



# Birchanger Village Magazine

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## A Message from our Social Club

Your club - A village treasure.  
And you hold the key.

Having helped with the running of Birchanger Sports & Social club for over ten years I've been involved with many initiatives to try to continually improve and promote it.

As many Birchanger villagers know, the club has existed for over 125 years and been through many changes. Like any establishment it has to move with the times. Staying the same is not an option these days, just look at the dozens of pubs and clubs closing every week up and down the country. Running costs are on the increase, and habits and preferences of the public regularly change too. Socialising with friends has taken on many new forms too in the digital age.

In the recent past we have aimed to take the club further to be more appealing to a wider range of the community and families in the village and surrounding area. We have relaunched an excellent food offering, expanded our advertising through social media, brightened up our play area and revised and varied our entertainment. But the club needs your support, the local village community, to make sure it can continue to evolve and improve in these challenging times.

Why not come along to the club and see what it has to offer? You will certainly meet new faces, you may just want to attend quiz nights, music events or the bingo, or play snooker or pool, or just relax and eat and drink with friends. Anyone who attends the club knows there is no better night out than when it is full and people of all ages come together and socialise. Our prices are extremely competitive and the range and quality of our new food offering equally so. Our website has all the details of our events and news at [www.birchangerclub.com](http://www.birchangerclub.com).

Our Bar Manager and Assistant, Kenny and Katie, and the staff, are working hard to continue to make the club successful and they are supported by a committee of 12 volunteers, of which I am one. We help organise and manage the broader club needs such as buildings maintenance, grounds, health & safety, HR, events, advertising, sports activities and finance. You don't need to join the committee to help support the club, just come and enjoy what's on offer. But if you do feel you can offer some time to help out further we'd love



*Recent Club Event with amazing pianist  
Tom Carradine*

to hear from you. Contact me on my email address below or pop in and see any of the team at the club. Your attendance and support will always be greatly appreciated. Let's try and keep this village treasure for villagers, and their friends and families, to enjoy for many years to come. You hold the key.

*John McArthur, BSSC Committee*  
[jdm.bssc@gmail.com](mailto:jdm.bssc@gmail.com)

## Cricket Match for Dementia Café

Birchanger Cricket Club and Birchanger Sports & Social Club helped to raise approximately £3,000 for a local dementia charity by hosting a Twenty20 cricket match on Sunday 1st September. The event was organised by the family of village resident Jeff Squires, a longstanding member of the cricket club, who suffers from early onset dementia. Jeff regularly attends the dementia café in Dunmow, run by The Council for Voluntary Service Uttlesford (CVSU) – a charitable company with 31 years of experience in supporting the voluntary sector. Jeff is still able to play cricket and part of the reason for the family arranging a cricket match was to raise awareness that opportunities for young dementia sufferers to partake in physical activity are extremely limited.

Along with other dementia sufferers who attend the café the event was attended by many of the volunteers from the café, lots of local residents and the families and friends of the players. The money raised from a raffle, auctions, a cake stall, a barbeque and donations from the players and spectators, will help CVSU to continue to provide selfless and much needed care and assistance to local dementia sufferers in the future. The organisers are hoping to make this an annual event and Birchanger Cricket Club, who will be celebrating its 125th anniversary in 2020, would be more than happy to play hosts again.

*Ross Leavers*



*Meet the teams. Jeff Squires is the 10<sup>th</sup> player from the left.*

## Family Notice

The family of Linda Teather are very sad to announce that she passed away suddenly but peacefully at home, following a short illness, on 17th August 2019.

Linda, her husband Ian and daughter Nicola moved to Birchwood in 1975 and Teresa was born in 1976, remaining in the same house to the present day.

In the early 1980's Linda, along with some of the other parents, set up a youth club to provide some much needed entertainment for the children in the village, which continued for several years.

Linda will be best remembered for her cheery smile, sunny disposition and her ability to befriend anyone. She will be greatly missed by her family, friends and all who knew her.



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,

*Peter Sampson*

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## Another Successful Birchanger Dog Show and Fete

Congratulations to Birchanger Club for a very successful fete. The weather turned cold and windy, but the rain kept away and despite the wind there was a large turn out for Birchanger's Annual Fete and Dog Show, not only from the village but judging by the large number of cars parked along Birchanger Lane, Harrisons and Birchwood, there were a large number of visitors from outside the village as well.



*Best in Show Vivien with owner Pamela Joice (centre) and judge Lucy Shaw*

They might have been attracted by the dog show. Certainly there were a great many dogs of all types taking part. As well as the best dog or bitch type of classes there were classes for the waggiest tail and a class for Birchanger dogs only. There was no shortage of entrants in any of the classes and there were some very special and interesting dogs on show. Birchanger dogs did well in every class.

The stalls prospered, people met old friends and neighbours and took time for a chat. The hog roast was as delicious as ever. People lingered, the children enjoyed the soft play area all afternoon, the music was not intrusive and everyone enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon out in Birchanger.

The Best in Show winner was Vivien, a Hungarian Visla (pictured on the left) owned by Pamela Joice. Thanks are also due to Lucy Shaw (left) for judging the rounds, Fin & Fur for sponsoring the show and providing goody bags for the winners, Detheo Photography, and Jo Cundall Pet Portraits for donating prizes. The dog show raised £300 for The Animal Rescue Charity which will go a long way towards Cola the French Bulldog getting the ear operation she needs.

Best Birchanger dog was won by well-known Birchanger resident Louis the Cocker Spaniel. A popular winner.



*Best dog in Birchanger winner Louis with owner Paul Ferret (top)*

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# VILLAGE NEWS

*By Elizabeth Godwin*

## **The Big Light Up is Coming!**

You thought it was good last year, well this year we shall make it better than ever. Birchanger School will be part of it for the first time.

The date for the Big Light Up will be Friday November 29 at 7pm at Birchanger Club when the club lights will be switched on. It will be a very special occasion and seasonal refreshments will be there for everyone. It will be time for Birchanger to celebrate the start of the Christmas season.

It's time to plan your display. Remember it does not matter how small, it is the fact that it is there which counts.

## **Speeding in Birchanger Lane.**

Traffic was appreciably quieter in Birchanger Lane throughout August. People were away, schools were on holiday and apart from the odd speeding idiot things were appreciably easier.

However, back to earth with a vengeance in September. At a meeting in September the Parish Council was updated with progress on measures which might be taken to attempt to make the Lane a safer place for pedestrians including introducing Speed Watch to the village.

Something has to be done.

## **Fed Up With Unexpected Bus Timetable Changes?**

Most of us don't use the bus enough and when we do, have no clear idea of the bus timetable. If we do use and depend on the bus regularly it is just as frustrating when the bus fails to arrive. The timetable changed and it seems none of the prospective passengers knew a thing about it.

You can keep up to date with the timetable changes by downloading Essex County Council's Bus Passenger News. Just search for it on the Internet. You can also subscribe to regular bus passenger updates through the same site.

## **Need Help? Try Uttlesford Frontline**

Uttlesford Frontline offers support and connection to a great many helpful organisations. The site deals with a large number of queries from housing queries, mental health advice and arranges contact with organisations when required such as Essex Carers and many more. They can arrange call backs and if they cannot help you they will likely know a man or organisation who can in most cases. Just search for Uttlesford Frontline to get started. One of the most successful help organisations Dementia Friendly Uttlesford can be accessed through this site.

## **Want to Try Yoga?**

Did you know there is a Yoga for Health class every week in the Garden Room Saffron Walden. You can be a complete beginner or otherwise and you will be welcome. The classes run from 2.30 to 3.30 pm every Monday at a cost of £4.00 a session.

## **Coffee Morning**

There will be an Autumn Coffee Morning on Tuesday October 15th at Moorswood 10.30 to Noon. Everyone is very welcome. Come and meet new friends.

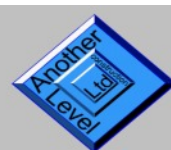
## **Birchanger All Girls Society**

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

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2019 7.30 for 8.00 pm  
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Children can struggle with fear and worry just as we do, although often don't have the capacity to convey this clearly or, at times, at all. Some appear to have already developed strategies to cope, and appear to weather it well, but others are overcome by intense anxiety. This has a knock-on effect on their cognitive, emotional and social development, even if it can't always be 'seen.'

Why might a child experience such anxiety? Between birth and six years-old, the brain grows faster than at any other time in life. At the same time, a child is absorbing, and trying to make sense of, a vast amount of external information - people, places and the dynamics around them, things that are still 'unknown'

and inexperienced. The problem can be that a child's ability to cope with anxiety and worry hasn't yet been properly honed, leading to the emergence of defence mechanisms. Added to which, a child doesn't usually begin to express thoughts and feelings until they are three years old, and commonly will only do so with some coherence around the age of eight. This is why children and young people may act out, either through a 'temper tantrum' or else simply by becoming withdrawn and lost, as a result of repressing or displacing their worries and concerns.

Unsurprisingly, this can all feel rather overwhelming, not just for the child but also for the wider family unit. Reaching children earlier rather than later can reduce tension in the family dynamic in the short term and give the child a better frame of reference in the longer term, facilitating a more fulfilling life and allowing them to make the very most out of their valuable education.

For further help or advice from a properly trained and qualified child counsellor, please visit [www.dynamiccounselling.co.uk](http://www.dynamiccounselling.co.uk) or contact [info@dynamiccounselling.co.uk](mailto:info@dynamiccounselling.co.uk).

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Stop Stansted Expansion has condemned Stansted Airport for orchestrating a 'Project Fear' campaign aimed at pressurising Uttlesford District Council (UDC) to grant final approval for its 2018 planning application for growth to 43 million passengers per annum.

In recent weeks various local and regional business leaders have issued press releases accusing UDC of causing economic damage to the region and costing jobs as a result of the council's decision to re-examine the 2018 planning application. It is abundantly clear from the content of these press releases that they are based on briefing material provided by Stansted Airport.

"The suggestion that the Council's decision to review the latest airport planning application is damaging the local economy and putting thousands of jobs at risk is preposterous", said SSE Deputy Chairman Brian Ross. Stansted handled 28 million passengers last year and has permission for 35 million. Stansted's own assessment is that it won't reach 35 million for at least four years. If Stansted wanted to introduce flights to China, India or anywhere else on the planet, there is plenty of headroom to do so in the existing planning consent. Neither UDC nor SSE is standing in the way.

Moreover, the contribution of Stansted to the regional economy is highly questionable. Ryanair accounts for four out of every five Stansted passengers and its primary function is to provide cheap leisure flights abroad for UK residents. Stansted caters for more than twice as many UK tourists travelling abroad compared to the number of foreign tourists coming into the UK – and most of these incoming foreign tourists are destined for London. Stansted's main employment impact is therefore to provide jobs for hotel, catering and leisure workers in places such as Tenerife and Torremolinos, rather than in the East of England region.

## Birchanger Village Magazine

### Wanted – Volunteer Distribution Manager

Are you willing to help make sure that the magazine reaches every household in the village? Then please contact us at [magazine@birchanger.com](mailto:magazine@birchanger.com).



Stansted Mountfitchet U3A is delighted to invite you to our **10th Anniversary Open Day** in St John's Church, Stansted on **Thursday October 17th from 1.30pm until 4pm**.

In the 10 years that we have been in existence our variety of activities has grown and we are very excited to invite Members and Visitors from Stansted and surrounding villages to this event to showcase our many Activities, Trips and Events.

We have around 300 members at present from Stansted, Elsenham, Manuden, Berden, Henham, Birchanger and other local areas. We currently have around 28 groups covering the Arts, Crafts, Music, Languages, Exercise Classes, Gardening and Walking as well as a Bus Pass and a Pub Lunch group. We are aimed at retired and semi-retired people who come together to continue their educational, social and creative interests. The main thing is we always try to have FUN.



We are hoping that all our groups will be putting on displays or performing for you, including appearances from the Stansted U3A Singers and the Stansted Mountfitchet U3A Strummers. There will be photos of holidays, trips and events that we have enjoyed over the years on our overhead screens and you will have the opportunity to speak to Group Leaders and Members to see if any of these activities are for you. We hope they are! You can see a photo here of some of us braving the wet weather in August for a trip to Beth Chatto's Garden.

We are providing free refreshments, including home-made cakes, for all our visitors. Please do come along and find out all about us and what makes us such a fun and vibrant U3A.

St. John's Road parking restrictions will be suspended.

See you there!

*Sally Rich on behalf of Stansted Mountfitchet U3A.*

# what's on in the village...

## October 2019

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
<b>Bin Collections:</b> Bradley Common collected on Fridays. Rest of Birchanger on Thursdays. <b>Garden bin collections marked with #</b>						
<b>Birchanger Parish Council Meetings:</b> Meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.30 pm in the church hall - <b>Open to the public.</b>						
	<b>1</b> <b>Church hall:</b> 9.40 Ballet for adults 13.00 Petals Baby Yoga 15.45 Ballet for Juniors	<b>2</b> <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	<b>3</b> <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	<b>4</b> <b>Church hall:</b> 9.30 Baby Glows for toddlers <b>BSSC:</b>	<b>5</b> <b>BSSC:</b> 11:00 Rugby WC 13.00 Meat draw	<b>6</b> <b>St Mary's Church:</b> 11.15 am <b>Church Hall:</b> 12.00 Birchanger Litter Pickers Volunteers
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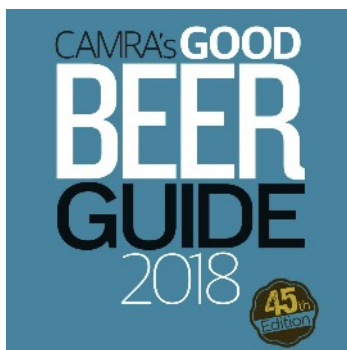


**BIRCHANGER**  
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## Sports & Social Club News



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



### Club Opening Hours & Food Availability

Opening Hours and Food Service Hours effective from **Tuesday 13th August 2019**

Day	Club Open	Club Close	Food Available?
Monday	17:30	23:00	No
Tuesday	17.30	23:00	<b>Yes</b> , 5.30pm-9.30pm
Wednesday	12:00	23:00	<b>Yes</b> , 12pm-3pm & 5.30pm-9.30pm (Evening Steak night special only)
Thursday	12:00 17:30	15:00 23:00	<b>Yes</b> , 12pm-3pm <b>Yes</b> , 5.30pm-9pm
Friday	12:00	23:30	<b>Yes</b> , 12pm-3pm & 5.30pm-9.30pm
Saturday	12:00	23:30*	<b>Yes</b> , 12pm-3pm & 5.30pm-9.30pm
Sunday	12:00	22:30	No

Other hours may apply during holiday periods and when the Steward is away.  
(\* 23:00 on non-entertainment nights)



### Annual General Meeting

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 8 pm

All members are encouraged to attend

### Treasure Chest

Try your luck and pick the right key,  
you could win £ thousands!

**Fri. 11<sup>th</sup> October**



Spirit fest is coming to  
Birchanger Social Club for one  
night only!

## SPIRIT FEST

With brand new band **TIME WARP**  
live on stage @ 9pm

Special selection of  
spirits on sale

As Halloween is just around the corner Spirit fest is  
a perfect time to dress up in **FANCY DRESS!**  
Will you have the best outfit?!

### What's on in October?

5 <sup>th</sup>	Rugby World Cup - England v Argentina 11 am
11 <sup>th</sup>	Treasure Chest
12 <sup>th</sup>	Rugby World Cup - England v France (opens 9 am)
19 <sup>th</sup>	Darts Final Night
20 <sup>th</sup>	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 8 pm
25 <sup>th</sup>	Poker Night
26 <sup>th</sup>	Spirit fest (see panel)

9 <sup>th</sup> November	School PTA Event - Sponsored Firewalk!
10 <sup>th</sup> November	FREE Family Fireworks

### Weekly Events:

Day	Event	When
Mondays	Quiz Night	21.00
Thursdays	Bingo Night	20.00
Fridays	Bottle Draw	Evening
Saturdays	Meat Draw	13.00

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# Birchanger Primary School



By the time that you read this the children at our school will have settled in to the new term. We have welcomed 15 new children to Dragonfly class. These are our youngest children and it is wonderful to have them as part of our school. Every child in this class has a buddy. Buddies come from Year 6 and they support younger children at lunch time and break times and form friendships that last the whole year. The way that our children support each other is a strength of our school and is often commented upon by parents and visitors to our school.

The children within our school have a range of roles and responsibilities which broaden the life of the school and prepare them for later life. As a church school we have a worship committee and all of our Year 5 children are members of the Friendship Squad. Year 6 have a wide range of roles from Head Boy and Head Girl through to learning ambassadors, librarians, IT ambassadors and House Captains.



All of the children are encouraged to take a part in our school and part of this is to stand for election as a member of our school council. In order to select the candidates for this year's council we held a 'school election' recently. As we are at the start of the year the children in our youngest class did not vote this time, however they will hold their own election when they have settled into the school. The election started in assembly where Miss Marshall Spence talked to the children about democracy and British Values and she described the voting which adults take part in to elect their MP. Later that day the children stood up in front of their class in the school hall and read out a prepared speech explaining why they felt that they would be good at the role. Each child then had the opportunity to vote in a secret ballot to choose their councillor.

*Claire Berry - Headteacher*



Autumn brings a new season of activity to Birchanger Wood with our group of volunteers beginning coppicing trees. Coppice rotation is a sustainable method of woodland management that opens the woodland floor to sunlight, provides products such as firewood and wood for craftsmen and extends the life of a tree.

Jono Forgham, a science educator and conservationist who writes a regular column in the Bishop's Stortford Independent, staged several interesting, lively, hands-on activities in the wood over the summer months. Bug hunts and moth nights involving people of all ages, including some very enthusiastic children, have helped us assess what is living in the wood and the diversity of our insect life.

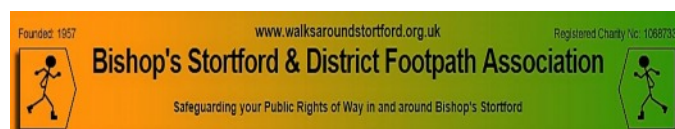
Insects are crucial to the food chain and maintaining the woodland ecosystem, but in high numbers they can represent a threat. The spring saw many of our trees blighted by the November moth caterpillar, which munched through the canopy. It's probable that the caterpillar infestation was worsened by a warmer and earlier spring, which meant there were fewer hatchling birds to eat them. The trees appear to have dealt with the problem with some later leaf growth. We observed that in areas where trees had been coppiced, the level of bird predation of the caterpillar increased and there was less tree damage. This underlines the importance of our work in managing the balance of woodland flora and fauna.

Nature is always striving towards a balance and it's likely that the November moth will not pose such a challenge next spring, with predators such as birds and wasps taking better advantage of increased caterpillar abundance. The long-term challenge in Birchanger Wood is dealing with climate change and disease. Last year's drought put enormous stress on trees, leading to significant losses across our countryside and encouraging disease. Ash trees are succumbing to chalarash dieback across Europe, a fungal disease that researchers led by Oxford University estimate will cost the UK a total of £15 billion – half of which will be over the next decade. Indeed, the Trust managing Birchanger Wood has had to set aside a considerable contingency to manage the disease, which means we are always looking for any funds to support woodland management.

Chalarash is not the only disease. The oak processionary moth, whose caterpillars strip oaks of their leaves, is

expanding its range and this summer it was identified just a few miles away; it seems inevitable it will reach us. Attacks by the oak processionary moth caterpillars make them vulnerable to diseases, such as sudden oak death – a fungal disease that can affect many other trees and shrubs, from bay to sweet chestnut. All the more reason to keep up our programme of bug hunts and moth nights as well as our active conservation management.

Birchanger Wood Trust is always on the lookout for volunteers to join in the woodland management. We meet up every Saturday morning at the compound next to the water tower on Heath Row, Bishop's Stortford. You can also support the trust by buying our firewood, which has been properly seasoned in our new wood stores. Look out for any future events on our website: [www.birchangerwoodtrust.org](http://www.birchangerwoodtrust.org).



### SUNDAY WALKS:

Departing at 10:00am

Length 5/6 miles

**13 Oct 2019:** Meet Stanstead Abbots Car Park - access off Main Road. TL 384119, Postcode SG12 8AG

**03 Nov 2019:** Hatfield Heath Car Park - behind the Fish & Chip shop. TL 524151, Postcode CM22 7EB

**17 Nov 2019:** Gt Dunmow Short Stay car park, Chequers Lane TL 626219, Postcode CM6 1EQ



*Bryony berries and  
old man's beard.*

Well, we had a grand turn-out for our walk on the 1st September which commenced from Little Hadham. Well done everyone!

Don't forget to check the Website, as there may always be a surprise walk listed.

Also, watch out and check for road closures and build in your 'get to' timings accordingly!!!

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## St. Mary's Church News



### Church Services

6 <sup>th</sup> October	11:15am	Mattins service
13 <sup>th</sup> October	11:15am	Holy Communion
20 <sup>th</sup> October	11:15am	Family Service
27 <sup>th</sup> October	11:15am	Holy Communion

### Church News

September has been a quiet month, although on the 8th September a celebration was had at St John's Church Stansted to celebrate two years of Connect 120. We heard the inspiring, spiritual words of encouragement from Steve Kersys, and a short service by Revd Helen Flack followed by tea and cake. This is a collaboration of the churches along the A120 corridor working together in mission across all the churches. Our Missioner Tara Russell leads and guides us all in developing new ways of proclaiming a Christian faith to all.

The tea room continues to thrive and is open from 2 - 4pm every Wednesday, once a month the local police team attend, they have a cuppa and talk to the local community about things that are happening in their patch and give friendly advice.

Our next coffee morning will be on the 15th October 10:30 at Moorswood, we would love to see you all there for a coffee, cake, raffle and company. If you need a lift let us know I'm sure we can help.

#### Prayer for October

*This day, Father, may my eyes be opened to see the beauty in all that is ordinary – yet special - around me.  
 May the glory of all that you have made remind me of your presence and lead me closer to you. Amen*

We are still in need of a treasurer to manage the church funds, if you can spare some time with our finances then give me a call and a chat about what is expected, it's not too onerous and you'll be helping us a great deal.

If you would like to know more about St Mary's church then email us at [stmaryschurch.birchanger@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryschurch.birchanger@gmail.com) or visit our Facebook page.

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