



# Birchanger Village Magazine

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## Urgent Action Needed to Defend Our Village Boundary

A potentially very threatening planning application has been submitted by Birchanger Hall Farms for the conversion of the barn on the sand track behind Harrisons to two semi-detached houses.

This is Green Belt land and lies outside the village development limits. If approved, it could become the thin edge of the wedge, leading to further housing development along the length of the sand track. It's also important to remember that the same applicant submitted a development proposal four years ago for extensive new house building on the farmland between the sand track and Birchanger Wood. Fortunately, that proposal was rejected.

The current proposal seeks to circumvent the normal planning application rules and Green Belt regulations by describing the proposal as just a "change of use" of the building from agricultural to residential. However, the actual plans suggest that the proposal is not as simple as that. Follow this link for further details:

<https://publicaccess.uttlesford.gov.uk/online-applications/caseDetails.do?caseType=Application&keyVal=QRE2HOQN01O00>

In order to defend the village boundary and the Green Belt, the current proposal needs to be rejected because it might otherwise open the door to further encroachment. It is vital that objections are submitted to Uttlesford District Council by as many local residents as possible. Objections should be submitted by email by 3<sup>rd</sup> May to [planning@uttlesford.gov.uk](mailto:planning@uttlesford.gov.uk). Your email needn't be lengthy or technical. Simply set out in a few sentences the main reasons why you consider the proposals should be rejected.

Alternatively you can 'make a comment' online by logging onto the Uttlesford District Council Planning website:

<https://publicaccess.uttlesford.gov.uk/online-applications/>

Using the reference: UTT/21/1255/PAQ3

Or by using the following link:

<https://publicaccess.uttlesford.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=makeComment&keyVal=QRE2HOQN01O00>

**Your village needs your help Please take action today!**

## Travellers Update

The Planning Inspectorate (PINS) have been in dialogue with the appellant's agent and are now adamant that they are going for written representation route.

The Council does not dispute the traveller's status of the families and is of the opinion that this doesn't need to be tested verbally at a hearing, the PINS agree. They offered a date of 14/4 for final comments. The Council has nothing to add to its already submitted statement, the site is Metropolitan Green Belt and therefore unsuitable for this use.

The PINS will next offer a date for a site visit, possibly indicating that it will be an accompanied site visit (i.e., just UDC officers, possibly just myself). I would consider that the site visit should occur over the remainder of April. The decision of such matters usually takes 6/8 weeks following the site visit.

I personally visited the site on Thursday 1/4 and noted that four statics had been brought onto the site. The tourers which the statics are said to be replacing remain in the site. Firstly, although the statics are large, and probably arrived on low-loaders they do fall within the definition of caravan. As the statics are clearly to replace the tourers there is a need to decant from one to the other. I have been told that the tourers will leave the site shortly. The hard coring at the time of visiting had only been used around the entrance.

It is a fact that any changes to the site including the swapping of caravans and the treating of the surface, does require approval under the terms of the injunction from the High Court. Obviously, the Court has not been operating fully during the pandemic and, as such, some minor changes including the swapping of two vans and the treating of the surface were verbally approved. It is clear that they have exceeded this agreement and, as such, I will be taking legal advice on where this takes us. Obviously, we do need to consider on the timetable of any enforcing of the injunction alongside the now more timely consideration of the appeal.

As expected from discussions on site on Thursday (Maundy Thursday), many travellers have gone travelling for the Easter period. They are likely to return (which they can) during the next few weeks. I intend to revisit the site within the next fortnight. Obviously, residents will see more activities as families return from travelling.

*Nigel Brown* MRTPI - Development Manager - Uttlesford District Council



# Editors Letter Box

## Letters to the Editor

*Dear Editor,*

I read with some sadness the closure of the village bowls club, once the hub of so many village activities. My grandfather, Tod Harvey, introduced my dad, Bert Kadwill, to bowls in 1946 when he returned from Burma. Both were members and dad played for over 50 years being captain and president of the club before he retired. Mum Rene took the game up later as part of the ladies team. Please see photo on the right, taken on the day they both stood down after the Captains Dinner.

*Chris Kadwill*



*Dear Editor,*

Last month Steve Hopkins was kind enough to write a short announcement for the magazine after the death of our youngest son, James on 11th March, and my family would greatly appreciate your putting the following piece in next month's edition.

### **James Bryan Reed**

James' family would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to all the friends who sent cards and flowers, messages of love and support, and countless offers of help following the tragic and totally unexpected death from lung cancer of James at the age of just 49. The funeral took place at the Cam Valley Crematorium on Tuesday 6th April attended by 30 friends and family members. A special thank you to all those friends who stood out in the cold forming a cricket bat archway for the funeral cars – we don't know who you all were, but it was incredibly moving.

The family is also hoping to sponsor a cricket competition in James' memory later in the year and sincerely hope that all their friends will be able to attend, exchange stories and memories, and raise a glass or two to a lovely man. A provisional date of Saturday 14th August has been set and will be confirmed a little nearer the time.

Thank you for your kind assistance,

*Gloria & Bryan Reed & family*

*Dear Editor,*

Just to let you know that we had the police and a fire engine down here recently. The police are looking for kids on motorbikes that have been starting fires. We have had kids on motorbikes buzzing round the fields several times. I suppose that now it's a bit drier and warmer they are getting around more. They appear to be riding on both sides of the motorway, as they go over the bridge to the airport and Flitch Way. The police ask villagers to be vigilant and phone them straight away if they see any kids on bikes acting suspiciously. If possible, they would like photograph or video as well.

*Jean Williams*

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

## Traveller Troubles

At the time of writing the number of static caravans appears to have increased to 4 as we wait for the legal wheels to slowly turn but turn they will. I know everyone is anxious to get this matter over with, but it will take time. Rudeness to officers on the phone will not help. Officers have at times been reduced to tears by the verbal attacks from Birchanger residents. This is not helping the situation. The time could come if this continues that calls from Birchanger residents would be declined. The people at the end of the line are human. Some had nothing whatsoever to do with the case other than they were the officer on duty in the office that day. They are trying to work a system which has been under a great deal of strain over the past year. Everything is in a log jam of postponed cases, so we have to wait our turn even though it is frustrating for everyone.

## Would You Like to Have a Library Friend?

Library friends are already in place in many parts of the country. Library Friends are volunteers who have been trained to bring people together to read, discuss and to share an interest in books. The scheme gives people the opportunity to explore the world of books and at the same time to make new friends. Individuals are matched to others with similar interests and reading preferences. Although currently the groups meet virtually, it is hoped that there will be some meetings face to face when conditions allow. Contact Essex Libraries to find out more on 0345 603 7628.

## Could You Be A Virtual Mentor to a Vulnerable Family?

Essex County Council is looking for volunteers to mentor a vulnerable family for periods of up to 10 weeks at a time. It involves listening to young people and their issues, building up their confidence, understanding their issues and offering support and guidance virtually from your own home. Interested? Find out more on 01206 505250 or email: [Family@community360.org.uk](mailto:Family@community360.org.uk)

## Birchanger Windows Are Getting Very Dirty!

Whatever happened to window cleaners? They all seem to be disappearing from the face of the earth. Certainly, they have disappeared from Birchanger in recent months. Sure, it can be wet and cold in winter but in summer they are outdoors in the sun, usually their own boss, doing exactly the hours they want to do and earning a pretty good wage. So where have all the window cleaners gone? If there are any window cleaners reading this, I know

plenty of people desperate to have their windows cleaned and there are a lot more out there.

## The Club and Pub open their Gardens to the Public

Normal life moved a little closer as the Pub and the Club were finally allowed to open their doors last month. Not that anyone who actually got through those doors could linger at all as the action was all taking place outside in tents. No one protested about the tents or that it was outdoors with social distancing. Unfortunately, it was turning out to be one of the coldest Aprils on record, but the rules had to be kept otherwise it would be no pub or club for another few months. So Birchanger just got on with it in true British Bulldog style. They braved the icicles and enjoyed the first steps back to a normal life. People caught up with friends they had not seen for months enjoyed their favourite tipples and a home cooked meal. The weather got a little bit warmer as the days moved on but overall, it was one of the coldest April months on record. Whatever happens later this year it is good to know that the two main places for relaxation are still with us. Takeaways will continue for those who are not ready to brave the cold evenings but like most businesses the financial cost has been extremely high. Birchanger needs to continue to support these two gems in order that they may continue to serve the village.

## Air Traffic Soon to Be back To Normal

While we were all having our holidays cancelled and fighting various holiday providers to try and get our money back, we have been enjoying quieter skies and far less pollution from the airport since before the Americans built Stansted Airport in the forties. When the planes take off, you can actually see a mist of pollution behind them as they travel upwards through clear skies in the sunshine. We had quieter nights except for the necessary supplies which arrived here from all over the world in giant transporters late in the evening. Before long, the holidays and the planes will be back. We may not be conscious of it but all around us the pollution levels will be rising too. The price we have to pay for air travel. We have to decide if it is worth it.



## Birchanger All Girls Society

The 'BAGS' regret that due to the effect of corona virus, all future meetings are cancelled until further notice.

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## Life Begins Again

As we slowly come out of our virus torpor, we can start to see the impact that the virus has had on us all. People are slowly returning to normal, or at least trying to, but some of the small businesses have been badly hit and will not open again. Uttlesford District Council is having another go at a New District Plan after the Planning Inspectorate threw out their previous attempt. It could not have come at a worst time. Many people would like to continue to work from home permanently but have yet to negotiate this with their employers.

Rural Broadband may struggle to cope with the extra load in the short term. Others face an uncertain employment future, a possible career change and a move. Pubs and restaurants do not know how their businesses will fare after the first few days of reopening brought more people in. It is a good time for new beginnings but a bad time to plan the way ahead when we simply don't know in which direction we are finally heading. Unfortunately, the Planning Inspectorate have rules which do not include the aftermath of pandemics and the lifestyle changes they bring. From our point of view the future will evolve with people trying to do what works best for them

## Coronavirus Did Not Treat Men and Women Equally

As we start to haul ourselves out of the mire created by the coronavirus, we are also becoming more aware of what it has actually cost us as individuals. Not just on the monetary side where most people have suffered in one way or another, but we are becoming aware of the impact on our own health as well. More men than women lost their lives to the virus. For whatever reason males succumbed faster especially in the early stages. As the months went by the difference was still there but the gap narrowed. More women than men were furloughed. Unsurprisingly they were the ones who ended up doing most of the unpaid housework, childcare, and home schooling in the majority of families. It was therefore not surprising that women suffered more from loneliness which in turn meant more women became clinically depressed. Women who are historically the carers worried more about everything, men were far more blasé about coronavirus and they were the ones who claimed on the whole not to be worrying about the virus at all. Most women will know this already, but men don't believe them!

## Smoke Alarms Save Lives

A smoke alarm recently saved a friend of mine from a ruined kitchen and lengthy explanations to her insurance company. She did what most of us could have done, that is leaving her iron on while she answered a call from an old friend. She simply forgot everything else as she enjoyed her chat, that is until this awful noise started. Anything less noisy she might well have ignored. Pausing her conversation, she ran back to the kitchen to find clouds of smoke coming from the ironing board. The smoke alarm saved her. The fire was not yet fully alight. She did not lose her kitchen, only her ironing board and iron. It was something anyone of us might have done. Fire alarms save lives, and with most domestic fires

starting in the kitchen, using cooking timers could help to stop kitchen fires as well. Those of us who do have alarms need to check on them monthly. A regular beeping sound should tell us when an alarm needs a new battery, but this does not always happen. If you haven't got an alarm and are on the vulnerable list, the fire brigade will deliver one for free. Call 0300 303 0088 between 9.30 or 4.30 or email [home.safety@essex](mailto:home.safety@essex). Looking for a new career? Just left school or university? Bored with your job? The Fire Brigade offers an apprenticeship scheme and ongoing training and is not just a job for boys these days! Women are welcome recruits as well.

## Can You Give a Home to a Young Person Leaving Care?

Leaving care can be a traumatic time for a young person. They may have had some bad experiences in their short lives and perhaps their history to date has been far from ideal. Now at 18 they are finally leaving care, many of them unsure as to where they will go or what they really want from life. Like any other normal person, they need a home, someone they can talk to and encourage them in their next steps. Could you be that person who will talk to them, be a friend, give them a family life while they go to college, or start their first job and let them live with you as part of the family? A big ask maybe, but many people have spare rooms when their children finally move away and would welcome the companionship. If you are interested, call 0800 801 530 to find out more.

## Booking a Holiday Online

A lot of us have been booking holidays online in the past few weeks. We may also have used travel agents and in most cases a lot of personal information has been given by way of passport details, insurance documents and more. How do we know that these details are safe? In fact, they are not safe at all these days from hackers. A well-known company I used four years ago sent me an email to say that their system had been hacked and the details they had about us from a holiday we took four years ago were now available to the hackers. Why they kept our details for so long I will never know. It certainly was not necessary. Travel firms should destroy any customer details of a personal kind within the year after the holiday has been taken. It leaves us all vulnerable. Or maybe the email was another phishing exercise?

## Birchanger in Lockdown

As the weather improved this Spring and people started to get out and about more, Birchanger became a very friendly place to be in. Strangers greeted each other on their walks, people stood back so that the less fit could pass with ease. People smiled at each other and asked how they were. Over the period people who did not know each other before Covid gradually became friends. Small acts of kindness prevailed for most of us. As this particularly difficult period in most people's lives begins to come to an end, let us not lose this spirit of friendship. We must always remember how difficult the past winter was and although we live in the hope that nothing will devastate the nation in such a way again there is still uncertainty. We came through it all this time and we all learnt a lot from the experience. Hopefully, we are at the start of a brighter future which is in our own hands.



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# what's on in the village...

		May 2021				
		Events subject to Covid-19 restrictions. Please contact event organisers for latest information.				
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.						
31 Church hall: 19.30 Apton Dance Studio  BSSC:					1 Church Hall: 09.00 Apton Dance Studio  BSSC: 13.00 Meat draw	2 St Mary's Church: 11.15 am Holy Communion  BSSC: Sunday Roast
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BIRCHANGER SPORTS  
AND SOCIAL CLUB

## NEWS FROM THE CLUB



**At long last the club was able to reopen on 12th April.**

Typically we were only permitted outside as per the regulations and the weather gave us Snow! Undeterred Rob fired up the BBQ and many members supported our opening night. It was lovely to see everyone enjoying a drink and catching up!



We have a NEW Pétanque Team at the club and members are welcome to come and try the sport!

Our ever-popular Meat Raffle is back - every Saturday Lunchtime - come and try your luck!

We also have live sports in the Marquee in the evenings so all you sports fans can watch your team and enjoy a drink with your friends.

We have scheduled live entertainment at the club from June - Watch this space!

### NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

Find out more  
on our website at  
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or ask a member of staff.



## WHAT'S ON

### MEAT RAFFLE

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### Pétanque is back at the Club!

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know if you want  
to have a try!



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Thursday:	5 – 11pm	Food: 5 – 9pm
Friday:	3 – 11pm	Food: 3 – 9pm
Saturday:	12 – 11pm	Food: 12 – 9pm
Sunday:	12 – 10.30pm	Food: 12 – 3pm

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## Despite Covid-19, Birchanger children managed to show off the bonnets and palms that they made for Palm Sunday.



**Well done kids!**

**Stansted Mountfitchet U3A  
10th Anniversary 2019-20**



Many social groups have been able to continue during lockdown, mainly by using the ZOOM App. Keep an eye out for details of some planned U3A Zoom coffee mornings!

Tony Wellings has kept us alert with his emails giving details of some lovely local walks and photos of the wildflowers and wildlife that we should look out for on the way.

Some recommended books to read with a pastoral theme are English Pastoral by James Rebanks, 'A Year Living Simply' by Kate Humble and 'Arthur's Garden' by Pam Rhodes. The Book Group have continued with their passion for reading but we are all looking forward to regaining some sort of normality with a general meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> June, taking advantage of the Government's hoped for end to lockdown. This will be a social meeting with tea and cakes and an opportunity for us all to have a catch-up chat and generally get used to meeting together again.

We are also proposing to have an Open Day on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July and we hope you will come along and see what we are about and hope you will find something to interest you and if you haven't already joined, we would love to have you join up and find a group you would like to belong to. More details in June Link and there will be posts on the Information Boards around the village.

This year our membership is just £12 for the year and our membership secretary Lynda Webb will be happy to take your details and join you up. Our first speaker at the meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> July will be Alan Haines who will talk on 'The Baby Boomer Nostalgia Show.'

*Eileen Quinn* - Stansted Mountfitchet U3A

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## All Change - From SSE to SAW

After 19 years of campaigning, SSE intends to pass the baton to a new organisation, Stansted Airport Watch (SAW) at its Annual General Meeting next month.



SSE Chairman, Peter Sanders, explained as follows: "Regardless of the outcome of the recent Public Inquiry, it is very unlikely that Stansted will apply for any further increase in its capacity for many years to come and so it's questionable whether 'Stop Stansted Expansion' continues to be an appropriate name for our campaign."

As a result of Covid-19, Stansted's current planning cap of 35 million annual passengers is not expected to be reached within the next decade and permission to expand to 43 million annual passengers – i.e., the issue at stake at the Public Inquiry – may never be needed."

Rather than having to oppose expansion proposals, the need in future will be to ensure that the airport's authorised operations cause as little harm as possible.

In the 12 months to 31 March, Stansted handled just 3 million passengers compared to 28 million in 2019, before air travel was decimated by the pandemic.

There is also growing recognition that aviation growth will need to be constrained if the UK is to meet its climate change targets.

A further reason for the new organisation is to help bring about a changing of the guard within SSE. Most of the current members of the SSE committee have been in place since SSE was established in 2002. The current lull in the airport's activities is a good opportunity to bring in new blood who will need to gain experience of dealing with the key issues.

Peter Sanders concluded: "SSE has notched up some considerable successes since it was established in 2002 but now is exactly the right time to refocus and rejuvenate the campaign for the longer term. I have no doubt that Stansted Airport Watch will be every bit as effective as SSE and, as its name implies, will be ever-vigilant in seeking to minimise the negative impacts of the airport."

## THE FORGOTTEN GARDENS OF EASTON LODGE

This time last year, the Gardens were closed to volunteers until further notice, but this year we are now catching up on lost work over the winter and looking forward to the completion of the restoration of the balustrade in time for our Open Day on 23 May.

In April, the daffodils have been a glorious sight in the Glade but also where they have sprung up uninvited in lots of other corners of the Gardens. When they have finished flowering, some will have to be moved to better places and to make way for a new path in the lime wood. However, we are confident that after dividing and moving them, they will come back much stronger next year.

At our open day in May, the Italian Garden will be the star of the show, closely followed by the restored balustrade which finally provides a proper surround to the first waterlilies of the season. The lupins will be in full bloom in the outer borders and the helianthemums will be ablaze along the inner borders.



We will also be celebrating the Countess and her animals – we often mention her monkeys to visitors, explaining how one caused a major fire at Easton Lodge in 1918. But what do you know about Kim, the Countess's baby elephant? You will have to join us to find out more. For our younger visitors, a storyteller will weave a tale for you.

As usual, we shall be offering our tasty fayre. To find out more information about the Easton Lodge Open Day and how to buy your tickets in advance go to our website [www.eastonlodge.co.uk](http://www.eastonlodge.co.uk) or our Facebook page.

*Jill Goldsmith*





## The Hundred Parishes Society

Many of us wait anxiously for the outcome of the recent public inquiry into a possible increase in the passenger cap at Stansted Airport, yet the local community's love-hate relationship with Stansted Airport is only the latest in a series of significant aviation events that have occurred within the Hundred Parishes.

In a field at Standon Green End in the parish of Thundridge, a monument marks the spot where Italian balloonist Vincenzo Lunardi landed in 1784 after completing the first manned flight in England. He took off from London beneath a balloon filled with hydrogen.

In 1913, Bentfield Hucks was the first Englishman to loop-the-loop in his Bleriot aeroplane. He was born in 1884 in Bentfield Cottage, Stansted Mountfitchet and thus acquired his unusual forename.



Duxford airfield, now the site of Imperial War Museum, Duxford, first became operational in World War I. Some of its buildings, constructed by German prisoners-of-war, still stand. In 1938, Duxford was the first airfield to take delivery of Spitfire fighter planes. Frank Whittle flew regularly from here while he was developing ideas that eventually led to the invention of the turbojet engine just before the end of WWII.

### Spitfire in Imperial War Museum, Duxford



Altogether, twelve military airfields operated within the Hundred Parishes during WWII. Andrewsfield, straddling the parish boundary between The Salings and Stebbing, was the first American-built base in Europe, becoming operational in 1943. Stansted was another American-built airfield. Thousands of Americans were based in this area; many never saw home again.

### Nuthampstead memorial



Many of us have enjoyed the relative peace that the Covid-19 pandemic has brought to our skies, in particular discovering the joy of walking in the countryside. It is sad that it has taken so many deaths to remind us of the quality of life that exists right here, without the need to fly.

### Lunardi memorial - Thundridge - Standon Green End



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

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Art Studio & Gallery	Brian Gough	01279 815012
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## St. Mary's Church



## Church Services Sundays 11.15 am

2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Communion with Revd. Colin Fairweather
9 <sup>th</sup> May	Service of the Word with Hugh Mascetti
16 <sup>th</sup> May	Communion Revd. Helen
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Family Service with Pam Lee
30 <sup>th</sup> May	Communion Revd. Colin

## Church News

By the time you read this Revd Colin will have been licensed as Priest in Charge of the United Benefice of Stansted with Birchanger and Farnham and Takeley with Little Canfield but a fixed calendar of dates for when he will officiate at services will not have been established. Therefore, the dates given here for May services are just

a guide and will be subject to last minute changes.



On Palm Sunday some village children came together to display the bonnets and palms that they had made and decorated. As you can see, all of them were beautifully done and we thank the children for taking part.

The Church has just come through Holy Week with all its excitement and tragedy and now we are in the period where following the death of Jesus, he appears before the disciples as the Risen Lord prior to his ascension to sit at the right hand of God - Ascension Day on the 13<sup>th</sup> May. A time of mourning his loss and then celebrating his continuing presence. A time when Jesus, although unseen, walks beside us in good times but carries us when we are shouldering a heavy burden.



## Prayer for the Month

Lord, we pray for the wonder of this day  
And your continuing presence in our lives.  
Walk beside us today and always.

Amen

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