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Local Soldier Attends D-Day Anniversary

75 years ago on the 6th June 1944, during the Second World War, 150,000 British, American and Canadian troops invaded Nazi occupied France in order to liberate European occupied territories. Known as 'Operation Overlord', this was the biggest seaborne invasion in military history and the turning point of WW II. The troops landed on a 50 mile stretch of beach along the Normandy coast in northern France where allied casualties were reported to be around 10,000.



Corporal Kevin Clerk of the 16 Medical Regiment, part of the 16 Air Assault Brigade and son of John & Julie Clark from Birchanger, was one of the chosen few to attend the 75th anniversary which was held on the 6th June in Normandy and Portsmouth.

During a TV interview Kevin told viewers "It was an honour and a privilege to be a part of the parachute drop into Normandy and to be able to attend the 75th Anniversary". The highlight for Kevin was meeting and chatting to Harry (seen below), one of the Veterans that landed in Normandy on D-Day in 1944 with the Red Devils.



After a tour of Afghanistan, Kevin transferred from 5 Med in Catterick to 16 Med in Colchester. He is MERT trained (Medical Emergency Response Team) and qualified to undertake procedures in Chinook helicopters whilst evacuating casualties. Kevin was also enrolled as one of only one hundred Army Medics to pass the Civilian Paramedic Diploma and he is now currently studying for his Paramedic Science BSc (Hons) degree. As a qualified Paramedic, Kevin often joins NHS Ambulances during his rest days.



Kevin passed the Pegasus P-Coy training course (known as one of the hardest endurance tests in the army), completed his parachute course and is now a Red Beret Para.

Kevin has trained in many parts of the world and his skill and determination earned him the opportunity to attend the D-Day 75th Anniversary celebrations. Needless to say, John and Julie are extremely proud parents.



Editors Letter Box

Letters to the Editor

Dear Ed,

Cupcake day For Alzheimer's

A 'Cupcake Day' event for the Alzheimer's Society is being held on the 14th July at Birchanger Village Hall.

All are welcome to attend so please come and support us anytime between 12.00pm and 3.00pm. There will be cakes, tea, coffee, squash, a couple of games and a raffle. Any donations for raffle prizes will be gratefully received, please let us know and we can collect from you. Also, any donations of cakes would be lovely on the day but again let us know and we can collect. We hope to see you all there and thank you for your support.

Zoe Welsh (Brace) 07707925320 and Yvonne Gray 07887247170.

D-Day Remembrance

I wanted to share the attached picture of the wreath I laid at the village church memorial in remembrance of the D-Day Landings. I do not want a name credit but thought the village would like to see the pictures and that it would be nice to share. *Poppy Appeal Organiser*



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2 Harrisons, Birchanger

VILLAGE NEWS

By Elizabeth Godwin

Drugs And County Lines

Most of us have read press reports of the latest way of tempting young children into drug abuse. Drugs, mainly cannabis at first, are handed out freely to even primary school children for a few occasions. Then the children are expected to pay for their supplies. They are told they can do this by finding other children to first of all give the drugs to, then to sell them to as they too become users. This happened first in Stansted, and there are signs that it is happening here in Birchanger as well. Cars have been seen parked outside the church Lychgate opposite the recreation field late at night and has been reported to the police. It is difficult to try to explain to children just what is happening, and why this is so wrong. This is harder when the child perceives that their own contemporaries are experimenting with drugs and they don't want to feel excluded. Parents have to be vigilant and to be very alert to any behavioural changes in their children. The warning not to accept anything from anyone needs to be enforced, even if the person offering it is a friend of their own age. Being aware is the first step in fighting this menace. Drugs are ruining far too many lives. After the drugs arrive, the gangs form and we all know what that can lead to. We need to show these greedy men that their tactics don't work here!

Japanese Knotweed in Birchanger



Bushes, thought to be Japanese Knotweed have been found growing along footpath 15 which runs between Gower Barn and the farm track in Birchanger. This invasive plant, although not poisonous, grows prolifically and can pierce concrete and tarmac! It has been reported to Uttlesford

District Council for investigation and removal.

Nuisance bikers are back

Off road bikers are making a nuisance of themselves again. They have been seen riding over the fields, through the woods and on Birchanger Lane. Incidents have been reported to Essex Police using 101 on the 25th May and 2nd June and have been given an incident number 1243. If anyone spots them they should report them to Essex Police on 101 or 'Do it online' on the Essex Police website. Photographic or video evidence would help.

Birchanger All Girls Society

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

Forthcoming Meetings:

Wednesday 31st July - Guided tour of Birchanger Woods by local naturalist Jono Forgham who writes the Nature Notes in The Stortford Independent. It should be a very interesting walk.

Telephone for details

Olivia: 07568 574703 Rosemary: 01279 814678

Get Yourself a Better Energy Deal

Essex County Council has just held their latest energy auction. This scheme allows those who have registered with Essex County Council to participate in the energy auctions held by ECC three times a year and to find the cheapest energy deal for a fixed period. Participants are not obligated to accept the deal, but the scheme usually offers a big saving on their current provider. The next auction is in October. Participation with the current scheme closes on July 3rd. Find out more by looking on the 'Essex Energy Switch' website or by calling 01376 552525.

Support for Anyone with Mental Health Concerns

Mental Health issues affect many of us these days. If we have not suffered from them ourselves, the chances are that someone close to us has. 'Mind' now runs a fortnightly advice session at the council offices in Saffron Walden between 2.00 and 4.00 pm. The next sessions are on 9th and 23rd July and 6th August.

Making it Easier to Move

Living in a local authority rented home works well for most people, unless you want to move home, that could be very tricky to arrange. Swapping is easy once you have found the right property with a tenant willing to swap, but actually finding another house to swap with has always been difficult. There is an agency which claims to help people find the right swap, sometimes within 24 hours! Realistically, it must take longer than that, but this agency does help people actually find what they want and help with complicated swapping arrangements as well. Known as 'Home Swapper', this agency operates nationally with thousands of potential swaps on its books. They can be contacted on line at www.homeswapper.co.uk.

Foster Carers Urgently Needed

Could you consider becoming a foster carer? Essex County Council is always looking for those willing to care for children whose parents, for any number of reasons, find themselves unable to look after their children. ECC is particularly keen to find homes for older children, sibling groups, teenagers, children with disabilities and other children who have simply had a lousy start to life. To become a carer you need to be over 21 and to have a spare room for a start. You can be married, single, living with a partner of either gender. ECC are happy to explain more and will help you throughout the process. To find out more about fostering call 01245 452058 or 0800 801 530.



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Will it be DIY Libraries in the Future?

Unless the protesters have their way, which is not very likely, the only libraries we shall have left in Essex outside large towns are the ones we shall be running ourselves. With the very real threat of closure of so many small libraries and the mobile library service, Essex County Council is looking for groups to run a library in community space in their own town or village. This would mean opening on set dates and times with a number of volunteers from community groups willing to take their turn at manning the library. Quite a commitment, but some villages have run their own library service for many years. Anyone interested? Call 0345 743 0430.

Become a Dementia Friend

This is very easy to do. You can simply go online and watch a short video about the condition and how you can help. From the understanding you gain you will become more tolerant when someone seems lost and confused while shopping and you will be better equipped to help them. It may help you to understand what is happening as certain family members age. The District Council on 01799 510510 can put you in touch with groups who would very much value your help, or you could go directly to the Alzheimer's Society. Until a proper cure is found, we will have to learn to cope with this condition and help manage it, both in ourselves and others the best we can.

Safeguarding for all Children

It is said only too often after a tragedy, where a child has died or has been seriously injured by a close family member, that neighbours had concerns but there was nobody prepared to listen to them and they were hesitant about contacting the police. Or perhaps a child's behaviour has suddenly changed and parents are worried that they may be suffering some kind of abuse. A new dedicated confidential hotline has been set up by Essex Police for those wanting to know how to spot the signs of abuse of all types and to talk in absolute confidentiality about concerns they may have about a child. It is also for parents who have concerns about their own child and how to proceed to clarify the situation. Abuse happens to anyone in any community. If you are an adult there is advice and support for you too. Everything is confidential unless you want it otherwise. Call 01245 452058.

Missed the Annual Exhibition for Small Businesses?

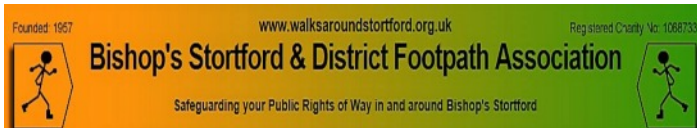
Stansted Airport may be the worst airport in the country for flight delays, but they are quite good at supporting small businesses in the area, as seen by their annual exhibitions and seminars. The advantage for many is that the seminars are all free. If you missed the exhibition at the Novotel, at the airport, there is still time to catch one of the free two-day seminars which are happening this month. The nearest for us is the two day event which will be held at Harlow Civic Centre on the 16th and 17th July by the Enterprise Support Alliance. If you want to find out more, or to book a place, call 077990 587597. When exams are over and the future may not yet be clear, running your own business is an option to consider and these seminars could help you.



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SUNDAY WALKS: Departing at 10.00am 5/6 miles
01 Sept 2019 St Cecelia's Church, Church End, Little Hadham TL 446227- SG11 2DZ
29 Sept 2019 Matching Green, park on road Nr Chequers PH TL 536110- CM1 70PZ
13 Oct 2019 Stanstead Abbots car park off main road TL 384119 - SG12 8AG

Don't forget to check the website, as there may always be a surprise walk listed. Watch out and check for road closures and build in your 'get to' timings accordingly.

The month of May gave us lovely weather and the walks weren't bad either! After June, we will take a break and see you in September. When walking throughout this summer, check your route before-hand, as there are so many road closures and footpath diversions in place owing to the high number of development sites in our area. We will also try and have our walks for the winter season planned over summer.

Why don't you lead a walk? We are really short of walk leaders. I plan my walks using the local ordnance survey map. I roughly measure it and walk it a couple of times. If you have a favorite or interesting walk that you know please let us know so we can try it. It's not rocket science!

In June we took a lovely trail over the hill from Manuden to Stansted and back, then taking the church PRoW footpath up to the little road west of the village and turning north to arrive back at the Manuden Community Centre. En-route we were able to spot many of the the amazing scarecrow displays - a fantastic amount of individual village effort. The winner for 2019 was 'Wallace and Grommet'.

Daphne Wallace-Jarvis, Publicity Officer:
dwjjwj.444@gmail.com www.walksaroundstortford.org.uk

Church Treasurer Wanted

Can you help?

We are looking for a volunteer to support the Parochial Church Council in the role of Treasurer. At least one-two days per month are required to add items to our finance and gift aid programme, therefore IT and On line banking skills are essential.

If you would like a role descriptor and to talk about the role please email your details to stmaryschurch.birchanger@googlemail.com or contact E Wright Churchwarden 01279-813474.

Please note anyone can apply for this role, a requirement to attend church regularly is not essential.

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Community Special Constable

The Parish council has started an advertising campaign in order to find a Special Constable (CSC) for Birchanger. This could take some time but if successful, it would mean we would have our own part time local bobby pounding the beat around the village. This is a voluntary position carried out in free time and full training would be given. If you

or someone you know is interested you can apply by logging on to: www.essex.police.uk/specials/birchanger.

Community Speed Watch (CSW)

The twelve local volunteers who will monitor speeds throughout the village and report to the police any misdemeanours should get their initial training in July. So watch out you speeders!

HMRC Telephone Scam

Fraudsters are spoofing genuine HMRC telephone numbers to deceive their victims over the phone. The fraudsters state that as a result of the victim's non-payment of tax or other duty, the victim is liable for prosecution or other legal proceedings in order to settle the balance. The fraudsters suggest victims can avoid this, by arranging payment to be made immediately by methods such as bank transfer or by purchasing iTunes gift cards. If the victim is hesitant or refuses to comply, the suspect makes a threat such as immediate arrest, sending bailiffs to the victim's address or, in some cases, deportation. Often, the period for which the tax is allegedly due is distant enough to guarantee the victim will have little, if any, paperwork or ability to verify the claims. Once the money is paid the suspects sever all contact with the victim.

In genuine cases, HMRC will initially make direct contact with you via post/letter and potentially follow up that letter with a phone call at a later date. If HMRC contact you via telephone they will quote the reference number on the initial letter you should have received. HMRC will not discuss something you are not already aware of, like a tax investigation, and will NOT demand immediate payment.

Bank Account Fraud

Individuals have been receiving phone calls from people claiming to be a police officer or banking official.

The fraudster will say something like "There has been fraudulent activity at your bank and some of the staff at the bank are involved." They will then ask you to withdraw money to either keep it safe, or assist the police with their investigation. Another bogus line is "Your card has been compromised and used to purchase goods by a suspect". You are then asked to withdraw your money to keep it safe or hand over your bank card to the 'police' who will arrange collection by courier.

You may be told to dial a non-emergency extension of '161' to receive confirmation of the callers identity (this is also bogus) and that a courier will attend your home address to collect the goods the same day.

What you need to do

You should always question unsolicited requests for your personal or financial information. Just because someone knows your basic details (such as your name and contact details), it doesn't mean they are genuine. Instead, contact the bank or company directly using trusted methods such as a known email address or phone number. Legitimate organisations wouldn't ask you to hand over money, bank cards or to pay taxes, bills or fees over the phone. If you are contacted by anyone that asks you to do this, you're likely the target of a scam. Don't be rushed or pressured into making a decision. Under no circumstances would a genuine bank or some other trusted organisation force you to make a financial transaction on the spot. Report Phishing attempts. If you receive a call, text or email of this nature but have not lost money, you can report this as phishing to 'Action Fraud'. If you have lost money, call 999 immediately.

Ultrafast Broadband is now a Reality in Birchanger

At least for half the village! Ultrafast rural broadband network operator, Gigaclear, has installed its first pure fibre broadband cabinet in Birchanger as part of the Superfast Essex broadband programme. The installation has brought some of the fastest broadband speeds available in the world to people living and working in the district.

The cabinet is currently providing 212 properties in Birchanger with a connection to a futureproof pure fibre broadband network with far more properties becoming enabled in the coming months, as even more cabinets are installed, and network connections built. The Gigaclear network is capable of delivering download and upload speeds of up to 900Mbps, meaning it would take less than a minute to download a 2.5-hour HD film – faster than boiling a kettle.

Transforming the broadband speeds of Birchanger was a significant civil engineering project. Gigaclear contractor Kier worked to dig up 5.3km of carriageway, footway and verge to lay just over 6.5km of fibre.

Gigaclear is committed to delivering ultrafast fibre broadband to more than 4,600 properties in Uttlesford District, as part of Phase 3 of its work with Superfast Essex, Essex County Council's broadband improvement programme. The £6.8million contract is funded by an investment from Essex County Council, a local funding contribution from Uttlesford District Council, a matching government grant from Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK) in the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) and a significant investment from private sector network operator Gigaclear. Residents and businesses interested in receiving Gigaclear's ultrafast broadband service can find out more at www.gigaclear.net/superfastessex

Other Broadband services are of course available which may be suitable for your needs. To check your current broadband speed you can use an online broadband speed checker and find out what speeds and providers are available for your address. Go to <https://www.broadbandspeedchecker.co.uk/>

Birchanger Primary School

Summer Fete

Saturday 13th July
1pm - 4pm

Bouncy Castles • Balloon Popping
Football Shoot Out • Raffle • Cakes
Netball Shoot Out • Tombola
Lucky Dip • Hot Food • Lucky Dip
Face Painting • Glitter Tattoos
and much more!

what's on in the village...



July 2019



Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

Sun

Bin Collections: Bradley Common collected on Fridays. Rest of Birchanger on Thursdays. **Garden bin collections marked with #**

Birchanger Parish Council Meetings: Meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.30 pm in the church hall - **Open to the public.**

1 Church hall: 11.00 Petal Senses 19.30 Adult Ballroom and Latin Dance BSSC: Quiz Night	2 Church hall: 9.40 Ballet for adults 13.00 Petals Yoga 15.45 Ballet for Juniors 19.30 Parish council meeting	3 Church Hall: 09.30 Tai Chi 14.00 Tea Room 15.45 Fencing 17.30 Apton Dance Studio - 19.00 for beginners	4 Green Bin Church hall: 10.00 Alzheimer's 12.30 Line dance for beginners 13.45 Line dance 18.00 Apton dance - private lessons	5 Church hall: 9.30 Baby Glows for toddlers BSSC: Kitchen Re-Launch Bottle Draw	6 BSSC: 13.00 Meat Draw 21.00 Elvis & Friends - Live	7 St Mary's Church: 11.15 am Matins Service Church Hall: 12.00 Birchanger Litter Pickers
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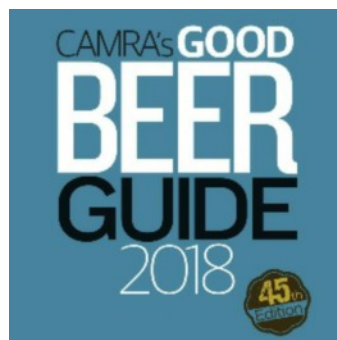


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Sports & Social Club

Sports & Social Club News



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Treasure Chest

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Fri. 12th & 26th July



Saturday 20th July

1.00pm

All Welcome

Free Admission

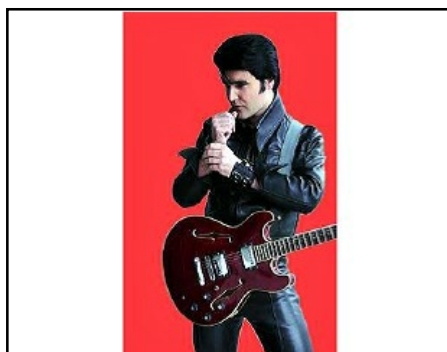
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Face Painting ~ Tombola ~ Raffle**

Kitchen Re-launch

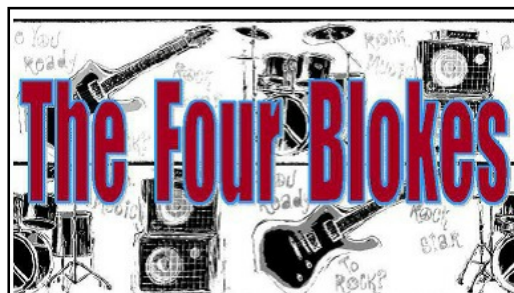
Arriving in July! - New Chef & Exciting New Menu!

We will soon be announcing our brand new menu
cooked by our new Chef ~ Ken Vincent.

For further details and bookings please call the club on
01279 813441



Elvis and Friends July 6th



20TH JULY 9.00PM

Summer will arrive soon!

Come and enjoy our recently decorated Family
Beer garden



If anyone has any children's play equipment that
needs a new home we would be happy to take it.

Club Calendar at a Glance

Planned for	July	Kitchen Re-Launch
Saturday	6 th July	9.00pm Elvis & Friends - LIVE
Friday	12 th July	Treasure Chest
Saturday	20 th July	1.00pm Family Fun Day
Saturday	20 th July	9.00pm 4 Blokes - LIVE
Friday	26 th July	Treasure Chest
Friday	26 th July	Poker Night

Weekly Events

Day	Event	When
Mondays	Quiz Night	9.00 pm
Thursdays	Bingo Night	8.30 pm
Fridays	Bottle Draw	Evening
Saturdays	Meat Draw	1.00 pm
Sundays	Roast Dinners	12.00 md
Restaurant open-Lunch: Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday.		
Restaurant open-Evening: Friday, Saturday. New Menu		

Birchanger Sports & Social Club, 229 Birchanger Lane, Birchanger, CM23 5QJ
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Birchanger Primary School



At Birchanger C of E Primary we take a holistic approach to our learning with the children's enjoyment, school values and vision at its heart. In previous issues we have shared our vision which states that 'We are committed to the pursuit of excellence in our work play and relationships with each other. Everything that we do is based on the values of love, care, courage and truth'.

It is also important to us that even though we are a small school we give our children a wide range of experiences in the classroom, through music, sport and extra-curricular clubs. This year we have been developing our curriculum to producing a rich, inclusive foundation for learning. We aim to design a values- based skills curriculum which will enable the children to learn the fundamental skills and build up the knowledge which is needed to equip them for life in modern Britain.



This school year we have started doing this through our teaching of creative topics such as World War I, Funnybones and Carnival. We have enriched the children's learning through in-school visitors such as 'Portals to the Past', 'Zoolab', and trips to the Royal Observatory and Natural History Museum. We have held special weeks raising the awareness for online safety, maths and our

Book Week is planned for later this term. We also start each half term with a mental health morning and we marked Remembrance Day with a day of reflection.

We have developed links with schools in south London and in France. We have held a nativity performance for our younger children and lots of weekly assemblies where we have shared our successes. This term we have sports day to come and all of the children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are busy rehearsing for the end of year production, 'Beauty and the Beast'.

Finally, we also offer the children the opportunity to attend a number of clubs which range from a wide range of different sports clubs, recorder club, computing, robotics, gardening and bible craft. Our aim is to nurture active, independent learners whilst having fun!

Claire Berry - Headteacher



School Lollipop Person Required

Would you like to help children cross the lane when going to and from Birchanger Primary School?

Volunteers are required to help kids cross the road in the mornings and afternoons during school terms. Full training, support and equipment would be given. For further information, please contact: The Clerk, Birchanger Parish Council on 01279 814773.



 #MyOtherLife

If you want to make a real difference in your town then volunteer as a Community Special Constable and play a part in keeping your neighbourhood safe. Birchanger village are supporting Essex Police to increase local and visible policing in their area.

Visit www.essex.police.uk/Specials/Birchanger to find out more

The above advert is part of a publicity campaign throughout the local area by Birchanger Parish Council in order to find a part time volunteer special constable for Birchanger. If you are interested or want to know more, please follow the web link above.



It was a full house for Dr Neil Faulkner's seminar on the life and times of Lawrence of Arabia, who he described as a 'Romantic Orientalist'. He

explained how this enabled Lawrence to get close to the leaders of the 'Great Arab Revolt'. Dr Faulkner is an archaeologist. Apart from writing a book on Lawrence, Dr Faulkner is also mounting a dig at Monte Cassino, and invited anyone who would like a free holiday to come to the dig and get stuck in. I haven't heard how many have joined up yet!

Do come to St. John's Hall, Stansted on 18th July, when James Taylor will be entertaining us with a talk on 'The Brilliant British Humour in the Forgotten Art of the Picture Postcard'. Have a cup of tea and a biscuit, relax and enjoy yourself! Arrangements have been made with the Resident's Association regarding parking. U3A members will be allowed to park off St John's Road, from 1.00pm to 4.00pm during meetings. Two outings will be on offer, first come first served, one to Beth Chatto Gardens in August and another to Brick Lane Music Hall in October. The July meeting of the Art Appreciation Class will also enjoy a presentation on Street Art. New Members very welcome.

Our recent visit to Copped Hall, near Epping was most interesting. Volunteers have been bringing back this lovely Georgian/Victorian Mansion from the dead. We enjoyed a tour of the partly restored rooms and basement and took a tour of the 4 acre walled garden, where many of us bought plants, grown by even more volunteers. Even though the weather was as wet as only an English Spring day can be, we all thoroughly enjoyed our day out. Full details of any of the above can be found on our website.

Eileen Quinn - www.u3asites.org.uk/stansted/home



Biggest Ever Residents' Petition Calls For Review of Airport Decision

The biggest ever residents' petition in the history of Uttlesford District Council has been submitted to the Council by Stop Stansted Expansion (SSE). The petition calls for the 2018 Stansted Airport planning application to be referred back to the UDC Planning Committee. The petition attracted over 1,000 signatures in its first five days. This is over 20 times more than the minimum required by UDC for a petition to be validated and more than four times as many as any previous UDC petition.

The 2018 Stansted Airport planning application, which sought approval for an increase in annual passenger numbers to 43 million, was conditionally approved by the Uttlesford Planning Committee in November 2018. However, final approval has not yet been granted because there are conflicting views as to whether the conditions have been fully met. The petition makes no judgment as to whether the application should be approved or refused. It is purely a request for the correct procedure to be followed by referring the matter to the Planning Committee.

SSE Deputy Chairman Brian Ross said: "There is an overwhelming case for the Planning Committee to have another look at this. It's not only their legal entitlement but also their legal duty to do so. It is imperative that officers do not issue final approval before allowing the Planning Committee an opportunity to take stock of the situation." The petition is still open for signing at <http://chnng.it/QGYQV46xvr>.

Meanwhile, the High Court has agreed to combine SSE's two legal challenges to the airport planning application (one against the Transport Secretary and the other against the Communities Secretary) and has set aside three days for a full hearing – November 12th, 13th and 14th. *Brian Ross*

Coffee with Cops

Wednesday 12th June saw the first of 'Coffee With Cops' meetings at the village hall. Police Community Support Officers (PCSO) Simon Horne and James Graham attended the meeting where around 15 villagers participated, despite the rain.



This recent initiative enables officers to meet with the public and reassure them of a police presence in the area.

PCSO Simon Horne said "This is a nice part of our job, meeting with people over coffee and discussing what we

do and how we can help the community. We get closer to the public and at the same time gather intelligence which can be useful finding criminal activity".

PCSO's work on the frontline of the local police force providing a visible and reassuring presence on the streets and tackling the menace of anti-social behaviour.

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The Hundred Parishes Society

The buildings of the Hundred Parishes display a range of traditional construction methods and materials, some dating back many centuries. A notable feature, rarely found outside East Anglia, is pargeting. Pargeting is decorative render applied to the face of a building, either “incised”, where a pattern has been cut or pressed into plasterwork, or “raised”, where an image has been attached to the wall. Either type may have been crafted by hand in situ or created first using a mould or template. The incised forms were basic and not expensive, unlike the elaborate raised forms. There are several fine and varied examples across the Hundred Parishes.



Perhaps best known are the 17th-century raised images on the former Sun Inn in Saffron Walden pictured above. They depict two giant figures (whose identity is a matter of debate) and also various birds and plants – even a little dog. Also dating from the 1600s is the raised decoration on The Crown House, Newport (seen below) where legend (albeit without evidence) suggests that King Charles II may have visited his mistress, Nell Gwynn.



A fine example of incised patterns can be seen in Braughing, where panels of different patterns cover the face of The Old Forge. In Linton High Street, Chandlers has a mixture of small, ancient raised panels and extensive, more modern incised patterns. The art of creating and conserving pargeting is now pursued by only a few craftsmen. I have mentioned just a few specimens. Other parishes also have examples of pargeting. *Ken McDonald, Secretary - www.hundredparishes.org.uk*

THE FORGOTTEN GARDENS OF EASTON LODGE

As I write, the events to mark the 75th anniversary of D-Day are drawing to a close but we will be marking our own local wartime contribution on 21st July at the gardens.

Visitors will be able to learn of local stories about the gardens during the war including Great Dunmow Airfield. There will also be stories covering neighbouring airfields and the 8th Air Force. Vintage military and civilian vehicles will be on display and there will be themed activities for children.

We are delighted that the duo known as ‘Perfect Vintage’ will be with us again, so we can all enjoy Vera Lynn’s songs as we (hopefully) relax in warm July sunshine with tea, bacon rolls and homemade cakes!

We are imminently expecting stonemasons on site to start restoring the usable steps into the Italian Garden. We hope our visitors on 21st July will be able to descend the restored steps to enjoy the water lilies, which are starting to burst into colour in the clean pond, and the gorgeous colours of the new roses and other flowers in the borders.



Our gate will open at 11.30am and last entry is at 4.00pm. Entry price £4.50 but free for children. We will have our usual refreshments but visitors are welcome to bring their own picnics.

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St. Mary's Church News



Church services

17th July	11:15am	Matins service
14th July	11:15am	Holy Communion service
21st July	11:15 am	Family service
28th July	11:15am	Holy Communion Service

Church News

Did you know; that as part of my role as church warden I hold each Thursday, a lunch time craft club with the children at Birchanger Primary School. This club links the school with the church but also links what is being taught that week about the bible. We have made doves from paper plates, bead crosses with pipe cleaners and sheep from cotton wool balls. The children attending the club enjoy the crafting as well as learning about some of the stories in the bible. Just to add some of the children's work is now being exhibited on our large exhibition board at the back of the church, please do come along and have a look at it; it certainly brightens a dark corner of the church.

Bubble and Berries; 12 Bradley Common, the home of Rosemary Seward will be the venue for Bubble and Berries which includes strawberries and a glass of sparkling wine or non-alcoholic drink in aid of St. Mary's Church. Please do come along, free entry and donations will be gladly received. If you want to attend then please contact Rosemary on 01279-813820 numbers are limited!

The Summer Lunch at Moorswood is being held this year on the 28th July with the kind support of Elizabeth and Pim Godwin. Tickets will be £15 per person, and will include 2-3 courses with wine and soft drinks. Let's hope the weather is with us this year as it poured down last year! Tickets are available through Pam Lee on 07702171744 or Elaine Wright and the Tea Room on 01279 813474.

Note! Prize Bingo returns Friday 16th August. Tickets available soon.

Did you know?

The Church has been in the village for 1000 years and is historically interesting in that the building you see today is more 19th century than 11th century. In the past the links with New College Oxford were strong due to William Wykenham and his connections with St Marys College Oxford. He built the New College Oxford where the majority of the early clergy were trained. If you would like to know more about the history of our village church then please join me one evening. If you are interested please email stmaryschurch.birchanger@googlemail.com. And we will set a date!

Prayer for July

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.
As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever.
Amen.

If you would like to know more about St Mary's church and the services we hold or want to get more involved then email us at stmaryschurch.birchanger@gmail.com or look us up on our Facebook page.

Thanks, Elaine Wright stmaryschurch.birchanger@gmail.com

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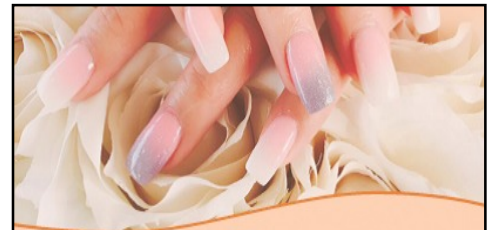
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