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November 2025



**Santa's Grotto
and
Christmas Tree Lighting
Sunday 7th December
2025
From 5pm**

**£6 per child
(including a lucky dip)**

**Register and pre-pay by
contacting Jenny Gwinn
(07977024055) or
scanning QR code**



**Carols on the Green - 6pm
Sunday 7th December**

**Followed by Tea, Coffee, Mulled Wine
and Mince Pies**

Donations for refreshments appreciated



HORSEMAN SUNDAY

On Sunday October 12th over 25 smartly dressed horses and riders rode onto the Village Green for the annual, traditional Horseman Sunday blessing in memory of the huge part played by horses in the WWI. The service was led by our curate Naomi and was attended by the Bishop of Barking Bishop Lynne Culens and Chris Burke the Archdeacon, along with our MP Andrew Rosindell, Councillors and many villagers.

Following the service a blessing was given to the dogs and all horses and dogs were presented with a rosette.

Thank you all for attending and especially to the church for all their help and the delicious refreshments.



Revd David Anderton

It is with great sadness that we write to tell you that our much loved and respected vicar, died suddenly and unexpectedly at the end of September. When David arrived in our midst, nine and a half years ago, he very quickly became involved in village life. He was a true supporter of HABCOS and a keen facilitator in our work to help the community of Havering-atte-Bower. He was always ready to take on board new ideas and develop regular events. David was a very kind and compassionate man and freely gave of his time whenever it was needed, often intuitively. He always knew when you needed a word of encouragement or comfort. We shall miss him hugely. Rest in Peace. Your friends in Havering-atte-Bower



Christmas Services 2025

**In the Parish of St James' Collier Row
& St John's Havering-atte-Bower**

Sunday 7th December

@ 6.pm

Carols on the Green

**In association with
HABCOS**

Come and join in with all the favourite carols followed by Mulled Wine & Mince Pies

Sunday 14th

December @ 6.30pm

Carols by Candlelight

at St John's Church
Traditional Carols & Readings followed by Refreshments

Sunday 21st

December

@ 5.00pm

Christingle

at St James' Church
lasts about 45 minutes
followed by
Refreshments

CHRISTMAS EVE

@ 6.00pm

Carols in the Stable

at St John's Church
Family service
with modern and
traditional carols

@ 11.30pm

Traditional Midnight Communion

at St John's Church

CHRISTMAS DAY

@10.00am

Celebration Service

family service at
St James' Church

HABCOS AGM

Wednesday Nov 19th 7.30pm

Education Centre Saint Francis Hospice

Programme

7.30 – 8.00 AGM to include voting on
two changes to the constitution

8.00 – 8.30 **Informal 'podcast' discussion and photos on**

Memory Lane - Village Life 50 years + ago

Led by those who were there

Exhibition of Photos

8.30 onwards Refreshments – cheese,
biscuits, wine, tea,
coffee etc.



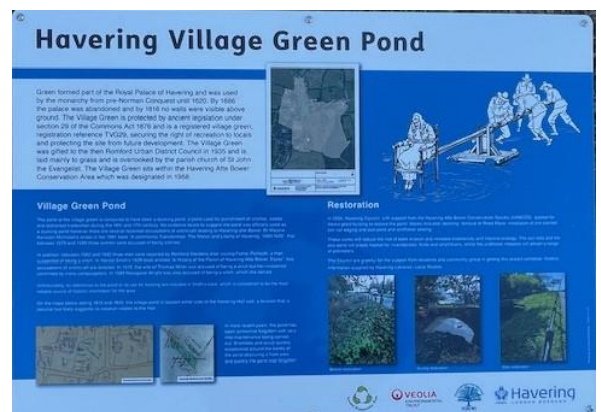
Vera, Ivy and George Mason outside the Village Shop



Havering Libraries - Local Studies

VILLAGE POND REGENERATION

The regeneration of the village pond is finally finished! We would like to thank Veolia for the grant which enabled Havering Parks to undertake and complete the renovation. There is a notice board to the right of the bus stop giving information about the history of the pond and surrounding area. Take a look when you pass. It has some interesting facts. Many thanks to all involved. Next project – A plinth on the Green to acknowledge the award for protected status.



Saint Francis Hospice

Christmas Grotto and Market

Santa's Grotto and experience, shopping event, festive food and more!

29-30 NOVEMBER • 10AM – 4PM

Saint Francis Hospice Education Centre, The Hall,
Broxhill Road, Havering-atte-Bower RM4 1QH

Saint Francis Hospice
Caring for you



Scan to book and for more information
or visit sfh.org.uk/Christmas-market



A Word Search by Phil Date Greetings from sunny Yorkshire!

This edition's search is for things to do with Christmas - Good luck!

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Yule log(one word)
Santa
Feast
Saint
Stephen
Rudolph
Turkey
Decoration
Presents
Carols
Kings speech (two words)
Great Escape (one word)
Wenceslas
Tree
Sweets
Pudding

HAPPY CHRISTMAS & BEST WISHES FOR 2026 TO EVERYONE FROM HABCOS

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