

Birchanger

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CHRISTMAS IS COMING



It's true that Christmas seems to get earlier each year, but we could leave it no longer to start letting you know about some of the planned activities that the village has in store. Over the past few years, Birchanger has become a beacon of festive cheer as one of the best lit villages in the area. Indeed, many people drive from miles around to come and see the display that we put on. It is hoped that this year will be no different and that even more members of the village will join in to help add a little sparkle at this otherwise dark and depressing time of year. The annual turning on of the Christmas lights kicks off the village competition, organised by the two Liz's (Godwin and McArthur). This year will start with the lighting of a special Christmas tree outside the club on Friday 27th November at 8pm. There will be mince pies and mulled wine available as we kick off Christmas in style. Next month we will include a cut out

in the magazine - a voting form that people can fill in and drop off at the club, or with either Liz - (Godwin 330 Birchanger Lane or McArthur 217 Birchanger Lane) to say which house you deem the best. The winners will then be announced in the club on Friday 18th December following on from the Church carol concert. Whether you are planning a Blackpool illuminations-style triumph or a few tasteful lights we hope everyone will appreciate the village looking at its best.

Speed Demons



As we enter the darker, wetter and colder months, conditions for drivers are steadily worsening. People on their daily commute could be forgiven for being in a rush to get home, but things have gone from the sublime to the ridiculous recently. For once I'm not talking about people rat-running through the village, but the spate of accidents on the M11 as well as people

caught racing at speeds even Top Gear's Stig has been quoted as calling excessive and dangerous. October saw a pair of drivers caught travelling at speeds of up to 134 mph on the motorway. There has been a crash involving a van and a 14-year old pupil who was injured (but should be fine), as well as multiple accidents involving lorries. Take care this winter as you set out on the roads, think about those around you, as well as the unexpected child who might be running onto Birchanger lane around one of the many treacherous bends. Geof Driscoll has kindly submitted some tips on how to drive safely during the winter months within the magazine (p.7)



a letter from the editor

Dear Birchanger,

So now as we go onwards to the second edition of the village magazine, I'd like to extend a thanks to the supportive feedback I've received so far. It's always nice to hear positive thoughts and comments (it does my ego no end of good). Please do, however, feel free to send in ideas and suggestions and heavens forbid tell me what you don't like.

This month I'm trying to continue to balance the important need to know information for the village with some light hearted pieces that make you smile. I am bringing in a letters page following a request that came in. From next month the editorial team will be joined by 'Deirdre' a local agony aunt who is on hand should anyone wish to submit a problem. I am also forging closer links with our new District Councillors, the Parish Council and even Stansted Airport, so if there's anything you'd like me to publicly raise then do get in touch and I'll do my best to get it answered as part of the magazine. I'm also really keen to hear from anyone who is doing anything charitable within the village. So many people in Birchanger dedicate their time and energies to help other people and I think its only right that they should be recognised.

Tom Granger



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LOCAL HEROES

Bowls Club Raises £250 for the British Legion

It is very satisfying to have a fun afternoon and benefit others as well. This is just what happened when the Radwinter and Birchanger Bowls Clubs got together with their friends, spent an enjoyable afternoon on the Bowls Green followed by an excellent supper cooked by Kim afterwards in the Club. An afternoon enjoyed by all as well as helping others.

The new arrangements for the Bowls Club are working well and it is good to see the bowling green being used so regularly as well as profitably. Perhaps you would like to try your hand at bowls. If you would, contact Rosemary Sayward. or the club

Dee Goodwin Gives Blistering Performance



Dressed in a neon pink tutu and leggings Dee (far right) joined her sister-in-law Emma Turpin (left) and friends to raise money for St Clare's Hospice, which had cared for Emma's mum during her final days in 2009. The unsightly mob walked 37 miles along the River Stort, which was no mean feat for a woman who had undergone no training having just returned from a 2 week holiday. As we speak Dee has not gained full use of her legs, but if you want to support them in beating their £1,500 target for St Clares then head to www.justgiving.com/EmmaTurpin

Generous Lieutenant Colonel John Graham Povey



The Lieutenant Colonel was known by his middle name Graham. Sadly, Graham passed away back in 2014, but left a generous gift to the Birchanger Sports and Social Club in his will. The club will be installing a commemorative bench for Graham, who enjoyed being a member of the club for many years.

During his years in the army, Graham served in the second world war followed by tours of Germany, Malaya, the Far East as well as on the Inspectorate. Graham also managed to gain a degree in Zoology, a Diploma in Education as well as an MA in Manpower Studies. Finally retiring in February 1987, Graham was a valued long term member of the club.



VILLAGE NEWS

Elizabeth Godwin

Prescription Survey

Many thanks to everyone who completed the survey. All the forms have been handed in and are being collated. The first survey was for those who took over five different medicines each day. The information from this has prompted the PCT to ask everyone who has a regular prescription drug to complete the survey if they can. The information from these surveys, which are anonymous can be used to improve the service and to bring out the problems with their prescriptions which many patients are experiencing. Only by telling the people administering the service, can the service be improved.

The survey is anonymous and therefore confidential. If you would like to take part I have the forms. You can contact me on 812793 or email me at Stickgo@outlook.com. Every form completed helps to build up the picture.

Birchanger is Noisier Now.

The airport may boast that the new track systems for aircraft result in less overflying, but it is true that those in the southern end of the village are experiencing more noise than before. This is because from last year the flight paths were changed and to avoid overflying larger conurbations now fly closer to Birchanger than before. This means that the area is a whole lot noisier and even with the windows closed, conversations have to cease until the aircraft has moved further away. As they say, it is an ill wind and overall it blows Birchanger no good even if they are happier in Bishops Stortford. Has anyone had any offers mitigation for this? I would be very surprised if they had, or ever will!

What a Waste!

Did you know that some £300.000 each year is spent clearing up after litter louts in Uttlesford? That is money which would have refurbished playgrounds throughout the District provided more facilities for the disabled, or generally improved life for residents. Instead it is quite literally used to feed the dustbins.

In attempt to try to get some of this back, it will cost someone £75 next time they are seen chucking away a biscuit wrapper. There will be costs to the offender and

We can all help to stop this menace and save the drain of council money quite literally into the bin. Next time you see this happening, report the incident to customer service, with as much detail as possible. The number to call is 01799 510510, and please give as much detail about the offence as possible.

We could yet manage to clean up the village without bending a knee. There is nothing so annoying as getting a fine in the post, so let's annoy a few, instead of them annoying us for a change. It is up to us.

Please Stop Pavement Parking

This is a plea to those who are blocking pavements on a regular basis so that buggies and pedestrians are unable to pass. This means that they all have to step into the road. The last time this was reported prosecutions followed. You have been warned.

How Should the Parish Council Spend Your Money?

In Council Speak, all the money the Parish Council has is known as the Precept. It comes directly from the Council Tax which the residents all pay, and is worked out every year by the Parish Council as it evaluates the amount of money it will need to keep the services it provides, such as lighting in the lane, the Recreation Ground upkeep and general Parish care running as best they can.

The District Council has just invited the electorate to submit their views as to how the council should spend the council tax allocation for Uttlesford. This is not the whole of the council tax, as the council has to collect for Essex County Council, Police and Fire Services as well, but a largish part of it. Last year top of the list was the smooth running of all the services which the council provides and sound financial management.

What is your view for the District Council and the Parish Council Expenditure?

What should the councils spend our money on in the coming year?

What should be the District and the Parish Council's objectives for this year? The Parish Council will be setting the precept next month, it is time for you to have your say.

Local Bus Service Review Consultation

A new consultation is underway and hopefully you will be able to have your say on our bus services.

After the last consultation, Birchanger was scheduled to lose most of its bus services. Fortunately the Parish Council were able to turn this around, but there are still many occasions when the bus goes through the village totally empty.

The bus times are not right and the last bus is too early for many but what we do have is of great benefit to many people in the village. It would be a serious blow if the service was to be withdrawn. The number to call is [0457 430 430](tel:0457430430), or you can email at AreaBus.Review@essex.gov.uk

We Live in a Privileged Area?

Well so we are always being told. we have the highest level of green space at 93%, compared to Castle Point at a mere 51%, but what is the truth behind these figures?

Our Green Space is lovely to look at, but although we are fortunate in Birchanger, there are many elsewhere who cannot access the space around them as we can. We are more isolated and with increasing numbers of people living alone, there are many who do not see another human being from one day to the next. Fine some might say, but try it and you might think very differently after a while, especially as you age or get to need more support.

Transport can be an issue for those who do not drive for whatever reason. It can take several bus journeys with poor connections, just to get into another area, go to the shops or go to the doctor, never mind all the other small things we humans like to do. We are rated healthy as we do not go to the doctor, but did we need to go and it was too hard to get there?

Same with unemployment. It is a long way to get to Harlow as some have to, to sign on. The study shows that there are fewer unemployed in our district, but could this just be that we do not have a reasonably sited office to sign on, so many entitled to sign on simply do not bother?

Mental Health Services are very poor. This has been recognized for years, but the situation gets worse rather than better for rural communities. This leads to crisis situations and suicide risks in country areas are higher than for those in towns.

We may love where we live, but it can mean that we have to stay fit, well and youthful in order that we continue to live there. Perhaps not as privileged as some would like to think?

Free Christmas Parking in Uttlesford's Council Run Car Parks

Don't get too excited, it is only in Uttlesford, only after 3pm from November 7th, but all day on December 5th in Stansted for the Frost Fair and all day from Christmas Eve until January 4th.

The free parking will be for all Council run car parks in the District, with the exception of the car park at Waitrose in Saffron Walden.

Statistics Show Our Death Toll on the Roads is Far Too High.

Any death in a road traffic accident is a tragedy, but it is a tragedy we in our district are experiencing to a much higher extent than other locations in Essex.

This is not helped by the fact that there is a long stretch of motorway through Uttlesford and that definitely raises the figures. We were made aware of this again only last month when a young biker lost his life following a crash on the motorway near Stansted. The two lane part of the motorway where the crash occurred is particularly dangerous and it is used by many who do not know the road as they journey to Stansted Airport.

It is hard to know just what local people can do about the motorway, even if the carriage way was widened to three lanes, motorways mean fast driving and lethal crashes. We can do something about our driving on local roads which contribute to the tragic total. They may seem like quiet rural lanes sometimes, but we simply must not forget that there are likely to be other drivers out there, who do not expect to see us either!

LETTERS

Dear Magazine,

I am contacting you as a last resort as I have explored many other options & drawn a blank. This is not a very pleasant subject but I & many other residents would like to know why it is that we are probably the only village in Uttlesford that do not have any dog waste bins! I have approached the council, Street Services, Sue the dog Warden (who also backs this) & other villages & they all point me back to the Parish Council. We did approach them earlier in the year & was given a host of different reasons as to why we do not have any bins, but none that couldn't be addressed. If the root cause was funding I am sure that many people in Birchanger would be prepared to make a small contribution to this as they do in other villages, if it means an end to the amount of unsightly & environmentally unfriendly array of plastic bags that are scattered around the woods & pathways. Two bins initially would be a big help, one at the end of wood Lane leading up to the field & Digby Wood, & another around the entrance to the farmers field between 61 & 61A Birchwood.











Regards, Jean.

Parish Council Response:

"We are sorry for the delay with this. The Parish Council is actively pursuing the installation of dog bins and has initially identified 3 sites with the possibility of more to follow. However, the work cannot take place without the permission of the land owners and in one case this was refused. Earlier this year we contacted the Highways Department who have given their permission but unfortunately, despite constant reminders, we have not heard from the relevant land agents. We will continue to pursue this and will install the dog bins as soon as permission is received"

What's On ...

November

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
 Highview Art Classes	VH = Village Hall	St. M = Saint Mary's Church	BSSC = Birchanger Sports and Social Club	Sch - School	 Recycling Normal Garden	1 St.M - Morning Prayers
2 VH - 09:30 - Birchanger Buddies Mother and Toddler 19:30 Ballroom Dancing	3 VH - 09:30 - Adult Ballet, 15:45 - Junior Ballet	4  Pastel seascapes step by step VH- 09:30 - Tai Chi 14:00 - Tea Room	5 VH- 13:00 - Line Dancing 20:30 Improvers Belly Dance Sch - 09:30 -Open Morning for Sept '16 Reception Parents	6 VH- 09:30 - SOSA - open to all BSSC - Treasure Chest 	7	8 St.M - Remembrance Service 10:45
9 VH - 09:30 - Birchanger Buddies Mother and Toddler 19:30 Ballroom Dancing	10 VH - 09:30 - Adult Ballet, 15:45 - Junior Ballet	11 VH- 09:30 - Tai Chi 14:00 - Tea Room <small>Remembrance Day</small>	12  Bring your own subject and materials VH- 13:00 - Line Dancing 20:30 Improvers Belly Dance 	13 VH- 09:30 - SOSA - open to all BSSC - Bottle Draw 	14 BSSC - Live Act - The Established	15 St.M - Morning Prayers
16 VH - 09:30 - Birchanger Buddies Mother and Toddler 19:30 Ballroom Dancing	17 VH - 09:30 - Adult Ballet, 15:45 - Junior Ballet	18  Gouache on mount card Wildlife step by step VH- 09:30 - Tai Chi 14:00 - Tea Room	19 VH- 13:00 - Line Dancing 20:30 Improvers Belly Dance	20 VH- 09:30 - SOSA - open to all BSSC - Treasure Chest 	21  Bring your own subject and materials BSSC - Live Act - The Earnshaws	22 St.M - Holy Communion
23 VH - 09:30 - Birchanger Buddies Mother and Toddler 19:30 Ballroom Dancing	24 VH - 09:30 - Adult Ballet, 15:45 - Junior Ballet	25 VH- 09:30 - Tai Chi 14:00 - Tea Room	26 VH- 13:00 - Line Dancing 20:30 Improvers Belly Dance 	27 VH- 09:30 - SOSA - open to all BSSC - Christmas Lights Switch on Wheel of Fortune 	28  Trees in watercolour step by step BSSC - Leaving Do Kim / Graham - free drink.	29 St.M - Morning Prayers
30 VH - 09:30 - Birchanger Buddies Mother and Toddler 19:30 Ballroom Dancing <small>St. Andrew's Day</small>						

Professional Art Classes

If you're interested in learning how to paint, Heather Brown runs very reasonable art classes for all levels- for more details call Heather on 815453 or E MAIL heather.highview@googlemail.com

Tea Room At the Village Hall



Every Wednesday

2.00 till 4.00



In aid of Hall maintenance



BIRCHANGER Sports & Social Club

Weekly	Event	When
Saturdays	Meat Draw	1.00pm
Saturdays	Bingo Lottery	Ask bar staff
Mondays	Quiz night	9.00pm
Wednesdays	Steak night	Evenings
Thursdays	Bingo night	08.30pm
Fridays	Bottle Draw	Evenings



BIRCHANGER

Sports & Social Club



Live Entertainment - Great Food - Excellent Bar - Snooker - Darts - Pool – Football - Cricket - Bowls



WINE AND CHEESE

Earlier this month saw the club hold an extremely successful wine and cheese evening, attracting over 70 members. The evening allowed members to try 12 different red, white and rose wines as well as matching cheeses. Costing only £7.50/head the evening was not intended to make money, but to allow members the chance to give feedback on the different wines available and inform the choices made in supplying the wines for the club.

WORTHY SEND OFF

Make sure that you come to join us on Saturday November 28th to wish Kim and Graham well in their retirement. The club will be hosting a special evening of entertainment in their honour, allowing them a well-deserved evening on the member side of the bar. Each member of the club who attends will be rewarded with a free drink as thanks for your loyalty to the club.

NEW STEWARD



Don't panic, we may be losing Kim and Graham, but the officers and committee has been beavering away in the background trying to find a suitable replacement. After some extremely high-calibre candidates came forward for the role, the position has been awarded to Del, who has proved himself filling in over recent weeks. Watch this space next month for an exclusive interview with Del about his plans to further improve the club for all members.

ENTERTAINMENT

14th November - The Established



The Established are an excellent 4-piece female fronted party band fronted by local singing sensation Amanda Jacks. The band have performed nationwide at events including performances at the Shepherds Bush Empire, Edinburgh Corn Exchange, Best Western Hotels and for Virgin Media Events to name but a few..

21st November – The Earnshaws



The Earnshaws are an exciting 5 piece indie rock covers band who are fast gaining a reputation both in their home county of Essex and further afield for providing fantastic setlists. They always leave the crowd wanting more! Each member is an accomplished musician, with dozens of years gigging experience between them and with experiences ranging from local pubs/bars, summer festivals to West End musical performances you can be guaranteed a night of high quality, high energy music.

Birchanger Sports & Social Club, 229 Birchanger Lane, Birchanger CM23 5QJ
Tel: 01279 813441 email: club@birchanger.com Follow us at: www.birchangerclub.com

Seasonal Advice

Winter Driving Facts

Existing research from the Department for Transport shows winter is a dangerous time of year for motorists, with a reported 57,260 cars across England and Wales involved in accidents as a result of wet, flooded or icy roads. In the East of England alone 4,382 accidents were reported, of which 1,936 were serious.

Be prepared - Is your vehicle ready for winter?

Breaking down is never a pleasant experience – especially on the motorway. So it's a good idea to get your vehicle serviced before the winter to reduce the chance of problems. Then use this following handy reminder for pre-journey checks. It's called the POWDERY checklist: • PETROL (or diesel). Have you got enough? Do you know where to fill up?; • OIL - check levels once a month; • WATER - check radiator once a month maximum and screen wash, at least daily; • DAMAGE - check wipers, lights etc. for signs of wear and tear or damage, before moving off; • ELECTRICS - check lights, indicators and controls are working properly, before moving off; • RUBBER - are your tyres well inflated, legal, with good tread and free from damage?; • YOURSELF - are you fit to drive? Have you slept well? Are you taking any medication(s) that could make it unsafe for you to drive?;

If you are planning to travel with pets, ensure that animals are safe and secure, and will not be a distraction to people travelling in your vehicle - seek appropriate advice before you travel.

Carry an emergency kit

Gather together the following items and pack in your vehicle at the start of the winter season, you never know when you might need them! •Ice scraper and de-icer; •Torch and spare batteries - or a wind-up torch; •Hi viz vest/jacket, Warm clothes and blankets - for you and all passengers; •Boots; •First aid kit; •Jump leads; •Shovel; •Road atlas; •Sunglasses (the low winter sun and glare off snow can be dazzling)

Have you planned your journey?

The Highways Agency provides up to the minute traffic reports for its network of 4,300 miles of motorways and major A roads across England. Just a few minutes checking information services before you set off can make all the difference in planning your route and understanding any issues that may face you. You can also keep informed during your trip, whilst stopping at service stations, on your phone or using the overhead signs. www.highways.gov.uk/winter. Also make sure to check out the latest weather reports from the Met Office website or local radio stations.

Always allow extra time for your journey!

Geof Driscoll



Gardening Gold

Winter is nigh, most sensible birds have escaped south and the remaining ones are starting to compete with the onset of frost and winter.

This is not the time of year to be enjoying lunch al fresco or a cheeky barbeque, but it is that time where a little effort now will set you up for a great 2016

1) Shake and Rake (still):

Clear up fallen autumn leaves regularly.

2) Get it up:

Raise containers off the ground to avoid water logging

3) Tu-lip-smacker

Plant out tulip bulbs for a 2016 display

4) Thorny ground

Prune back roses to prevent wind-rock

5) Splash of Colour

Plant out winter bedding plants

6) Protect from Peckers

Cover brassicas with netting to

6) Protect from Peckers

Cover brassicas with netting to protect from pigeons

7) Bubble Butts

Insulate outdoor containers from frost with bubble wrap

8) Greasy Pole

Prevent winter moth damage to fruit trees using grease bands around the trunks

9) Last Supper:

Feed the birds

10) Burn Baby Burn

Use a controlled bonfire where appropriate to dispose of excess debris unfit for composting

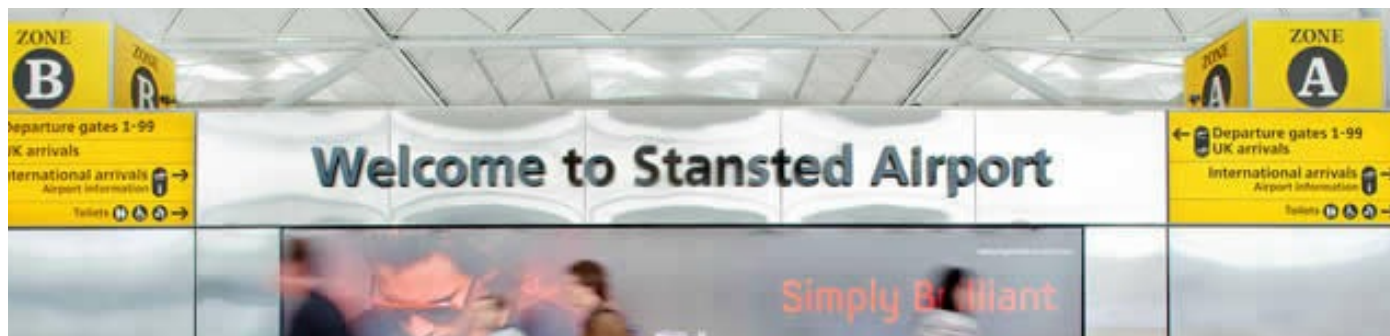
Grave Clearance

It is that time of year again and I ask you to note that over the next few weeks all old wreaths, arrangements, pots etc will be removed from the churchyard. I also take this opportunity to remind you that only fresh flowers may be placed on a grave - no plastic flowers. One vase only per grave. Alternatively you can place one small plant pot on the grave.

If you have left a number of vases or pots in the churchyard, I suggest that you remove them now as otherwise they will be removed and will be thrown away.

If you would prefer it, there is the memory tree in church where you can hang a tear drop for your loved one and they will be recalled at our All souls service.

Pam Lee



Stansted Tops 22 Million Passengers per Year for First Time Since Recession

Stansted Airport has topped 22 million passengers a year for the first time in over six years - and just eight months since passing the 20 million a year milestone - as the total number of passengers passing through the terminal increased by 15.8% in the last 12 months.

The number of passengers using Stansted during September increased by 9% over the same month last year as the airport served over two million passengers for the fifth consecutive month, the first time this has been achieved since 2008. The month also saw the highest ever average load factor for any September at Stansted with 87.8% of all seats occupied on each flight.

The top five busiest routes during the month were Dublin, Edinburgh and Glasgow followed by Barcelona and Rome.

Cargo tonnage at Stansted during September increased by 7.3% over the same month last year to lift the annual total to over 235,000 tonnes in the past 12 months, up 9.5% on the previous year.

Increased traffic means increased noise and environmental pollution for Birchanger residents. It is worth noting that we should always report any airport issues using the SSE (Stop Stansted Expansion) website:

<http://stopstanstedexpansion.com/> Recently, complaints about helicopters had the airport request pilots reroute aircraft around the village, but we must remain vigilant and always take the time to report any incidents if we are to protect the village.

BAGS Grand Day Out

After several days of rain, the BAGS were lucky that the weather was warm and sunny on the 17th of September as we boarded a minibus outside the village hall for our first-ever organised outing, to Kew Gardens.

Our journey to Kew passed uneventfully and we paused just inside the gardens to look at our maps and plan our day. The group seemed to naturally split up into smaller groups of like-minded people. Some of us just wanted to wander about, experiencing the vastness of the gardens; others preferred to board the 'Kew Explorer' land train to get a quick overview, to hear about the history of the gardens and to learn about the many species of plants and trees. Despite us splitting into several groups we kept meeting up with each other, especially when coffee or food was involved.

Early autumn is probably not the best time to visit Kew, but there was plenty to see. There was still quite a bit of late colour in the flowerbeds, and the trees were just beginning to turn.

Kew Gardens has highlights and most of us visited them. There are, of course, the famous glasshouses with some truly amazing tropical plants, ferns, water lilies and alpine. Then there's one of Kew's latest additions, the Treetop Walkway. After climbing the 118 steps we were rewarded with a spectacular view of the trees canopies and the rest of the gardens. This was probably one of the highlights of my day.

Our journey back was slower than the journey there but we got home safely thanks to the careful driving of our own Geof Driscoll. We'd like to thank him for agreeing to spend his time with a group of BAGS. The general consensus was 'what a brilliant day we've had'. Hopefully we shall have more trips in the future and perhaps more people may wish to join us next time. Rosemary Wheatley

Birchanger All Girls Society

Come along and join us on the last Wednesday of every Month

Meeting Room in Village Hall
Doors open at 7.30. for 8 – 10 p.m.

Forthcoming meetings:

Wed. 25th November, 7.30 for 8.00

A talk on 'The Seasons of a Woodland' by Barry Kaufmann- Wright

Saturday 5th December

BAGS Christmas Party - A Cocktails and Canapés evening for BAGS members and their partners only. A great way to start the festive season.

Tel. for details: Michelle - 814481,
Barbara - 813007, Rosemary - 814678

News from the School/Nursery

Thank You to the Team

On August 1st a group of friends, most of whom did not have a direct connection to the school, got together to raise almost £2k to radically repair the footpath to the lane from the rear of the school. The path is used regularly by parents and visitors when they park in the car park at the hall, on a daily basis. The path has been sinking down hill and will soon become unusable. Action was needed and was proving to be difficult to finance as costs rise and budgets shrink.

Now, with a big thank you to all the members of the team, work has gone out to tender and it is hoped that the project can be started soon. With the amount raised the school will now be able to meet the rest of the bill.

Special thanks are due to Liz McArthur who brought the team together alongside husband John, Dee Goodwin for managing the ticketing and helping supply raffle prizes, Maria Davy for taking control of the finances, Liz Godwin for project managing and Christine Usher for managing staff as well as to Dave Woods and the club for providing the bar and the necessary equipment, while Matt Zych, Dave Cooper and Rob Shepherd provided a delicious supper with the use of the school kitchen.



Open Morning - Thursday 5th November

On Thursday 5th November the school is holding an open morning for parents of children due to start school in September 2016. Birchanger Church of England Primary School is a small village school with a warm, family feel. Please come along from 9.30am to look around our school and meet our children, staff and governors. Mrs Coop, the headteacher will give a short talk at 10.15am and there will be plenty of opportunity to ask questions. Please telephone the school on 01279 812362 to book a place or just come along.

Birchanger Nursery Update



After a busy start to the school year investigating traditional tales, we spent some time during Harvest Festival Week exploring a story that was new to many children called The Little Red Hen. The children quickly picked up the repeated refrain in the book and learnt about the grain growing into stalks of wheat, and about harvesting these to make flour. They each had fun measuring flour to make their own delicious bread at the nursery so we may have some young contenders for next year's Bake Off! During the week we collected goods for the Uttlesford Food Bank and our little Butterflies like Freya (pictured) felt proud and happy to donate and our families were very generous.

In the new half term we begin looking into different festivals, celebrations and cultural events. Children will learn all about Guy Fawkes Night, Remembrance Day, St Andrew's Day and of course

Christmas and will also discover more about Hanukah & Diwali. There will be glitter galore as we embark on lots of exciting craft activities throughout!

We have our annual Quiz Night on November 7th at Birchanger Sports & Social Club, with all proceeds going directly into the nursery to improve facilities and equipment for the children. Each £10 ticket includes entry to the quiz and sausage & chip supper from Churchills. This was an excellent evening last year and we would love for more locals to come along (maximum 8 per team). Please contact Jen on 810800 for tickets.

Birchanger Nursery is a highly respected local preschool facility to arrange a visit see our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/BirchangerNursery> or telephone our administrator Jen Munton on 01279 810800 or email admin@birchangernursery.org

Nadine Lloyd Birchanger Nursery Committee

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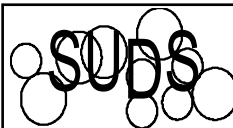
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