



# Birchanger Village Magazine

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## Slow Progress With Travellers Saga

The travellers' planning application for residential use of 12 caravans near the roundabout at the top of Birchanger Lane was rejected by Uttlesford District Council (UDC) due to missing information on the application form. This means that the travellers, within reason, can submit a new application at any time they wish.

You may have heard of the term 'In Chancery', which according to the Collins English dictionary, means 'in process of litigation in a court of equity' or 'in an awkward or helpless situation'. The situation is complex but not helpless although progress will certainly be slow. To take any shortcuts could prove unproductive and even jeopardise the District Council's case.

The Parish Council is monitoring the progress and are in contact with UDC, although the Parish Council is powerless to do anything in this matter other than to maintain pressure and concern which it will continue to do until the situation is resolved.



## Battle's Over - Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November

Birchanger Parish Council and Birchanger Sports and Social Club have joined together to take part in the nation's tribute 'Battle's Over', commemorating 100 years since the end of WW1. Various events will take place throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, the Isle of Man and many other locations overseas including Australia, New Zealand, France and the USA.

At 6.55pm buglers will sound the Last Post at more than 1,000 locations where at 7.00pm WW1 beacons of light will be lit in a tribute signifying the light of peace that emerged from the darkness of four years of war. At 7.05pm churches and cathedrals will ring their bells.

On Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November, the club will be open from 11.45am, serving roast dinner from 12.30pm. Entertainment and music for adults and children will continue throughout the afternoon and evening. The commemoration will start at 6.45pm when the names of the 37 men from Birchanger who died in WW1 will be read out followed by the last post and lighting of the beacon. A firework display will commence at 7.30pm, followed by more entertainment in the club. See BSSC, page 7 for details.

## Tenuous Reply From Essex Council Regarding the M11 Junction 8 'Improvement'



After September's well attended public meeting in the village hall, where Essex County Council somewhat belatedly tried to explain their highly unpopular plans for the M11 / J8 improvement plan, the Parish Council

waited anxiously to hear what the designers would come up with. The reply from Essex Highways is open for interpretation!

Most residents were totally against the planned left only turn from Birchanger Lane and asked for the plan to be revised so that it allowed traffic from the lane to cross the planned traffic lights into Bishops Stortford and/or to turn right onto the A120. At the meeting, the planners said they would look into this possibility.

An excerpt from the letter received from David Sprunt, Transportation Strategy & Engagement, of Essex County Council dated 29<sup>th</sup> September states: "The changes we are seeking to incorporate are as follows":

1. A permanent spur road off Birchanger Lane for bus, taxi and emergency services that allows direct movements to Bishops Stortford and A120 west. Due to being infrequent in nature (e.g. 40 – 60mins) this does not disrupt the junction timings or effectiveness.
2. Subject to further traffic modelling and analysis, at scheme opening we will potentially allow all traffic to use the link under monitoring. At a future date if traffic on this spur road starts to impact the junction signalisation effectiveness (reduction of A120 / A1250 queuing) a decision will be taken whether to revert to bus, taxi and emergency vehicles only (subject to Cabinet Member and Statutory Traffic Regulation Order approval).

This response is quite ambiguous and tenuous to say the least and simply leaves Birchanger residents not knowing what the final layout of the junction will be. Whatever the outcome, be prepared to suffer many months of chaos and inconvenience in 2019 whilst the work is carried out.



# Editors Letter Box

*Dear Readers,*

I have taken the opportunity to use this month's 'Editors Letterbox' to pass on important information from Brian Ross, Deputy Chairman of SSE, regarding the planned expansion at Stansted airport. Uttlesford District Council had earlier refused to allow SSE a 40 minute slot to explain their evidence against the planning application.

## **New date for Stansted Airport passenger expansion consultation**

Uttlesford District Council's Planning Committee was due to determine the planning application - which seeks to raise the current cap on the number of passengers the airport is permitted to serve from 35 million passengers per annum (mppa) to 43mppa - at a special meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> October. This has now been moved to Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November. This will enable the additional public speaking sessions to take place in the context of officers' published assessment of the proposals. These sessions will now take place at UDC's offices in London Road, Saffron Walden, Essex, CB11 4ER.

- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November- 10am-1pm
- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November- 2-5pm
- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November- 6-9pm

The sessions will allow members of the public more opportunity to express their views on the application directly to representatives of the Planning Committee. They are not official Planning Committee meetings; all elected committee members have been invited to attend and listen to the comments made. A supplementary report for the Committee, summarising the supplementary representations, will be prepared by officers on the matters raised during the public speaking. Like Planning Committee meetings, the sessions will also be recorded and broadcast live through [www.audiominutes.com/udc](http://www.audiominutes.com/udc). Each public speaking session will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Each slot is for 3 minutes, mirroring Planning Committee rules. People can only register to speak once, and cannot register multiple people in that request.

To register to speak at one of the additional public speaking sessions please email:

[stanstedairportplanningapplication@uttlesford.gov.uk](mailto:stanstedairportplanningapplication@uttlesford.gov.uk) or call the council on 01799 510468, during opening hours, with the following details:

- What day you would like to speak on, or don't mind
- Your preferred public speaking session
- Whether you support or object to the proposals, or would like the opportunity to just comment
- Whether you would like to speak on a specific item or make general points
- Whether you are representing yourself or a group
- Your contact details

The closing date to request a slot is noon on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November. You can also register to speak at Planning Committee, but a very limited number of slots are available. Please use the same contacts as for the public speaking sessions. You will be asked whether you will express support or objection to the proposals; however you do not need to answer this. Registration to speak at the Planning Committee closes at 2pm on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November, but you should register as early as possible. For more information go online to:

[https://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/airportapplication?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](https://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/airportapplication?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

## **STOP PRESS**

After much negotiation, Uttlesford District Council has agreed to provide Stop Stansted Expansion with the opportunity to make a 40 minute slide presentation to members of the Planning Committee, giving a summary of the 247 pages of evidence which SSE has submitted on this planning application. The presentation has provisionally been scheduled for the evening of 7<sup>th</sup> November and will mostly be given by local resident Brian Ross, who is Deputy Chairman of SSE. Brian is also encouraging as many local people as possible to register to speak at these public sessions so as to make their views known.

Don't forget, your magazine is only as good as the content it receives, so please keep sending me your news, views, notices, concerns and complaints. Advertisers are also welcome. All copy should be submitted by the 16<sup>th</sup> of the month, preferably sooner and may be edited depending on space and content. Please contact me by E-mail, phone, or letter as shown below. Thank you and Kind Regards,

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# VILLAGE NEWS

*By Elizabeth Godwin*

## Birchanger Art Show success

Visitors flocked into Birchanger's Art Show this year and were rewarded with one of the best art shows ever staged in Birchanger. The show has become well established now and the artists know that they can sell many of their pictures. Over forty paintings were sold over the two days and people that hesitated a bit too long to buy were disappointed.

Visitors came from all over Herts and Essex as well as Birchanger and the signs placed at both ends of the village certainly helped to

attract people to have a look around. Some visitors say they look out for the notices every year and others are just passing through with time to spare. The show was also well supported by residents of Birchanger.



Heather Brown, one of Birchanger's accomplished artists, demonstrated her techniques as she painted a picture from start to finish over the weekend. The children at Birchanger School made clay poppies and painted them for the exhibition and visitors were invited to vote for their favourite poppy. Each poppy was unique and the winners received a prize for their efforts but in reality every child was a winner.

When visitors finished viewing the artwork there was a tea room stocked with homemade cakes of every kind, served with a welcome cup of tea or coffee. It was very popular and volunteers were kept very busy on both days.

The Art Show does not happen without a great deal of very hard work. Indeed, it takes months of organisation by a team of volunteers, advised by Heather, who knows the right artists to invite and whose judgement of a painting's merit is impeccable.

Ultimately, for Birchanger, there will be a chance for everyone with a special project, whether as an individual or a voluntary organisation to benefit from the show. When all the bills have been paid there will be an invitation to submit a bid for a share of the proceeds. Well done and a big thank you to everyone.

## Birchanger All Girls Society

The 'BAGS' invite women of all ages to join them on the last Wednesday of every month in the village church hall

### Forthcoming Meetings:

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November - 7.30 for 8.00 pm

Come to our Christmas Carol sing along and enjoy some mulled wine and mince pies.

Angie-817376

Telephone for details  
Rosemary-814678

Barbara-813007

## Get ready for the Big Christmas Light Up

It is time to dust off those Christmas Lights and start planning how you might light up your home this year. Not everybody will be able to participate but the whole village and more will enjoy the efforts of those who try to make Birchanger a brighter place this Christmas.



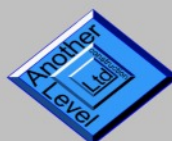
Some have been working on their ideas already, but last year's winner, Evan, will be very hard to beat. There are so many people with fantastic ideas for really good lighting schemes and the hard work they put in to light their homes makes Birchanger the best place to be at Christmas. Like last year, the Birchanger Christmas Lights Cup will be awarded to the home which you have voted as having the best display. Votes can be handed in to the club, or to 330 Birchanger Lane. Voting is one vote for each individual, not by households as not everyone in a family may have the same choice.

The big switch-on will take place outside the club on Friday November 30<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm followed by a special pre-Christmas fun evening in the club. Christmas in Birchanger will start in a way which can include everyone, aided by mulled wine and other seasonal treats.

## Seminar to help those caring for someone with dementia

Are you looking after someone in your family or a close friend who has dementia? The illness can be hard to understand. Carers find it equally hard and frustrating to know just how to support someone who appears to be so hard to reach and to cope with them in their strange and sometimes aggressive behaviour.

A new seminar session on the subject, which is expressly for carers is to be held at the Grafton Centre on November 7<sup>th</sup>. The event is not just as a source of information and help, but as a means of bringing carers, who may be trying to cope in isolation, together with others who may be experiencing similar difficulties. Apart from learning new ways of coping, they will also see what works and what doesn't. It is also an opportunity to learn more about the illness and possibly make new understanding friends. To find out more about this event, please call 01245 237548.



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## Looking after our hedgehogs

Our own Birchanger BAGS Group is well known for their interesting and informative evenings. At the September meeting the subject was 'Hedgehogs', given by Lynn Garner from The Herts Hogline of Bishops Stortford. Everyone came away from the meeting having learnt more about hedgehogs and how we can help the species to survive. We know that hedgehogs are in decline and some of us may not have seen any that were not squashed on the roads. Hedgehogs rarely appear by day mainly emerging at dusk. We can make our gardens safer and more attractive to hedgehogs at all times of the year by setting up our own feeding stations.



Bird food or bread and milk which so many of us use to feed hedgehogs are definitely out. Instead use puppy or kitten food until the weather turns, around October when the temperature

drops to 4 degrees at night.

Should there be a warm spell put the food out again. The hedgehog's natural first preference is slugs, up to forty a night, great for the garden, followed by worms, beetles, spiders and many other insects. They will travel up to three miles for food and can run at speeds of up to 6 miles per hour on their surprisingly long legs. Males go even further and it seems that monogamy is not their thing. Their litters usually have three to five babies (known as hoglets) but first time mothers may only have one.

Hedgehogs like to hibernate in piles of leaves and wood. If you are planning any bonfire or leaf clearance check there are no hedgehogs sleeping there first. I once disturbed a pile of leaves to find a mother and babies sleeping there, sadly they did not make it through the winter. They might have been second round babies which are sometimes born in a year where the summer like this one has been good.

You may be surprised to discover hedgehogs in your garden which you never knew were there. Their spines, numbering 5000-7000 in adults can be coloured black, brown, grey, cream or white. They have a home range of some ten to fifteen hectares. If you can help them to get through the winter there will be more hedgehogs able to breed again next summer. To use the old slogan, 'every little helps' in the battle to save the species from decline or extinction so a pile of wood left undisturbed under some bushes in a quiet part of the garden, could be a hedgehog life saver this winter.

## THE Harmonaires CHOIR

### MUSIC FOR REMEMBRANCE

**Saturday 10th November 7.00pm**  
**United Reformed Church, Bishop's Stortford**

In commemoration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of World War I, local choir, The Harmonaires, under the expert leadership of Josie Cowley, is performing an emotive and inspiring concert at the United Reformed Church in Bishop's Stortford on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm. In aid of The Royal British Legion and War Child, the concert features songs from the trenches, extracts from Jenkins' *The Armed Man*, war time poetry and music for peace. There will also be a special appearance of the year 6 choir from St Andrew's Primary School, Much Hadham.

Tickets can be ordered by telephone on 07916 153 898 or on line at: [www.theharmonaireschoir.com](http://www.theharmonaireschoir.com). Adults £10, Students £6. A limited number of tickets may be available at the door but cannot be guaranteed.



The Harmonaires Choir, formed four years ago, is building a reputation as one of the leading choirs in the area singing an eclectic mix of music from Tallis to Coldplay. Having had a successful appearance at the *International Sangerstevne Choir Festival* in London in May, the choir was invited back to Ely Cathedral to perform on 23rd June during the Cathedral's much acclaimed three-day Flower Festival.

There will be a family seasonal concert at St Joseph's Church, Bishop's Stortford on December 15th 2018. The choir will also be performing at Bury St Edmunds Cathedral in March next year.  
*Elizabeth Jennings*



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# Health Matters

## Stress can add body fat

We all can put on weight, especially as the end of the year approaches. There are a lot of parties but it is also a very stressful making time as Christmas looms. Do I really need to buy all these presents? Must I have all the family over again? Pressure mounts. Yes the treats are there but it is all too easy to eat on the run, whatever the fast food outlet has to offer, or skip meals all together and stuff with sweet treats to stave off the hunger pangs. Unfortunately the weight piles on despite the missed meal.

It is better to try a healthy sandwich, a sugar free fruit or vegetable drink and some fruit if you possibly can, as missing meals tends to pile on the kilos in the end. Even if you are thin as a rake, there can be great unhealthy lumps of fat sitting uncomfortably close to your liver. I know, it happened to me!

## Statins and more

Despite the effective widespread use of statins to prevent heart disease in people over a certain age, heart disease is still prevalent in this country. Researchers have found that the addition of certain other drugs taken with statin pills can reduce the effectiveness of statins. In any case, taking your daily statin with other medication is still a far more effective way of prevention of heart disease. GPs all over the country are aware of this issue and are taking the necessary precautions, so you can expect to have some additions or changes to your daily pill intake sometime soon.

A timely reminder, if you haven't had your flu jab yet, it is not too late to have it now. Flu is nasty and best avoided. The jab may not always work, but there is a better chance that it will, rather than not.

## Is this the worst month to pile on the kilos?

With the clocks having gone back on the 28<sup>th</sup> of October it now means we have to face the long dark winter evenings. The weather does not invite us to go out so much and it is at this time of the year our fitness levels tend to fall while the weight is inclined to go up and we have not even had the Christmas fayre!

You could try getting a bit more active as you watch your favourite programmes. Among the things to try are yoga and knitting, maybe not for everyone. For the tougher mortals, sit ups, squats or even jogging on the spot could be a useful alternative. Another thing is to buy one of those big stability balls and sit on that. Snacks are ok as long as they are plain popcorn (not oil popped) but definitely not crisps!

## A cure in sight for skin cancer

Scientists at Edinburgh University have made a possible major breakthrough in the fight against skin cancer. They have discovered that one of the first antibiotics to be discovered, named Nifuroxazide (INN) can be effective in combating melanoma. It is early days, but this could open a brand new pathway in the treatment of cancer.



According to Liz Patton, Personal Chair of Chemical Genetics, MRC Human Genetics Unit: "There won't

be one magic bullet for targeting melanoma – the variations that exist within the cancers mean there will need to be combination therapies. When people are given BRAF or MEK drugs to treat melanoma it can result in the tumours having more cells with high levels of ALDH, so we think that's a really important target. We've shown this antibiotic that's used mostly to target intestinal bacteria can also target and kill cancer cells high in the enzyme ALDH1.

It's great that this antibiotic is approved for use in humans, but it wasn't designed as a cancer drug, so we still need to find out if it's safe and effective for cancer in humans. We're also starting to look into if nifuroxazide could be helpful in other types of cancer that have high ALDH1, such as ovarian cancer."





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# what's on in the village...

		November 2018				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
<b>Bin Collections:</b> Bradley Common collected on Fridays. Rest of Birchanger on Thursdays. Garden bin collections marked with #						
			1 <b>Green Bin #</b> <b>Church hall:</b> 10.00 Alzheimer's 12.30 Line dance for beginners 13.45 Line dance 18.00 Apton dance -private lessons	2 <b>Church hall:</b> 9.30 Baby Glows for toddlers  <b>BSSC:</b>	3 <b>BSSC:</b> 13.00 Meat Draw 21.00 Retrovox - LIVE	4 <b>St Mary's Church:</b> 11.15 am All Saints/Soul Service
5 <b>Church hall:</b> 19.30 Ballroom and Latin for adults <b>BSSC:</b> Quiz Night	6 <b>Church hall:</b> 9.40 Ballet for adults 10.00 Dementia 15.45 Ballet for Juniors	7 <b>Church hall:</b> 09.30 Tai Chi 14.00 Tea Room 15.45 Fencing 17.30 Apton Dance Studio 19.00 Apton dance for Beginners	8 <b>Black Bin</b> <b>Church hall:</b> 10.00 Alzheimer's 12.30 Line dance for beginners 13.45 Line dance 18.00 Apton dance - private lessons	9 <b>Church hall:</b> 9.30 Baby Glows for toddlers  <b>BSSC:</b> Treasure Chest	10 <b>BSSC:</b> 13.00 Meat draw	11 <b>St Mary's Church:</b> 10.45 am Service at the War Memorial <b>BSSC:</b> 11.45am> Sunday roast and Battle's Over
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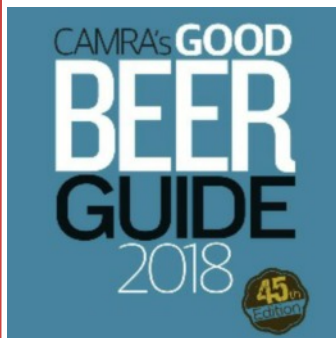


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### Main Offender

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Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November

9.00pm



## RETROVOX

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### Itinerary for 'Battle's Over' WW 1 Commemoration Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November

11.45	Club opens
12.30-16.00	Restaurant open
13.00-17.00	Jazz Band - Live
15.00-16.00	Children's football match
18.00	Hot dogs available
18.45	Gather outside
18.50	Names of the fallen and poem
18.55	Last post sounded
19.00	Lighting of beacon
19.05	Church bells ring
19.30	Fireworks
20.00	Entertainment - Tom Carradine -Live

### Club Calendar at a Glance

Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Retrovox - LIVE
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Treasure chest
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	WW1 Centenary - "Battle's Over"
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Tom Carradine - LIVE
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Members Night
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Main Offender - LIVE
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Treasure Chest
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	The Big Christmas Light up from 7.30pm
	Music - Mince pies - mulled wine and kicking off the Christmas Fun!
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Pizzazz - LIVE

### Weekly Events

Day	Event	When
Mondays	Quiz Night	9.00pm
Thursdays	Bingo Night	8.30pm
Fridays	Bottle Draw	Evening
Saturdays	Meat Draw	1.00pm

**Restaurant open-Lunch:** Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday.  
**Restaurant open-Evening:** Friday, Saturday.

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# Birchanger Primary School



## School Trip Was “Sensational”

During the week of 1st – 5<sup>th</sup> October, many of the year 5 and year 6 children from Birchanger Church of England Primary School ventured off on their annual residential trip. With a change in venue this year, they travelled to the brand new PGL centre, set within the stunning grounds of Bawdsey Manor in Suffolk.



During the course of the week, the children undertook a vast range of activities. Many of these proved challenging for the children; with a lot of them demonstrating the school’s core values of love, care, courage and truth. Some of the events included archery, abseiling, fencing, sensory trail, zip wire, orienteering, problem solving as well as evening undertakings including a group quiz, ambush and a very energetic final night disco!

As well as undertaking the vast range of activities, they had to develop independent skills, such as making their bed, tidying up, washing, and brushing teeth - in addition to dressing appropriately each day.



Throughout the week, skills such as independence, teamwork, courage and resilience were truly experienced. The setting for the week was spectacular. The vast space was enjoyed by every child during the activities as well as during down time and evenings. On the second night, the children enjoyed taking part in the camp fire. Many songs were sung; stories told as well as toasted marshmallows consumed.



After an exhilarating and exhausting week, the children arrived safely home. Looking back on their experiences, here are some thoughts from several of the children:

*“I managed to complete Jacob’s ladder with my partner which made me feel ecstatic.”*

*“I felt like a princess staying in the manor.”*

*“The Surroundings were expansive. There was something new and exciting around each corner.”*

*“It was sensational!”*

*“It was really good – one of funniest parts was when the instructors kept singing the same songs over and over again!”*

Fun was certainly had by all the children and adults.

*Mrs D. Casey - Lead Teacher*





## Stansted Airport bottom of the league for supporting local good causes

A survey carried out by local airport community groups across the UK has shown that Stansted Airport is by far the least generous of any major UK airport in supporting local good causes. Heathrow and Gatwick both contributed the equivalent of 1.1 pence per passenger to community projects last year whereas Stansted contributed just 0.2 pence per passenger. In total, Heathrow gave £808,500 last year and Gatwick gave £513,500. By comparison, Stansted's contribution was just £58,400 support for local good causes.

### UK Airport Total Contribution Pence per Passenger

Heathrow	£808,500	1.1p
Gatwick	£513,500	1.1p
Bristol	£156,000	1.9p
Glasgow	£145,000	1.5p
Edinburgh	£134,000	1.0p
Luton	£114,685	0.7p
Manchester	£108,750	0.4p
Birmingham	£79,266	0.6p
Stansted	£54,000	0.2p

The second lowest contribution, on a per passenger basis, was Manchester Airport which gave the equivalent of just 0.4 pence per passenger to local good causes. Moreover, the research showed that unlike most other UK airports, Manchester and Stansted airports seek to make their financial contributions to good causes conditional upon approval of their airport expansion plans. Stansted Airport has indicated that it would be prepared to provide additional funding for local good causes provided its current planning application is approved.

If the application were to be approved it would mean a 66% increase in passengers and a 44% increase in flights compared to last year. SSE Deputy Chairman Brian Ross commented "These are very small sums of money compared to the £166 million dividend that Manchester Airports Group (MAG) paid to its shareholders this year, up £25 million up on last year. By comparison, since acquiring Stansted from BAA, MAG has halved the amount provided by Stansted Airport for local good causes." Mr Ross concluded: "Whether it's a contribution towards fixing the scout hut roof or helping to fund minibus transport for the disabled, there is no shortage of deserving local good causes. It's shameful that MAG gives so little compared to every other major UK airport."

### SSE 2019 Calendar now available

The 2019 edition of the SSE Community Calendar – the seventeenth to be produced – is now on sale. As always it features superb local photographs, all taken by volunteers. The price of £7.00 is the same as last year and all proceeds will be used in the continuation of our campaign. In view of the current legal proceedings, it is more important than ever that we have adequate funds to continue the fight. The calendars can be purchased from Brian Ross or locally at: Bishop's Stortford: Barnes Flooring, 72 South Street. Stansted: Stansted Pharmacy at Castle Maltings and YZ Store/Post Office You can also order the calendar on-line at: <http://stopstanstedexpansion.com/calendar.html>.



At Birchanger Butterflies Pre-School this half term we looked at the Harvest Festival. The children cooked their own vegetable soup and looked at the changes that took place during the cooking process. Many of the children really enjoyed their soup when they tasted it.

The weather has mostly been kind to us this term during our Forest School sessions and the children have been looking at the changes during autumn and exploring the environment. They are starting to understand the Forest School rules now, particularly on safety, so hopefully we will soon be able to have a bonfire. We also explored colour whilst creating different pictures of fire-works and looked at how the colours changed when mixed together.

Our qualified, experienced team are pleased to be able to take children from 2 years old and offer up to 30 hours per week. The sessions we offer are; 9am-12 noon, 12 noon-3pm, 9am-3pm.

If you are interested in a place at our pre-school please contact us via our website or give us a call on 01279 810 800. We only have a few spaces available for the academic year 2018/2019, so don't delay in contacting us. *Karen Reilly, Pre-school Manager*



I would like to say a big welcome to our new trustees. We still have openings available for trustees, so if you would like to join us, you still can. Contact details for the trust can be found below. Birchanger Wood is a green lung on the very edge of Essex and Herts, absorbing and eradicating CO2 in your environment. It is a MUST KEEP for Bishop's Stortford, Stansted and Birchanger. The woodland is accessible for well-being and solace, free to residents and visitors of all abilities and all ages on each and every day of the year. It is also used by persons to obtain their Duke of Edinburgh awards, or to gain their scout and brownies badges. Use it as a family excursion and learn what nature has to offer in all weathers. You can walk the dogs, learn woodcraft or simply take a walk or run on the forest pathways.

A special mention has to be made in respect of two persons from the Home Farm Trust, Ugley, who, together with their carers, have over many weeks been carrying out litter-picking in Birchanger Wood without being asked to! The Trust wishes to give a really big thank you to these two ladies for picking up the rubbish that others have left. I met these two women at the Home Farm Trust Centre after they had just returned from a litter-picking foray in the Wood. Both were presented with a certificate on behalf of the Trust for their terrific voluntary efforts carried out over many weeks. I would also like to thank the team from TUBS (Tidy up Bishops Stortford) and to a couple of our trustees who have spent time during the year clearing litter left in the wood. Our local environment can be helped by us all. Without those who voluntarily give up their time, this lovely woodland could otherwise be just another decaying area of urban jungle.

*Daphne Wallace-Jarvis* - [www.birchangerwoodtrust.org](http://www.birchangerwoodtrust.org)  
secretary@birchangerwoodtrust.org



## The Hundred Parishes Society

The centenary of the First World War has inspired several parishes to refurbish their memorials, for example Sawbridgeworth and Stansted Mountfitchet. Most towns and villages in the Hundred Parishes have a memorial to those who lost their lives in the two world wars. Most were erected in the years following World War I. A generation later, more names were added to these memorials. The number of names added after WWII is generally less. Overall British casualties in WWII were around half the number in WWI. Behind the numbers lie tragic, personal stories of young men who failed to survive the horror of war and whose surnames may still be found in their parish. Almost every village and every family was affected in WWI. Twenty four men from Ashdon died but the names of three brothers, Albert, Frederick and Erasmus Kent, were not inscribed at the request of their parents.



War memorials come in a variety of designs, with some that do not follow the normal style. In the church grounds at Arkesden the memorial is constructed from a large pudding stone. In Barkway, in addition to the traditional memorial, there is a large stone engraved with the names of the seven men from Newsells Park estate and stud who died in WWI.

Ware's memorial, overlooking the Ash valley, honours 19 young men who died in WWI including my wife's great uncle, Ernest Warby. Another of her great uncles, William Spencer, is remembered on



Aspenden's memorial. Like me, Janice grew up in London, not knowing that one day she would live close to where her father's two uncles had worked on the land before joining the other young men of their generation on the battlefields of Europe.

Ken McDonald, Secretary - [www.hundredparishes.org.uk](http://www.hundredparishes.org.uk)

## The Gardens of Easton Lodge

The Apple & Austin Open Day in September was a huge success. Thank you to all readers who came and made it really buzz! Our beekeepers were kept busy all day and must have got through hundreds of those little wooden taster sticks. Visitors learned why the three taster pots of honey ranged from light in colour to dark and more caramel in flavour. They were made from pollen, rape and lime and other early flowers, to more scented garden flowers from later in the season. The honey from the bees in our walled kitchen garden has been extracted into buckets and will go on sale next year. Some of it could be dark and positively Mediterranean in flavour given the summer we have had.

Our jams and jellies were snapped up from the tombola stall, the vegetables too and the apple and honey cake tasters also went down quickly. Everyone had different favourites, which is what it was all about, i.e. showing the diversity of cakes that can be made! Hopefully fewer apples will go to waste in gardens and allotments as a result of the recipes that our visitors took away with them.



The Gardens continue to look beautiful as the colours of autumn creep in. Our 2019 Calendar is now available for readers who want to feast their eyes on the gardens during the closed season. It can be obtained by mail order, by leaving a message on our enquiry line 01371 876979, or through our website: [www.eastonlodge.co.uk](http://www.eastonlodge.co.uk)  
Jill Goldsmith



### Coffee morning at Moorswood

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## St. Mary's Church



### Church Services

4th Nov 11:15am All Saints/Souls Service.  
 11th Nov 10:45am at the war memorial, Remembrance service  
 18th Nov 11:15am Family service  
 25th Nov 11:15 am Holy Communion service

### Church News

This year is the commemoration of 100 years of the First World War. The village will be undertaking a day of commemoration with several events planned. Under the Armistice and Armed Forces Communities Programme, St Mary's church will take part by installing ten 'There But Not There' figures depicting those who were lost during the war. It is hoped that this will bring communities together to remember; and to think about the Armed Forces today. You can find out more by visiting: <https://www.therebutnotthere.org.uk/>. The figures are made of clear Perspex and will be seated amongst the congregation. There will also be a display of work by the children of Birchanger Primary School as well as a magnificent poppy display. For those who are unable to attend the service on Sunday we will open the church on Friday 9th and Saturday 10th November between the hours of 11.00am and 3.00pm for you to view and pay your respects to those fallen. We hope that you will come along and support this special commemoration.

### Dates for your Diary

All Saints/Souls day 4th November service at St Marys. All Saints' Day (also known as All Hallows' Day or Halloween) is the day after All Hallows' Eve (Hallowe'en). It is a feast day celebrated on 1st November by Anglicans and Roman Catholics. It is an opportunity for believers to remember all saints and martyrs, known and unknown, throughout Christian history.

All Souls' Day is marked on 2nd November (or the 3rd if the 2nd is a Sunday), directly following All Saints' Day, and is an opportunity for Roman Catholics and Anglo-Catholic churches to commemorate the faithful departed. For those who cannot attend the service and would like a loved one remembered please call Elaine Wright on 01279 813474 or send an email to: [stmaryschurch.birchanger@googlemail.com](mailto:stmaryschurch.birchanger@googlemail.com) with their details: full name and when they departed. For those who attend, a list will be placed at the back of the church for you to show your departed's details.

Coffee morning at Moorswood, 11th December from 10:30am to 12:00 noon. There will be a Christmas raffle and mince pies! All are welcome and if you need assistance getting to the coffee morning please call Elaine Wright on 01279 813474 and we will arrange a pick up for you.

Our annual Carol Service by candlelight will be held on Friday 21st December. Come and help us through readings and carols, build the Nativity scene, and enjoy some mince pies and mulled wine afterwards. We hope you can join us!

### Prayer for November

*Lord God, I rejoice in the blessedness of peace.  
 May I not try to force peace where cruelty has entered,  
 But keep a watch for what may come into my life.  
 I pray that if I may be in turbulence to-day,  
 Thou wilt quiet me with thy peace which knows no fear or  
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 Amen.*

[stmaryschurch.birchanger@googlemail.com](mailto:stmaryschurch.birchanger@googlemail.com)

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