all time so do come along! As an extra special bonus there will be a **jazz and blues concert** by the **Purple Turtles** at **3.00 pm** on the **5th October** at **St Andrew's**. This looks to be a brilliant event with raffle and refreshments. No entry fee but donations (in cash or kind) in aid of the Braintree and Witham food bank. Please keep a lookout for posters and information on the [church website](#), Village Hub and [Facebook](#).



We have had weddings at both St Andrew's and All Saints and baptisms at St Andrew's and sadly some funerals too this summer. It is encouraging, in these days of reducing regular religious attendance, that people still recognise the value of the wonderful churches we have in our midst and appreciate the importance of those who minister and serve at those churches. Please always feel free to get in touch with whatever issues we may be able to help with - not only celebrations but in times of sadness or problems that cause worry or anxiety.

Contact details for Parish Team

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 Charles Cope 01245 382134
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 Mark Keenan 07791141974
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Parish of St Andrew Hatfield Peverel with All Saints Ulting

SERVICES etc. for September 2025

	St Andrews (+refreshments after 10.15 services)	All Saints (+refreshments after service on 4 th Sunday)
Saturday 6 th	10 -12 noon COFFEE MORNING in St Andrew's Church Hall	
Sunday 7 th	10.15am Matins (Morning Prayer with hymns)	9am Holy Communion (BCP)
Tuesday 9 th August	SOUP and ROLLS in St Andrew's Church Hall In aid of Mercy Ships	
Sunday 14 th	8am Holy Communion 10.15 All Age Service	9am Morning Prayer (Common worship)
Sunday 21 st	10.15 Parish Eucharist	9am Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 28 th	10.15 Parish Eucharist	4pm Harvest Celebration
Sunday 5 th October	10.15 Harvest Celebration 3pm <i>Jazz and blues concert with tea etc.</i>	9am Holy Communion (BCP)

Edward Bear: Every Thursday 10am to 11.30 (but not during August) – Coffee and Company – in hall - with short worship on alternating week
 All Saints open for prayer at 9am every Wednesday [with Morning Office]
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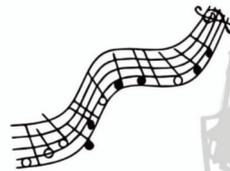


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NOVICE: Minimum age 15



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Age 15-16



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WILDLIFE NEWS

A very big THANK YOU! to the children of St Andrew’s Junior School, Hatfield Peverel, who worked very hard to make these 12 beautiful signs to highlight the rewilding areas in the village. For the second year, Hatfield Peverel Parish Council left some grassy areas to grow longer and allow native flowers to bloom and provide vital food for bees, butterflies and other pollinators and shelter for small mammals. The rewilding areas have now been mown and the signs put away for the winter but they will be back for No Mow May next year.

Donna Goddard, Urban Wildlife Champion
wildlife-champion@hatfieldpeverelpc.com 07789 175333





In the allotment this month

September marks the gentle transition from summer's warmth to autumn's crisp embrace. In the garden and on the allotment, it's a time of harvest, preparation, and reflection. Let's explore what this month brings to your green spaces.

In Your Garden

As the days shorten and temperatures cool, your garden begins its seasonal shift. Here's how to make the most of this transitional month:

- Harvest tomatoes, cucumbers, courgettes, runner beans, and sweetcorn while they're still ripe.
- Pick apples, pears, and late-season plums with care to avoid bruising.
- Gather autumn brassicas like cabbages and cauliflowers.
- Lift maincrop potatoes and check for any missed tubers.
- Sow spinach, radishes, rocket, lettuce, and oriental leaves for late-season crops.
- Plant garlic and onion sets for next year's harvest.
- Add spring-flowering bulbs like daffodils and anemones for a vibrant spring display.
- Move or plant shrubs and trees to allow winter establishment.
- Dig over beds, remove spent plants, and enrich soil with compost or manure.
- Reduce lawn mowing, scarify to remove thatch, and top dress established lawns.
- Clean and organize your greenhouse and shed for winter storage.
- Leave some fruits and berries for wildlife to enjoy.
- Divide perennials to rejuvenate and propagate.
- Collect seeds from favourite flowers and vegetables for future planting.

On the Allotment

The allotment is bustling with activity as summer crops reach their peak, and preparations begin for the colder months ahead:

- Continue harvesting courgettes, marrows, gherkins, beetroot, carrots, lettuce, salad leaves, radish, spinach, and tomatoes.
- Lift maincrop potatoes, using damaged ones first and storing clean ones.
- Start harvesting apples by gently twisting them from the tree.
- Pick the last of French and runner beans before they fade.
- Sow hardy vegetables like spring cabbage, spinach, winter lettuce, oriental vegetables, turnips, and radishes.
- Plant garlic cloves and autumn onion sets for early summer harvest.
- Sow overwintering varieties of broad beans and peas in mild areas.
- Plant new perennials, especially late in the month, while the soil remains warm.

- Use green manure to improve soil health for next season.
- Keep weeds under control as the season changes.
- Prune plum trees before the cold sets in.
- Protect tender crops with cloches or fleece.
- Remove old crops to prevent pests and diseases.
- Begin winter digging by clearing weeds and applying compost or manure.

A Final Thought

Gardening is a decision-making process. Weather, crops, time, and many other factors influence the decisions. Your success will be related to the decisions and choices you make, particularly regarding your plans for next season. The best gardeners are always thinking ahead. Have fun with your plans.

We hope you enjoy the image of part of our allotments on this month's front cover. For more information about signing up to our waiting list, visit <https://membermojo.co.uk/hpaa>



By Drew Price

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AUTUMN SHOW

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MALDON CROQUET CLUB

Anyone for Croquet?

If you would like to visit and try a game, Maldon Croquet Club, based at the Keith Bigden Memorial Ground in Hatfield Peverel, assures you of a warm welcome.

The club has had a very successful season to date, with an increased membership and members taking advantage of the lovely weather to enjoy our "roll up" sessions.

Our Club competitions are under way, with members of all abilities playing to win our club awards. We also take part in local league matches and friendly matches with other clubs. Recently we spent a very enjoyable weekend in Ramsgate where teams from our club played teams from the Ramsgate club. The overall result did not go in our favour, but a good time was had by all!

The All England Golf Croquet competition final will be held in Bath this year and we hope to be sending members to represent our club.

Throughout the season we welcome local groups to try croquet and take tea in our club's beautiful setting and those who have attended to date have said that they enjoyed the experience. We also have a summer BBQ and hold a regular quiz and lunches throughout the winter months to keep our members in touch.

If you would like to try croquet, as an individual or as a club, please visit our website at www.maldoncroquetclub.org.uk or contact us at maldoncroquetclub@gmail.com

by Janet Hall

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Hatfield Peverel Flower Club

Christmas Wreath Workshop

Saturday 29th November
10 - 12.30am
at
Hatfield Peverel Village Hall,
Maldon Road
CM3 2HP

The cost will be £25 for Flower Club members and £35 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

hatfieldpeverelflowerclub.co.uk

HADFELDA LADIES GROUP

CHARLIE'S VISIT CREATES A BUZZ

Charlie is training to be a guide dog and he brought his trainer with him to our meeting in July to explain what is involved and how Guide Dogs for the Blind work. We were all interested to learn how much the charity does for those with impaired vision, especially with the children. Having the support of a dog can give a child more confidence and help them to feel accepted. Dogs are great for Involving people and getting conversations started. It is amazing what the dogs can be taught to do to help the people they are paired with, although, unfortunately, there are never enough dogs to help all those who may need one. Charlie was quite well behaved and so was Rick his trainer!



At our open meeting in August we learnt about Bees and Beekeeping with Antony Stark and were able to purchase some delicious honey. September is our 'Harvest Lunch' so please note the meeting starts an hour earlier at 1pm, and as our October meeting is so close to Halloween it will be a 'Spooky Afternoon'. Maybe a few Ghouls & Ghosts will appear? Come along and find out. We meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month at St. Andrew's Church Hall at 2pm.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 24th September Harvest Lunch - 1pm
- 22nd October Spooky afternoon
- 26th November Members Meeting
- 10th December Christmas Celebrations

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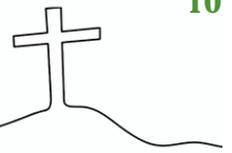
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www.HatPevVhall.org



Badminton Mondays 7pm	HotSteps Tuesdays from 3:30pm	EMC Lunch club Wednesdays 1-3pm	Little Oliver Twists Dog Training Thursdays 6pm	Table Tennis Tuesdays 7:30pm
Tuesday Toddler Time Tuesdays 9:30am	Tappy Toes Dance Wednesdays 10am	Shea-Lowe Education Wednesdays 3:30-6:15	Moo Music Thursdays 9:45am starts April 24th	Little City 3rd Wednesday of the month 9:30am
Essex Hearing Help 2nd Weds, bi-monthly 10-12	Side By Side Dementia support 3rd Tuesday. 2-4pm	Methodist Church Sundays 9:15am	Stitch to Enrich 1st & 3rd Thursday 2-4pm	Women's Circle 2nd or 3rd Weds 7:15pm
Kazen Kai Karate Thursdays 3:45	Nickelstick last Saturday, 9:30am	Western Front 2nd Wed 8-10pm May, Jul, Sep, Nov	Bread Making 1 Saturday a month 10:30am	Dancematic Latin Dance Fridays 2pm
Flower Club 1st Weds of the month 7:30pm	Essex Yeomanry Band Sundays 9:30-13:00	Bingo 1st & 3rd Friday of the month: 7-10pm	Essex Tai Chi Academy Saturdays 9:30-12:30	Wine Club 2nd Weds of the month 7:30pm

Hatfield Peverel Methodist Church



We are delighted to welcome our new Minister to Hatfield Peverel Methodist Church—Rev Dr Jennifer Walters will be living in Maldon, ministering to Methodists in Maldon, South Woodham Ferrers, Witham and Halstead, as well as Hatfield Peverel. Here is a little information she has prepared to help us get to know her.

Hello, I'm Jennifer, and I'm delighted to be joining you in the Chelmsford Circuit this September. I've spent most of the last 25 years as a secondary school science teacher, specialising in Physics, and I hold a PhD in the subject. In 2022, I was ordained in Canterbury Cathedral and have recently transferred my ordination to the Methodist Church. Originally from Skegness, I've lived in Kent for many years, with time also spent in London and two enriching years in rural Tanzania with VSO as a volunteer teacher. I completed my initial theology training at Queen's in Birmingham and am looking forward to reconnecting with theological study. I'm passionate about taking the gospel beyond the church walls, meeting people where they are, and ministry with children and young people is especially close to my heart—particularly exploring

their spirituality and sense of wonder. I'm moving to Maldon with my cat, Cookie, and am excited to get to know this part of the country and the community here.

Harvest Festival and Craft Event

We do hope you will join us for our Harvest on Sunday 28th September. Worship will take place in room 3 at the Village Hall from 9.15 am with the Craft Event from 10.30 am – 12 pm. We will be creating with a harvest of things which would otherwise be thrown away, so a celebration of recycling and repurposing. Don't forget you can enter a finished item into the Horticultural Society Autumn Show in the Village Hall on Saturday 4th October. Adults and children are welcome at both worship and the Craft Event, which is free, although you might like to bring a gift for Chelmsford Foodbank. We will provide a prize for each age group in the recycling classes (351 and 353) at the Autumn Show.

You can contact us as follows: Mission Lead: Jane Cook 07827 594535

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Hatfield Peverel Methodist Church

SUN 28TH SEPT

HARVEST Craft Event

10:30 - 12:00
Room 3, Hatfield Peverel Village Hall

LEARN HOW TO HARVEST (COLLECT) AND REPURPOSE ITEMS TO CREATE SOMETHING NEW!

MAYBE CREATE AN ENTRY FOR THE AUTUMN SHOW!

Admission is free, adults & children welcome. Learn skills to recycle, reuse and repurpose.

Bring a gift for Chelmsford Foodbank!
Visit www.trussell.org.uk/emergency-food/find-a-foodbank

Hello from Terling WI!

July's meeting was our annual summer party, hosted once again by our lovely President, Lucy, at her beautiful home. The weather gave us a little anxiety but once the showers had passed the evening was another great success.

Every member brought along a homemade treat and we ended up with so much food – not good when you have a Zumba party planned! Sarah, our lovely Zumba instructor helped us work up an appetite with five short tracks before food, and then a couple of slower ones afterwards. Everyone got thoroughly involved and it was great to have Zumba on the lawn!

COME AND JOIN US!

We are still open for new memberships and renewals, so why not give us a go? Membership is pro rata, so if you join now it is only £38.25 which takes you through to March 2026. T&Cs apply.

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

We do not meet in August, but our September 'members only' meeting takes place on 25th September. So, onto October, and we welcome Giovannone Di Sarno, who will discuss the evolution of bread, including a complete demonstration on how to make bread from scratch and how to choose the correct flour. We do require numbers for this meeting, so if you plan to attend, please do let us know asap so we can accommodate everyone.



KEY TERLING WI DATES

Thurs 25th Sept - Members only - MUST BOOK IN!

Thurs 23rd Oct - Members/Non-Members Meeting - PLEASE BOOK IN!

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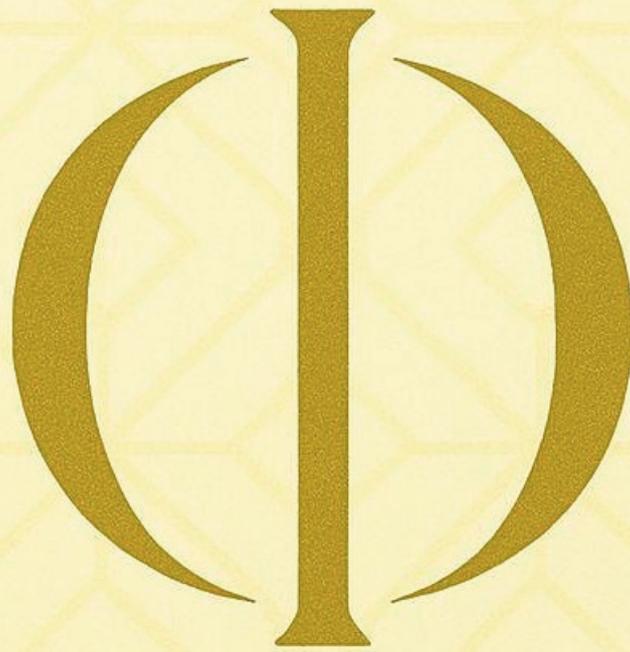
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NAMES WITHOUT GRAVES: STORIES FROM YPRES & LOOS

We're back at Hatfield Peverel's Village Hall on Wednesday 10th September for a fascinating talk by Mark Connelly, an engaging speaker with a deep expertise in remembrance and memorials. Mark will explore how the cemeteries and memorials in the Ypres area were developed, and what their designs and symbolism reveal about how we remember the losses and sacrifices made there. The Ypres region was fiercely contested from October 1914 until November 1918, making it a significant focus for commemoration. The talk begins at 8pm, and everyone is welcome. A donation of £3.50 is requested on entry.

One memorial that is almost certain to be discussed is the Menin Gate Memorial to the Missing, which bears the names of 54,549 soldiers who died without a known grave up to 16th August 1917. Since 1928, with the exception of the years of German occupation during the Second World War, a Last Post Ceremony has taken place there every evening. This moving tribute includes a bugle call, a two-minute silence, and the laying of wreaths.

In September 1915, British forces launched a major offensive at Loos in France. This offensive ran from 25th of September to 8th of October and was the first time the British used gas as a weapon. As was common at that stage of the War, initial gains were made but could not be exploited.

Menin Gate Memorial To The Missing



The only Essex Regiment battalion to be involved in the battle in that September was the 11th Battalion. As one of the Kitchener Volunteer units they had arrived in France on 30th August with only limited training but on 26th September at 11am, they were committed to the



attack. To their credit they did very well but were subject to heavy fire, were pinned down near the town of Hulloch and could not proceed further. They were withdrawn after midnight. The battalion diary showed 18 officers and 350 as casualties, which included killed, wounded, or missing. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission records 95 men of the Battalion dying in September 1915, of whom 88 have no known grave and are remembered on the Loos Memorial. These include Corporal George Douse from Kelvedon and Private Frank Brewster from Chelmsford.

The Loos Memorial commemorates the 20,639 men who died in the Loos area during the First World War and have no known grave. It is set into the walls surrounding Dud Corner Cemetery, creating a poignant and powerful tribute to the fallen.

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

by Jim Kevany
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MALDON FILM CLUB

WELCOME TO THE 21ST SEASON!

It's finally here! The 21st Season of the Maldon Film Club begins this month!



The first film of our new season, **The Outrun**, will be screened on Tuesday 9th September. It tells the story of Rona (played by Saoirse Ronan) who is fresh out of rehab. Hoping to heal, she returns to the Orkney Islands where she grew up, a place both wild and beautiful off the Scottish coast. After more than a decade of living life on the edge in London, where she both found and lost love, Rona, now 30, attempts to come to terms with her troubled past. As she reconnects with the dramatic landscape where she grew up, memories of her traumatic childhood merge with recent more challenging events that have set her on the path to recovery. The film, which was nominated for 2 BAFTA Awards, is adapted from the bestselling memoir by Amy Liptrot.

Our second film of the new season, to be screened on Tuesday 23rd September, is the Oscar winning **Conclave**, starring Ralph Fiennes as Cardinal Lawrence. After the sudden death of the beloved Pope, Cardinal Lawrence is tasked with leading one of the most secretive and ancient events – the selection of the new Pope. Once the Catholic Church's most powerful leaders have gathered from around the world and are locked together in the halls of the Vatican, Lawrence uncovers a trail of secrets left in the wake of the dead Pope – secrets which could shake the foundations of the church.

Our next two films are **I'm Still Here**, playing on Tuesday 7th October and **Anora** on 21st October. One afternoon in 1971 Rubens Pavla, a former congressman and outspoken critic of Brazil's newly instituted military dictatorship was taken from his home and disappeared. The film, **I'm Still Here**, presents the perspective of his wife whose search for the truth about her husband would stretch out for decades. Our second film in October, is the Oscar winning **Anora**, which follows an Uzbek-American stripper whose boss often sets her up with Russian speaking clients. More details in the October issue of Village Voice!



The 21st season continues until Wednesday 3rd June 2026. Films are shown fortnightly on Tuesdays in 2025 and Wednesdays in 2026. We meet at Maldon Town Hall – doors open at 7.15pm and wine and soft drinks are available at a charge from 7.30pm. 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 of the season's 19 films – that's less than £1.60 per film! In addition, there are a limited number of places for junior members aged 16-18 in full time education and training at the reduced cost of £20. As a member you will be asked to give your reaction to the films you have seen and also help the committee compile the programme for the following season. Membership is open to all and new members will be made very welcome. Members' guests pay just £4 per film!



For further details and an application form please visit our web site www.maldonfilmclub.uk, pop in to the Maldon Visitor Information Centre (Tuesday – Saturday between 11am and 4pm) or phone 01621 869340 for membership enquiries. Alternatively you are welcome to come along as my guest to the first film of the new season, meet members of the committee and pay your annual subscription on the night. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me on 07905 971608.

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A wartime bond remembered



On the east side of the Strutt Memorial Recreation Ground stands a special gateway - one that holds more than just bricks and iron. Installed in 1949, it was gifted to the people of Hatfield Peverel by Trinity County School of Wood Green in thanks for the warm welcome given during their wartime evacuation to our parish.

When Britain declared war on Germany on 3rd September 1939, the Government launched a nationwide evacuation scheme to move children and vulnerable adults from cities to safer rural areas. While evacuation was voluntary, fear of bombing prompted many families to take part. With urban schools closing, and transport and placement handled by the authorities, it became a lifeline for many. The Government also funded travel, board, and lodging for evacuees taken in by local households.

Trinity County School, based in the heavily built-up area of Hornsey and Wood Green, arrived in Hatfield Peverel on the very day war was declared. Pupils, teachers, and the rhythm of school life were transplanted into our village, where they remained until January 1943 when the last group of staff and students returned home.

The war's toll on the school community was profound. Fifty-four former Trinity students lost their lives serving during WWII, including 19

who had only left the school just a year or two earlier. Among the younger students, two girls died in bombing raids in Wood Green - one of them, tragically, had only just started school in 1944 and was killed, along with her entire family, when a V2 rocket struck their home. For those early evacuees, Hatfield Peverel became a temporary home—and for many local families, a lasting memory. A Trinity Grammar School newsletter from 2009 recalled the wartime years and the 1949 gateway ceremony: “Memories of war-time evacuation were recalled at Hatfield Peverel on Saturday, July 2nd 1949. It

was to this Essex village that the School journeyed on September 3, 1939, and remained there till January 1943. Those three and a half years brought many problems both to the people of Hatfield Peverel and to the visitors, but the problems were solved or forgotten, and what remains now is a very pleasant memory of co-operation and friendliness. A Gateway to the village recreation ground has been presented by the School and was formally handed over to the Hatfield Peverel Parish Council by the Headmaster. A crowd of Hatfield Peverel folk was waiting by the Church Hall when a coach from [contd. over]



Trinity Memorial Gateway under construction, Strutt Memorial Recreation Ground, Hatfield Peverel, 1949 - Trinity: A School with a Past by Don Grammer

A wartime bond remembered (contd)

Wood Green drew up precisely at 2 p.m. From Wood Green had come the Headmaster of Trinity Grammar School, Dr Emrys E. Jones, and Mrs. Jones, the Chairman of the Governors, along with other Wood Green dignitaries and school staff. Present, too, were a number of scholars and many Old Scholars who, as boys and girls, lived in Hatfield Peverel during the war and who wished to renew their friendship with their former hosts and hostesses.

After an informal exchange of greetings, Colonel Parsons, on behalf of the Hatfield Peverel Parish Council, opened the proceedings. In recalling the war-time evacuation, of which he gave some details, he spoke of the high morale, good discipline, and friendly spirit of the Trinity Grammar School boys and girls. What might have been a very difficult time for both sides became a striking example of mutual help and co-operation."

The Headmaster expressed heartfelt thanks for the kindness shown by the people of Hatfield Peverel and

explained that the gateway was chosen as a lasting symbol of the school's gratitude:

"When the people of Hatfield Peverel passed through that gateway to enjoy the pleasures of their recreation ground, he hoped they would recall that war-time period of helpfulness and kindness - a kindness which might be regarded as the gateway to some of the deepest and finest pleasures of life."

Mrs Wilkinson, the only woman on the Parish Council at the time, also spoke at the ceremony. She acknowledged the challenges of the evacuation but said, "its difficulties had been overcome and she was happy that the work of the housewives of her village was so greatly appreciated."

With speeches concluded, the gate was ceremonially unlocked, and the crowd passed through, joining together to sing the National Anthem. [contd. over] Fittingly, the gateway was designed to replicate the entrance to Trinity School's playground in Wood Green.

Sixty years later, on 3rd September 1999, former evacuee Ken Coleman organised a return visit to Hatfield Peverel. Along with fellow former students, friends, and family, he presented a commemorative plaque for the gateway, marking the school's enduring connection to the village.

Then, in April 2009, seventy years after the evacuation, 12 members of the Old Scholars Association returned once more, sharing a buffet lunch at the Wheatsheaf and fondly revisiting the place that had once been their wartime home.

The gateway still stands today as a quiet but powerful reminder of a remarkable chapter in our village's history—one of generosity, resilience, and friendship in the face of war. The plaque added in 1999 serves not only as a tribute to those who came here as evacuees, but also as a thank-you to the people of Hatfield Peverel who welcomed them. As you pass through the gate or pause to look at the plaque, take a moment to remember the lives touched—and shaped—by those wartime years.

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Hello again, everyone! It's Stefan here—your local mobile personal trainer. This month, I want to highlight something simple yet incredibly powerful: your breathing. Most of us breathe without thinking, but how we breathe can have a big impact on our energy, posture, stress levels, and physical performance.



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3. **Reduces stress and anxiety** – Slow, deep breathing activates your body's relaxation response.
4. **Improves endurance** – Learning to control your breathing helps during physical activity.
5. **Helps with posture** – Shallow breathing can cause upper-body tension and poor alignment.

Making small adjustments to how you breathe can lead to better movement, more energy, and less tension.

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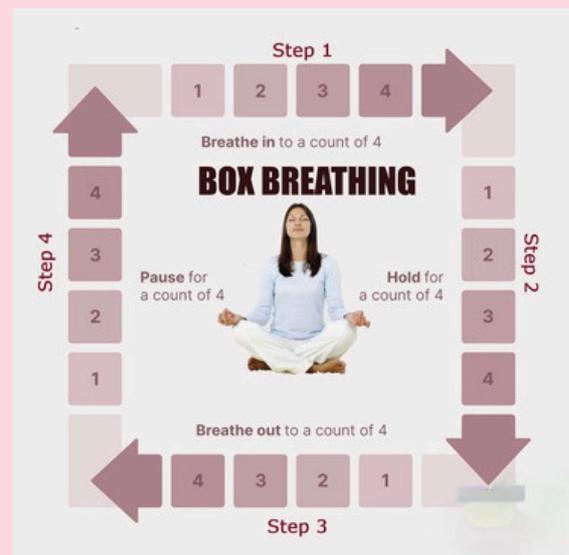


EXERCISE TIP OF THE MONTH

Box Breathing

Box breathing is a simple breathing technique used by athletes, military professionals, and even in rehab settings to calm the nervous system and improve focus. It can be done anytime - before a workout, at your desk, or in bed. It's great for mental clarity and physical relaxation.

1. Sit or stand tall in a quiet space.
2. Inhale through your nose for 4 seconds.
3. Hold your breath for 4 seconds.
4. Exhale slowly through your mouth for 4 seconds.
5. Hold again for 4 seconds.
6. Repeat for 4–5 rounds, focusing on slow, controlled breathing.



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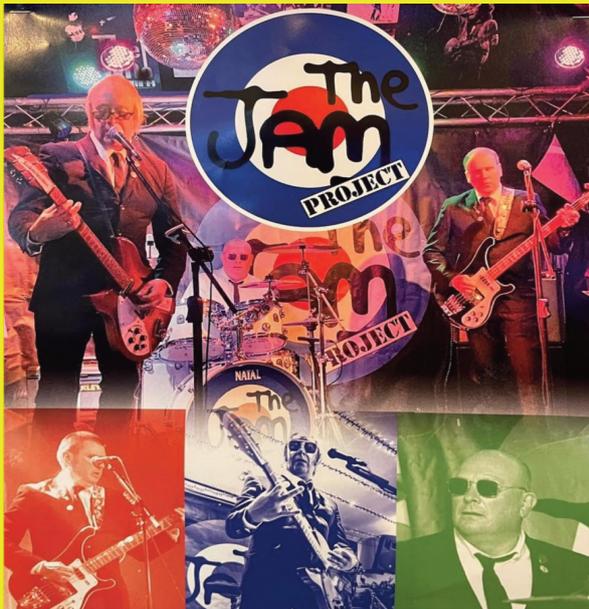
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