



BIRCHANGER REMEMBERS

The importance of Remembrance Sunday is very much evident in Birchanger and was particularly so this year, when over 80 people turned up to the War Memorial to honour all those, who since 1914, had died for their country and were living in Birchanger when they left to go to war. It may be that the stark reality of the ongoing conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan brings home to everyone the sobering facts that there are young men and women still dying for their country and for world peace.

On this Remembrance Sunday the timing for the silence was superb. It is always very moving to know that right across the country at this time people still gather to remember the soldiers who gave their lives. It was particularly good to see the Scouts, Cubs and Brownies braving the cold in their uniforms and lining the path to the War Memorial. It was the first time that the Brownies had come to this service and they were especially welcome and their standards joined the others at the altar for the service.

It is one of the services, which like Christmas unites the community and places the church at the forefront of village life.



The grave of Arthur Luckey in La Brique cemetery near Ypres

These should be remembered too

Birchanger's War Memorial has been the place of remembrance for those villagers who lost their lives for "King and Country" since the 1920s.

The memorial lists 36 villagers who gave their lives in the First Great War of 1914 -1918 as well as 12 who lost their lives in the Second World War between 1939 -1945.

The memorial is made of sandstone and over the years has weathered to a point where the original inscriptions were hardly legible. In 2006 new tablets inscribed with the names of those who fell as well as the central inscription were fitted over the original faces to preserve their memory for future generations. Researching all of the names on the memorial is not yet complete, But as the ninetieth anniversary of the armistice in 1918 has just passed, I thought it was time to find out who the commemorated servicemen were.

As already stated there are 36 names from the first great war. However I have now discovered that there are a few names that might have qualified for a place on the memorial. The qualification was residence in the village at the time of enlistment.

It should be understood that at the time the memorial was commissioned, the relatives of the relevant servicemen were asked whether they wished their loved ones names to be included and it is entirely possible that no one in the village knew of the fate of those others.

There are four servicemen buried in our graveyard They are:- Captain William Francis Holland of The Durham Light Infantry 4th Bn. The 4th Battalion of this famous regiment spent the entire war in the UK training replacements for the active units on the continent. Capt Holland was probably a relative of the incumbent Rector which would explain his presence. He died on 8th November 1917. In 1917 there was a Flu epidemic in the UK which cost thousands of lives. He was 52 years old. He is not recorded on the Birchanger memorial

Gunner Harry Barthop Luckey of the Australian field Artillery is also interred here. His parents lived at Stoney Common which explains his connection to

Birchanger He died of Diabetes in Egypt on 5th January 1918, he was 29 years old. And one of three brothers who lost their lives in the conflict.

Lieutenant Alan Noel Cam of The Royal Engineers who was the son of the Revd H Cam, was born in Birchanger but moved to Paulers Pury in Wiltshire in 1912. He had survived the action at Gallipoli but died in Flanders on August 16th 1917. Although he is not recorded on the Birchanger War memorial. There is a brass plaque to him on the left hand side of the altar in St Mary's. He was 22 years old.

Private John Sanders of The Essex Regt 11th Battalion was born in Birchanger, he died of wounds received in Belgium on 12th November 1915.

Private John Henry Collins of 1st Battalion Border Regiment was born in Birchanger Joined up at Battersea and was killed in action in Flanders on 15th October 1918, less than a month before the armistice. Neither of the above are listed on the Birchanger memorial.

There are two service men who died during the second world war in our graveyard, they are:- Flight Sergeant William Rous Mallory a Navigator in Bomber Command He died on the night of 16th January 1945.

And 2nd Lieutenant Steven Desmond James of the Royal Armoured Corps who died on 27th January 1942 in Palestine. He was the son of Revd James Rector of our Parish There is a plaque in the Church to commemorate Lieut James. Both of the above names are included on the memorial

There are eight names on the memorial I have yet to find reliable records of, they are :- James Forest, Arthur Hutley, Walter Hutley, Joseph Monk, Frederick S Peoples, Richard Phillips, Frederick Dansy and from World War 2 George Reeve.

I would be grateful for any information regarding these service men or any of the others to complete their story.

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Elizabeth Godwin

Generation 2 Pre-Inquiry meeting

The Pre-Inquiry Meeting to outline broadly the programme, principles, and scope of the Generation 2 Public Inquiry was never going to be easy, whatever pre-meeting illusions the Inspector Andrew Phillipson may have imagined beforehand. The meeting at the Hilton Hotel was packed and attracted participants from national major environmental protest groups such as Greenpeace, as well as those who oppose further development at Heathrow.

The case was made that the inquiry was premature, and although this was widely supported from the floor, the reasons were dismissed by Mr Phillipson as that any missing information should be forthcoming in the coming months. The audience could be forgiven if they were left with the impression that rightly or wrongly the inspector was determined to get this inquiry started on April 15th and running to time, but whether he had actually grasped the enormity of the task ahead and the impact the proposal has already had on the community was by no means certain.

What was made very clear was that all the surface access issues were part of the package, and if the application for the second runway failed, these issues would fail also. The inspector was challenged as to the validity of starting the inquiry before the results of the Generation 1 Inquiry were known, but that particular challenge falls into the remit of a Judicial Review. There were also doubts expressed about the Environmental Statement and the apparent lack of information therein. It is apparently down to those who need this information for the inquiry to ask BAA to supply it direct. Not perhaps the best of arrangements as this information as needed should all be freely accessible to all involved.

Various environmental groups pressed for the issue of climate change to be addressed as a separate subject. The inspector was very reluctant to do this although there will be an opportunity to consider this under sustainability issues. His position was that it was not within the scope of this inquiry to challenge government policy whether it is on climate change or the Air Transport White Paper. It should be remembered that a policy is just what it contains and it can rapidly become out of date. It is not the law and does not have the inherent protection of actually being a law.

The inspector was under the total misapprehension that Uttlesford supported concurrent sittings. In fact as the council's barrister rapidly pointed out, this approach was certainly not supported as it would prejudice smaller groups and add greatly to everyone's costs as more legal representation would be required. With the exception of BAA, all the main players in the inquiry are suffering cash restraints, particularly with this inquiry following just after the Generation 1 inquiry. Unlike BAA they are certainly not going to be able to field a team of five barristers and Queen's Counsel. The majority of those involved were clearly opposed to concurrent sittings on equitable grounds but the inspector declined to give a definitive answer indicating that this was something he would consider later!

The inquiry is to be "topic based", although there was no clear agreement about all the topics to be included. The inspector wanted closing submissions for each topic at the end of each topic session, but he seemingly has failed to understand how closely the various topics are linked, and a set of closing submissions could be rendered obsolete by evidence submitted in subsequent topics. The inspector appeared to be of the view that transcripts of the proceedings which were freely available at the end of each day at the Generation 1 inquiry could be prohibitively expensive, and he questioned as to who would pay.

Those present at this pre-inquiry meeting, which overran by two hours, were left with more questions than answers. The inspectorate had somehow failed to appreciate the strength of feeling in the area. The public were left with the feeling that the inquiry might not be inclusive and the real concerns of those who by living in the area who are at the coal face of all the issues, would not be addressed. The inspector seemed to assume that it could be left to Stop Stansted Expansion to look after the public at large. He failed to appreciate that the group has huge financial constraints and was represented by Brian Ross who presented his case extremely well on the day, but who cannot be expected to be the main thrust of a legal team for an inquiry which must last over 6 months at least.

The question has to be asked. Is this really democracy in action? It might appear to everyone that in this situation the democratic rights of a very large slice of the population are curtailed by a process which favours major players with large resources, as opposed to those who have to live with the actions of these players

Now they are pumpkin pinching

Most of us don't grow our own pumpkins for Halloween. We go to Tesco's if our children demand it, and then get blisters on our hands trying to hollow them out in time for the big night. Some people do grow them and water them carefully throughout dry summer days. Imagine their horror to wake up one morning to find the pumpkins gone!

There has been a lot of crime in Birchanger this summer, most of it minor theft and vandalism. Those concerned do not want or need the items they steal. They are nearly always thrown into a ditch and almost immediately forgotten. Why they want to cause alarm, concern and distress to those they live among remains a mystery. It does not do either them or their victims any good whatsoever!

Faulty notice board to be repaired

The state of the art notice board at the new bus shelter has proved to be faulty and is to be repaired by the manufacturer free of charge after only six months use. Meanwhile notices will be displayed on the old notice board for the time being. A nuisance particularly for those needing to use the bus timetable, but at least it was not the vandals this time!

Do we still need a phone box?

BT continues on its merry way getting rid of as many phone boxes as it can across the country in order to keep down its own costs. Never mind whether the community actually needs the telephone box or not! While in some areas this may not be a problem there may be some in the Birchanger who use it regularly. BT are offering a scheme whereby Parish Councils can adopt a phone box. This in fact means that the Parish Council would have to pay for the upkeep of the phone box, and in view of the vandalism, unless the box is covered by fast food logos, could prove to be prohibitive. It is strange that the vandalism was reduced following the installation of the advertising logos. There must be a message there somewhere!

Double sided village sign

There were complaints at the highly successful Art Exhibition that the catalogue for the pictures depicted the fox facing the wrong way. In actual fact the sign faces both ways according to which side you are viewing it from. Try it next time you pass.

Uttlesford Home Improvement Agency for older and disabled residents in Uttlesford

Most of us want to remain in our homes as we grow older, or to care for our disabled relatives at home ourselves. Often private homes need adapting to enable this, but the necessary alterations can prove to be very expensive.

The Uttlesford Home Improvement Agency is run by Springboard Housing Association and its aim is to enable older or disabled people to access the appropriate grants to enable the necessary alterations to be made to their homes. They will assess the need and the work required, obtain quotations, make the grant application, arrange for the work to be carried out as well as taking care of all the payments and the paperwork.

They also run a Handyperson Service which can provide assistance with most small but essential jobs around the house, such as fitting locks and security chains for a small donation.

To find out more please call 01799 543884

Phones that are a lifeline!

Uttlesford District Council can arrange to connect a Piper Lifeline unit with a personal radio alarm trigger for those who are mainly housebound and likely to need special help. The lifeline unit is simply connected to the telephone, and is triggered either by the red button on the unit or the radio alarm. This will start the automatic dialling process to a 24 hour monitoring service, and the system is sensitive so that the caller will be able to talk to the service wherever they are in their home and the appropriate assistance can be obtained. For further information call 01799 510397.

**Skip Date. Sunday November 30th 10
am -4pm.**

**Youth Bus Dates.
November 27th, December 11th.**

Benefit Fraud.

It is a matter of sadness and regret that a Birchanger resident has been found guilty of benefit fraud in excess of £40,000. Whatever the reason it is always better to try to go for help and advice when facing financial difficulties and not to resort to fraudulent activities which in effect are stealing from your neighbours in a roundabout sort of way. Whichever way you look at it, it is still theft as someone has to pay, in this case the community by way of higher taxes. These days the chances of getting caught are very high. Debt is a problem which is going to increase in the next few months. Those facing money difficulties should get advice from an agency such as the CAB at the earliest possible opportunity, telephone number 01279 425694. They have access to information and help in a way which most other agencies cannot possibly offer, and their knowledge of the Benefit System is second to none. There are benefits out there and strategies which can help a great many people who are facing financial problems

How Might the Olympics Affect Us?

Elizabeth Godwin reports on her trip to China and the Olympic Venue

Ok there is just under four years to go, and there may not even be an Olympic site in the Uttlesford District, but we do have an airport that is trying its best to grab whatever kind of the action it can, so there will be some small spin-offs for us somewhere along the line.

Whatever happens, Beijing pulled out all the stops and will be a very hard act to follow. If I was planning the big opening and closing ceremonies I would not even try. I would concentrate on what this country does best, ceremony, pomp and circumstance and music as the basics. There would be great opportunities to build on that foundation. The last thing we want is a pale reflection of the Chinese spectacle.

I was lucky enough to visit the Olympic village on the day after the closing ceremony of the Paralympic Games. Somehow the Chinese had not quite got their act together, and we were allowed to wander around freely to the amazement and some concern of our guide. The Birds' Nest with its scarlet concrete and the blue Aquacube are truly amazing, and the lighting around the Olympic Village is equally spectacular. Now it is hard to access both even if you do have a ticket,

although hopefully this will change. Could we achieve something of the same ilk here? On our budget I doubt it. We may never really know just how much the Chinese spent.



The day to day life of the citizens of Beijing was affected. To reduce pollution drivers could only drive their cars on odd or even number dates to correspond with the last digits of their number plates. That did not reduce the traffic chaos as the outside lane on every motorway which might possibly be used as an Olympic route from all the major access points, including the airport, was closed to all but Olympic traffic. This was designated by the five Olympic rings at short intervals with camera support. Anyone driving in these lanes would be picked up by these cameras and subsequently face a major fine

if they could not show the appropriate documentation. This restriction lasted for a period both before, during and after both the Olympics and the Paralympics.

As if that was enough for all the opening and closing ceremonies and other major events great stretches of the roads were closed completely for hours on end to enable the "big potatoes", as the Chinese call the dignitaries and other participants to access the site with their huge convoys of police escorts. If you were lucky enough to have a seat, you had to get there hours ahead of time and wait to be allowed into the event. Otherwise you might not even make it.

Despite all the draw backs there was a great buzz to Beijing and all the Chinese major cities. Flags and banners decorated the roads and major buildings. The five Olympic colours were everywhere. The Chinese worked really hard to put on a great show for the world. They achieved a great spectacle and they are justly proud of their achievement.

I was delighted to meet many of the Paralympic Athletes. The more disabled were accompanied by several volunteers to help them with their wheelchairs to visit all the major tourist sites in Beijing. The greater the disability the more the support the athlete received which enabled everyone if they so wished, to visit places such as the Forbidden City and the Great Wall, areas usually difficult for disabled access. Some of the athlete's disabilities were very severe indeed and their courage in participating in the games was amazing. All were clearly delighted by their entire experience and the simple fact that they were there. There will be a huge need for volunteers of all ages for the London Olympics. Some were just around on street corners to offer direction, help and advice to participants and visitors.

There is no doubt that China is making great strides into the 21st century. All the major worldwide firms are well established in China and China is making the most of all the benefits they bring as well as developing their own industries. Of all the nations in the world, China is probably the one to watch, and the Olympic Games were their first opportunity to demonstrate the Chinese capability to the world. I suspect we have not seen anything yet!



School News

School council elected.

The new School Council is in place following a fiercely fought election which produced two tied results. The new council is full of fresh ideas and they will start working on these throughout the rest of the year. One of their main concerns is Playground Equipment and how this may be made more user friendly and accessible to everyone. They are definitely a council going places.

Play in a day

Ever thought you could cast produce and act a 20 minute play in just one school day? Class 4 at Birchanger School did just that. It was called Greece, and it was not the musical, but a quick Greek's eye view of life in 800 BC. Led by the Instant Theatre Company, the children learnt their lines, their actions, and a great deal of Greek history along the way. They then performed to a hall packed with parents and friends in the afternoon. All the famous Greeks featured from Pythagoras to Alexander the great, along with the lifestyles and customs of a not so democratic ancient Greece. It was a fun way to learn history and a warm up for the summer play. The talents on display were formidable.

Then there was a Poem in a day

The week following the visit by the theatre company the children embarked upon Book Week which this year had poetry as its theme. The children studied poems which were fun to read and to recite. Everyone also wrote their own poem and there were prizes for the best poems in each class with a chance to recite their poems at the weekly Friday Assembly for all the parents and children. It was obvious to all that the week had been a huge success. One class wrote their contribution on the Friday morning and performed it with style at the assembly.

Tag rugby comes to Birchanger.

Tag Rugby is gaining in popularity among those who are too young as yet to play full scale rugby. It is also on offer at Birchanger School and there are enough players to field two teams.

It was no real surprise that the school gained third place in a Tag Rugby tournament last month given the enthusiasm of all involved. Congratulations to everyone and it is possible that we have not seen anything yet!

Inconsiderate parking again!

The police have reported that a few inconsiderate parents have yet again been blocking the entrances to houses in Birchwood. These few need to be reminded that they would not appreciate it if somebody did that outside their homes and made them miss their train or be late to work or an important appointment. Please think and consider others before you park your car.

Harvest hampers

Children brought a wide variety of harvest gifts to their very own Harvest Festival which was held on the last day before half term. This year the gifts were put together into two hampers which were given to the Stansted Day Centre and the Birchanger Over Sixties Club for distribution.

Birchanger School goes cross country

Birchanger School earned nine qualifying places in the area heats for the Essex Primary Schools Cross country Championships which are taking place later this month. In addition to an outstanding win by Lily Cowler in Year 5, there were high ranking placings and fast qualifying times. Congratulations everyone and good luck in the main event.

School council gears up for Children in need

At their first meeting the new School Council made plans for Children in Need Day on November 15th. It will be a non uniform day, and everyone is invited to bring their own Teddy, dressed up for the occasion with a prize for the best dressed bear.

They are also planning to create an outsize cut out of a teddy, for everyone to cover with whatever loose change they can spare.

Christmas dates

The ever popular School Bazaar will be held on Saturday November 29th between 2 and 4pm in Birchanger School. All the usual favourites will be in attendance and refreshments will be on offer all afternoon.

The Infants will be presenting their Nativity Play on Tuesday December 16th at 2pm. Please reserve your ticket early to avoid disappointment. There is bound to be a full house!

Sally visits Liverpool

No sooner had I returned from guiding in Italy and I was off again to Liverpool for a wedding. My friends had suggested that rather than go just for the wedding I spent an extra couple of days and saw a bit of Liverpool. After all this was the year that Liverpool was the Capital of culture.

I traveled up on the Friday, the wedding was on Saturday in a lovely hotel. It was a beautiful wedding and don't tell me that the northerners are poor. The ladies were all dressed as though they had stepped off a catwalk with their Jimmy Choo shoes and diamonds (or maybe very good copy BLING) The girls all had their hair done that morning with extensions and false pieces, they were a nice crowd and a great laugh. Everyone had a good time

On the Sunday I was driven through the heart of Liverpool, and by the famous Liver building there were lots of people boarding buses, provided to ferry them over to Wellington dock to view the tall ships docked at Liverpool ready for the Tall ships race. Crews of the ships were taking part in noisy and colourful parades.

One sailor was commissioned to paint a series of scenes at both Wellington and Albert dock, to mark the occasion. People stopped to chat and he told them all about life at sea, the sails, the rigging etc. The ships were divided into groups led by the class A ship, they were due to leave the Mersey and sail to northern Ireland for the start of the 2008 race.

More than 60 ships were taking part from all round the world. At the Albert docks we walked around looking at the ships with their colourful flags. Outside the Beatles story store was a LAMBANANA it is a sculpted lamb in the shape of a banana. Painted with the uniform as on the Sgt Pepper album. I was told that a giant lambs name had appeared in Liverpool and an artiste had decorated it. It was known as the super lamba nana, then lots of smaller lamba nanas appeared and they too were painted by various Street artists.

I was taken next to the Cavern club where the Beatles found fame. Opposite the cavern was a bronze statue of John Lennon and behind that, the brick wall has the names of all the bands and artists that had played at the



Cavern inscribed on each brick. I was fascinated and spent quite a time reading all those famous names.

Places such as Penny lane and Strawberry fields really exist. A statue of Eleanor Rigby was apparently in the next street.

On Monday I was taken to Crosby beach just six miles from Liverpool ready to see the tall ships sail. They were led out to sea by tugs , It was very spectacular but I was a little disappointed that they were not in full sail. Of course this depends on weather conditions. On the Russian ship the sailors were sitting along the mast.

Anthony Gormley has installed 100 cast iron lifesize figures dotted along 3kms of coastline, all looking out to sea. They are known as "Another Place"

Only a few miles away was the open at Royal Birkdale and I was particularly interested as Ian Pouter was playing and I have a signed cap of his. It was his first open and he finished second. Also not too far away was the racecourse at Aintree. There was certainly a lot to see and a lot going on but I was due to travel home on Tuesday so that can only mean one thing! Yes, I will have to go back!

Old Guard Step up to Save the Club

It's said that King Arthur will return to rescue Britain in its hour of need. He failed to put in an appearance when the Sports and Social Club found itself desperately short of committee members at the AGM on the 17th October, but some familiar old faces took a leaf from Arthur's book and stepped up to the mark.

The Social Club is supposed to have a 12-strong committee, with half of the members standing down each year. That ought to leave six remaining members, providing continuity. This year, however, resignations meant that the Club looked as if it would be faced with a committee of just two members – three short of the quorum required to make any decisions.

With a real threat of closure, and with just seven hours to go before nominations closed, the first of the volunteers raised their heads above the parapet. Rick Hayward agreed to make a return to the committee after many years, and Mark Lee decided that he would join it for the first time. To complete the lunchtime hat-trick Ken Wheatley signed up to return as Chairman after just a year away, allowing the acting Chairman, Peter Booker, to continue on the committee.

That left the Club with a committee of just five members, which would allow it to operate, in theory, but would make life far from easy. But immediately after the meeting Jay Leavers, Bob Jennings and Cheryl Dare, all former committee members, offered themselves for co-option, an offer that was gratefully accepted. And since the AGM Pim Godwin has also joined the committee.

So King Arthur, you can sleep on in Avalon. The people of this village have shown that they will not let cherished institutions fail. They can feel proud of themselves.

Ken Wheatley

THE COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO REMIND READERS THAT
CHRISTMAS DRAW TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE

News from St Mary's

Some of you will have noticed how poor the lighting in church is, particularly since two of the reflective shades are missing. Hopefully, it will not be too long now before all that changes as an application for a faculty, to up grade the lights, has now been submitted by the PCC - let's hope that this can be done in time for the Christmas celebrations.

On a more sombre matter, there seems to be some misunderstanding about who may be buried or interred in the churchyard and the whole subject can be upsetting for someone trying to make arrangements for a loved one who has died. The situation is that if the deceased lived in the parish of St Mary's or was included on St Mary's church electoral role, then they are entitled to have their remains laid to rest in the churchyard. It is not enough to say that they did live in the parish but then moved away although there may be an exception where someone has moved from the parish into a nursing home (this is then a matter for the Rector's/PCC discretion). Nor is it enough to say that they attended St Mary's services once or twice a year.

Services are held in church every Sunday at 11am and everyone is welcome to join the congregation. Whilst at church, you can obtain an application form to apply to join the church electoral role.

Our Renewal of Baptism vows service has become an annual event. The next one will take place on the third Sunday in January.

The Rector is introducing a new special service to celebrate marriages that have taken place in this parish. This special service will take place at 4pm on Sunday the 15th February 2009. Invitations will be sent to all those whose details appear in the church marriage register - going back over 60 years!! The invitations will include family and friends of the happy couples. Refreshments will be served in the church hall immediately following the service. If you know the address of anyone who was married in the church but has subsequently moved away, please pass details of the new address to a PCC member asap.

Finally, some one is allowing their pet to foul in the churchyard and is leaving the evidence there. This is not acceptable. If you do walk through the churchyard with your pet, please, keep it on a lead and do not allow the animal to run free over the graves and memorials. If your dog has an accident then, clean up after it!!

Pam Lee and Peter Odrich

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

On behalf of Birchanger
Primary School

SATURDAY 29th NOVEMBER

1 till 4 pm

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Farewell to Tiggy

I wanted to say farewell to our lovely little dog, Tiggy, who passed away on 22nd October 2008.

Tiggy was a real treasure, a wonderful little dog who for almost 18 years brought so much happiness and fun into our lives. She never put a paw wrong and was dearly loved by all our family and especially by our small grandchildren who loved holding her lead when we went out for walks. As a young dog she never needed a lead, but in her later years her deafness and poor sight made it necessary, but she never seemed to mind. Even up until the last day she was still coming out for two walks a day – a little less far of course, but she still wanted to go. I feel very fortunate to have been blessed with such a lovely little companion and will cherish all my memories of her.

Tiggy arrived with us when she was 6 weeks old, snuggled her way into our hearts and became very much a part of all our lives. She came to horse shows, on holidays, played with the children tirelessly chasing a ball or a stick; she even came to my son's wedding reception! She was also very good at cuddling up on the sofa and we will all miss her so very much.

I also would like to say thank you to Kate Jackson from Rye Street Veterinary Hospital who came home to do the final honours for Tiggy. She was so kind, gentle and compassionate and made what was a really difficult time for us a little easier to bear.



Cheryl Sampson

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Village Diary October/November 2008

November

29th At the Club 8.00
Jon Paul Vocalist
Allan Wallace Comedian

30th St Mary's 11.00 am
Holy Communion

December

7th St Mary's 11.00 am
Matins

9th Moorswood
Coffee Morning

14th St Mary's 11.00 am
Family service

19th St Mary's 7.00 pm
Evening Carol Service

21st St Mary's 11.00 am
Christingle Service
24th At the Club 8.00 pm
Julie Nevada
Female Vocalist

25th St Mary's 11.00 am
Christmas Day
Holy Communion

26th At the Club Lunchtime
Whisky Draw

28th St Mary's 11.00 am
Holy Communion

31st At the Club 8.00 pm
Dee Gaynor
Female Vocalist

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