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Birchanger Barn Planning Application

On 2nd June, Uttlesford District Council approved the planning application to convert the barn on the sand track behind Harrisons into two semi-detached houses, despite more than 100 objections from local residents and despite the barn being on green belt land. However, the council now appear to accept that they may have made a legal mistake and the matter is now being considered further.

On 7th April 2021, an application was submitted by the applicant to Uttlesford District Council under The Town and Country Planning act to determine whether prior approval was required for a proposed "change of use of agricultural buildings to dwelling houses and for building operations reasonably necessary for the conversion of the Proposed Development". The said agricultural buildings consisted of a Dutch barn located on Birchanger Hall Farm, to the rear of Harrisons, Birchanger CM23 5QT. The Council posted notice of the proposed development to adjoining property owners/occupiers, but not to the Parish Council, on 12th April 2021.

The Council received 110 representations objecting to the proposed development. Residents of Harrisons accounted for 47 of these and 61 were from residents of other parts of Birchanger. In addition, there were submissions from Birchanger Parish Council and the Harrisons Residents' Association (HRA). There were no representations in support of the application.

The council's decision letter of 2nd June 2021 notified the applicant that under the General Permitted Development order (GPD), the council's prior approval was not required. This, despite a number of objectors advising the council that the application **did not** comply with the criteria set down in Schedule 2, Part 3, Class Q of the GPD order because the property had not been used solely for an agricultural use as part of an established agricultural unit for at least 10 years.

The applicant for the development declared in his supporting statement that the site had been used solely

for agricultural use as part of an established agricultural unit!

However, evidence shows that the barn had not been used solely for agricultural purposes over the last 10 years as required by the GPD order. This fact was submitted in evidence by no fewer than 31 individual objectors as well as by the Parish Council and HRA but was simply overlooked by the UDC.

Both local district councillors were made aware of the local knowledge that the barn had not been used solely for agricultural purposes as required by the GPD order and, reportedly, conveyed this message to Uttlesford District Council's planning officers. Notwithstanding this, on 2nd June 2021 the Council issued a Decision Notice which had the effect of approving the proposed development, under the provisions of the GPD order, by advising the applicant that the Council's prior approval was not required.

Uttlesford District Council have now stated that they are looking into this issue with the applicant, but they cannot be confident of being able to resolve the matter in the time available. As a consequence, Harrisons Residents' Association, on advice from their council, have submitted a Pre-Action Protocol Letter (PAPL), which allows a legal challenge to prevent the development going ahead. Watch this space!

Garden Waste Collection



The mobile skip for garden waste disposal will be outside Birchanger Sports & Social Club on **Saturday 24th July from 14.30 to 15.30**

Use it or lose it!



Editors Letter Box

Birchanger Community Speed Watch



Our local speed watch team was out and about on a sunny afternoon on the 3rd June near High View and despite speed check warning signs positioned at least 100 metres either side of the check point, the team recorded three motorists driving at speeds of 37, 40 and 41 mph respectively in a 30 mph speed limit!

Needless to say, the culprits have been reported to Essex Police and will soon be receiving a warning letter in the post. The team will be out again in the coming weeks.

If you are interested in volunteering for the Birchanger speed watch team please contact Peter Sampson on 07817 904333.

You will receive a half day's professional training and only need to spend a few hours per month catching speeders.

The more volunteers we have the more frequently we can carry out speed checks, so come on, give it a go!

Farewell to Bett Gilbey

I have known Bett Gilbey since 1957 when I first came to Birchanger. The Gilbey family along with many others at the time in Birchanger supported an active British Legion which was where our friendship began. Throughout all the war time and years onwards she worked tirelessly for the legion and for other families throughout Birchanger including my own.

Latterly she kept busy making little jackets for Birchanger new arrivals, stocking Christmas Fayres, Summer Fetes and much more and supporting or helping at village events. She was a staunch supporter of the club, bingo nights and much more.

The last years were not kind healthwise to her as she battled multiple health conditions, but Bett always took her place in charge of the raffle at Christmas Fayres and Coffee Mornings with a bright smile to disguise the struggle she was really having. Bett was someone who made a mark on her own community where she will be very sorely missed. I count myself as do many others, very privileged to have known her.

Elizabeth Godwin

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Peter Sampson

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VILLAGE NEWS

By Elizabeth Godwin

Coffee Morning Venue Change

Boris's pronouncements earlier in June meant that the Coffee Morning planned for Moorswood on June 29th has had to be moved to the Village Church Hall. (We are only allowed 6 people inside at Moorswood as per the extended Covid rules). The Coffee Morning will happen as usual but held in the village hall. You will be able to see friends you may not have seen for a long time and enjoy a cup of coffee and a catch-up chat. Hopefully after this it will be back to Moorswood for business as usual.

Have Your Say on How Birchanger is Run

Uttlesford District Council is carrying out a review into the way its parishes are run and that includes Birchanger. Uttlesford would like to know how you feel about life in Birchanger, what you like and what is missing or could be done better. The closing date for your response is 31st July. Respond online at; www.Uttlesford.gov.uk/ParishCGR

Defibrillators Save Lives

We saw this together last month at the Euros when medics battled first with CPR then used a defibrillator to restore Christian Eriksen's heart after a cardiac arrest. Recovery was continued in hospital. Hopefully in time this will be a full recovery for him.



As someone who watched their father die from a heart attack on a sports field, I knew first hand just how dangerous the situation was. I had a horrible feeling history was repeating itself, but

there was one especially important difference. Between then and now the defibrillator has arrived. Defibrillators are in common use now. Remember we do have one in Birchanger at the club. It has already saved lives in the village but it is important to remember it is there in an emergency. You don't need to be an expert to use it. Simple instructions come in the pack. It is positioned in a box on the front wall of the club.

Birchanger All Girls Society

The 'BAGS' welcome women of all ages to join them on the last Wednesday of every month in the village church hall. The next meeting will be an open air event on Wednesday 28th July. Please telephone for more information.

For further details telephone:

Olivia: 07568 574703

Rosemary: 01279 814678

Mid-Summer and it's High Season for Garden Theft

This is the time most theft from gardens, sheds and garages occurs. After all nobody wants a new mower in January? The thieves are after nice new saleable items which their owners have left out on drives, gardens, unlocked garages, and sheds. Mostly they want to sell the items on, although some keep them for themselves.



We, the victims of garden theft, resent having to try to protect all the items in our gardens even though absolutely everything it seems could be up for grabs. We could bolt down our plant containers, but we might prefer to use nature as our ally and plant climbing roses,

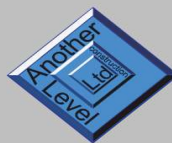
pyracanthas and berberis as security guards! Their sharp spines make it difficult for anyone but the most determined thieves.

One of the problems for gardeners is that they get carried away with what they are doing. People can come and go, and the gardener is barely aware of them if indeed they are aware at all. The gardener needs to lock up the house if nobody else is in it otherwise thieves walk into your Aladdin's cave and nobody is any the wiser until much later when your wallet, credit cards and much more seem to have disappeared.

When you finish in the garden put your tools away safely. Don't leave your wheelie bins in prominent places. They are great vehicles for carrying away your gear. Try and get the packaging for the new things you have bought into the bin by flattening and placing them down the side of the bin otherwise you are just advertising your new purchases and there are many out there who would like to get their hands on them. In case stolen items are ever found it is much easier to prove they are your missing items if they have been security marked when they were bought.

Thank You to Our Club and Pub

Life has returned to some kind of normality with the reopening of our club and pub to indoor drinking and dining. Ok we still kept in our groups, but we did not have to shiver outdoors for any longer when the weather was cool. As it happened, we did have a lot of fine weather and both club and pub had a very busy few weeks and did their best to make everyone feel welcome despite the pressure.



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ECC is Going Green

Certain areas are set to benefit from Essex County Council's attempts to put more trees into the landscape over the next few years. Work has already started in Chelmsford Valley and other areas will benefit in time. Overall, 375,000 trees will be planted in an attempt to offset carbon emissions. You could say that we need a great deal more than that. There are schemes to provide a Green Homes Grant for insulation on exterior walls for homeowners who earn less than £30,000 per annum but most of us will need to look elsewhere for grants for other types of insulation.

Self-Isolating?

Some of us are, for a variety of reasons, self-isolating and after a taste of what passes for freedom these days, it is something that is hard to do. It might be because someone else in your household has tested positive or your holiday place has become a hot spot. Whatever the reason a spot of cash might just help a little bit. Essex County Council have £500 grants available for those who have been forced to self-isolate. To find out more call them to find out if you are eligible.

Trying to Fit Into That Swimsuit

Dieting is one of the hardest things we have to do. The feeling of being hungry all the time can drive you to the nearest chocolate bar, but there are other foods which might help and keep the kilos at bay. Porridge has an extremely low glycaemic index which means sugars from the carbs are slowly released and you do not feel hungry so quickly. You can try popcorn instead of crisps and add a flavour of your choice such as cinnamon, marmite or just a little salt. Apples, oranges, and pears help to stop hunger as a mid-morning snack. Those who go to work on an egg as was an ancient saying once, feel less hungry late morning. Don't fancy an egg? Try yoghurts with berries and remember bananas and avocados are good at banishing hunger pangs for longer as well.

Getting Back to Normality

Getting back to normal in Birchanger was quite easy for some of us who just seemed to pick up where they left off. For others returning to normal life has been a bit harder. There are a variety of things to do in Birchanger which might be interesting to some. For example, there is the Church Summer Lunch at Moorswood. If you haven't already got your ticket for the lunch, please contact Pam Lee on 07702 171744 or 815938 or myself on 812793. If it is raining or otherwise unpleasant the lunch will be held in the Church Hall.

Meanwhile the Tea Room is open on Wednesdays for everyone who fancies a cup of coffee or tea accompanied by homemade cakes. Alternatively, you can just pop into the tearoom to buy some cake to take home. There are also a wide range of books to borrow when Covid restrictions permit.

The pub and the club both battled the elements from first opening in March by trying to maintain a service providing food and drink

in a marquee in all weathers. The weather was not kind, but a lot of people supported their efforts. All our Birchanger institutions need your support as like so many others, they have had a really hard time in the last challenging months.

Our library is back every third Saturday starting at 1.30 outside the club then moving down to High View. There is even an ice cream van back in the village when the children start to come home from school. Use it or lose it, the choice is yours.

Schools Out, What's Next?

Not everyone wants to go to university when they leave school, some want to travel while they make up their minds on the next step and some simply cannot wait to join the world of work. The first steps may not be easy whichever path school leavers decide to take. There will be another Virtual Job Fair again this year. Employee representatives will be on hand to talk about their own jobs, tell you how they found their careers and what could be available for you now. Representatives from Princess Alexandra Hospital, Police, Investment 2020, Essex County Council, and many others will be presenting a virtual show case of potential employment opportunities available to both adults and young people. Visit Job Fair on July 7th at <https://www.essexopportunities.co.uk/jobs-fair-7th-july/> whether you are just starting out or looking for an employment change.

Birchanger Art Show 2021 Cancelled

Sadly, there can be no Art Show in Birchanger again this year. This is due to a variety of reasons but the artists have found a variety of different ways to display and to market their work and although some organisers are trying to arrange a show this year, they are not finding it easy. Hopefully, art shows will all be back to normal next year. If the Birchanger Show is to return again next year the existing team will need new members and on the show days and at times throughout the year. If you are interested in keeping the show going again next year and would like to help the Art Show Group, please call me on 01279 812793.



You Need to Stand Up for Yourself in Healthcare

Unfortunately, some patients talking to their doctor or nurse fail to fully explain and/or ask the right questions about their ailment and simply accept medical explanations which they don't understand and which can often pose more questions than answers. At the moment you can only visit the hospital on your own, so try and do some research beforehand and write it down. If you think something is not right or puzzling, say so. It will be to your advantage long term. If you cannot research your potential condition, try to find someone who can. You have the right to explanations at least and don't forget, the medics are human too.



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Phishing remains the most successful attack vector for cyber criminals

Cyber criminals love phishing. Unfortunately, this is not a harmless riverbank pursuit. When criminals go phishing, you are the fish, and the bait is usually

contained in a scam email or text message. The criminal's goal is to convince you to click on the links within their scam email or text message, or to give away sensitive information (such as bank details). These messages may look like the real thing but are malicious. Once clicked, you may be sent to a dodgy website which could download viruses onto your computer or steal your passwords.

As of 30 April 2021, over 5.8 million emails were reported to the Suspicious Email Reporting Service (SERS). The tool, which was launched by the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) and the City of London Police last April, allows the public to forward suspicious emails to an automated system that scans it for malicious links. Since its launch, over 43,000 scams and 84,000 malicious websites have been removed.

What are the most common phishing scams?

The most commonly spoofed organisation reported in phishing emails was TV Licensing, with victims of these emails reporting losses totalling £5.3m. The majority of losses occurred as a result of victims following malicious links in the emails and inputting their personal information into what they thought was the legitimate TV Licensing website. Shortly after, they would receive a call from criminals impersonating bank staff who were able to convince them that their bank accounts were compromised and persuaded them to transfer all of their money to a new 'safe' account. Some of the other most commonly impersonated organisations included HMRC and DVLA. We also received more than 40,000 suspicious email reports relating to COVID-19.

How you can protect yourself from phishing messages

Fake emails and text messages can sometimes be difficult to spot, and criminals are constantly getting better at finding ways to make them seem more authentic. Email address spoofing, for example, is just one of the tactics criminals will use to try and make their fake emails look real. Here are some tips you should follow to protect yourself, and others, from scam emails and text messages:

1: Be cautious of messages asking for your personal information. Official organisations, such as your bank, should never ask you for personal or financial information via email or text message. If you receive a message and you want to check that it's legitimate, you can call the organisation directly using a known number, such as the one on a bank statement or utility bill.

2: Report suspicious emails. If you receive an email that you're not quite sure about, you should report it to the Suspicious Email Reporting Service (SERS) by forwarding the email to: report@phishing.gov.uk. Your reports will help government and law enforcement agencies to remove malicious emails and websites.

3: Report suspicious text messages. If you receive a suspicious text message, you can report it by forwarding the message to 7726. It's free of charge and enables your mobile network provider to investigate the origin of the text and take action, if found to be malicious.

4: Report fraud. If you have lost money or provided personal information as a result of a phishing scam, notify your bank immediately and report it to Action Fraud. For more information on how to protect yourself from fraud and cybercrime, please visit: actionfraud.police.uk/cybercrime.

Secure your PC/laptop!

Have you skipped antivirus protection? Please get AV protection right away. If you already have an antivirus, check that it is fully enabled and up to date. Check to see if your broadband supplier gives you free AV software. Speaking of keeping things up to date, now is a good time to double-check that you have got your computer set to automatically receive all security updates, especially Windows updates. Each time Microsoft comes out with a patch, the patched vulnerability becomes public knowledge. Malware coders jump in, hoping to exploit the security hole before the update disables it.

Some people are lucky enough to have a dedicated home office, but for most, work happens wherever you can clear a space. When you leave your computer to have a snack or take a break, log off the NW database and as extra security always hit the Windows+L key combination to lock it. Of course, you trust your family, but kids (and their friends) as we know can be curious. On a modern Mac, Command+Control+Q does the job. Laptop? Just close the lid!

Speaking of locking the computer, do you lock your account with a password? Maybe you thought there is no need for a strong password when the computer just served to let you check email and watch videos, but when it has "NW data/e-mails and your own banking /personal information etc" on it, that changes. Please set up a reasonably strong password. Choose a non-personal easy to remember password of at least eight characters, such as (do not use this one!) `stGeorgesday23April`. Use at least three types of character, e.g., Uppercase, lowercase, numbers and special such as @ etc. If your device supports Windows Hello, macOS Touch ID or some other type of biometric login, use that. Passwords are the current way to authenticate your access to secure sites and apps, we always advise you to use a different, unguessable password on every site, and never re-use passwords.

Secure your network (NW)

You may not care if a neighbour taps off your home Wi-Fi network, but letting strangers into a network that contains personal data and NW data is another story. If you are still using the default login credentials, on some shop bought hubs/routers please change! Lists of defaults for popular routers abound on the internet. BT, SKY, and most other providers have unique Wi-Fi passwords, so they are fine. If you logon to public Wi-Fi please do not then logon to the NW database unless you know how to use virtual private network, or VPN software.

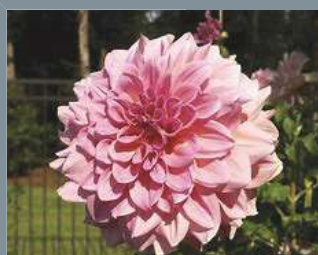
Public Wi-Fi is very leaky so if you must use it be extremely careful.

Manage your communications

Email is intrinsically insecure, where you can use the e-mail system within the NW system to communicate to your membership. If you use external mail to communicate with other MSA's and others such as Police force contacts ensure the address is double checked and use Bcc if you are sending to lists, so they do not see other people's e-mail details. Beware the sending of copied copies etc. Always check where it came from and who you are sending to.

Does your work-from-home NW computer become the children's homework (or gaming) computer after hours? You can minimize the possibility of cross-over from other users by ensuring that each family member has a separate user account. Windows 10 lets you choose to add another adult or add a child. If you are using a Mac, you can create new user accounts with just standard permissions or give them full administrator privileges. As with Windows, there is an option to create child accounts with parental control features enabled.

what's on in the village...



July 2021

Please check dates and times with event organisers



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.**

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

Sun

Garden Waste Collection Mobile Skip outside Social Club 2.30 - 3.30 pm: 24th Jul, 21st Aug, 18th Sep, 16th Oct, 13th Nov.

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BIRCHANGER SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

NEWS FROM THE CLUB!

Following the recent news that the full re-opening of hospitality has once again been delayed we must again change all our plans! We had entertainment booked for 26th June which unfortunately can no longer go ahead, and we have to re-schedule our Beer Festival. That said we hope that the full re-opening will take place in July and would like to announce our plans for a beer festival!

BEER FESTIVAL 30th July – 1st August

We are full speed ahead planning for this and we really hope to see you all there – especially as we have much more space to accommodate you all!

We also welcome willing volunteers to help run the event so please do get in touch if you would like to help us.



Members

Membership renewals and New Members – please visit our members area on the website or at the club to sign up or renew: www.birchangerclub.com Renewals are closing very soon!

Cricket

Our Cricket team are looking for new players – they are a friendly bunch so if you want more information or want to come along and see if it's for you, please contact club@birchanger.com

Thank you all for your support!

For all general enquiries
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Website www.birchangerclub.com

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We have 107 children in our school, and we are all very proud of the building and the beautiful grounds that it stands in. As you know we recently created a

serenity garden in the playground, and later this month work starts on our new classroom, replacing a very old portable classroom.

The children in Hawks' class have used some of their English lessons to write an account about the school shouting about the strengths of our school and persuading others to come and visit.

Claire Berry - Headteacher

Do you need a family day out?
Are you bored in the house?

Why not come down to B CoE PS
this weekend!

Visit the cool cafeteria. With top-notch
food, delicious desserts and marvellous
meals. Also, there's speedy service, loads of
comfy seats and clean tables with a five
star hygiene rating.

There's a large playground and a massive
sports field where your kids can play around.
There's also a calming quiet cabin for you
parents to relax in, an outstanding obstacle
course, a huge wooden castle and an
amazing willow dome.

Do you need some rest from your children?
Do you need somewhere quiet?

Get some delicious food from our cafeteria
and say thanks to the cook before going to
the luxury library to get some quiet time!
While you're having time to yourself, the
staff can take your children out to the fun
playground, with a long train, huge, wooden
castle, great field, an exciting gym trail and
last but not least some play equipment!!

Alyssa

This school has the best library even the worst
children can relax in! If you're an adult
that loves to relax and be in luxury for
only £20.99. This is where you want to go!
Enjoy a hot cup of tea (with a coding cookie)
in the teachers lounge. Today definitely don't forget
to visit the cool cafeteria for some scrumptious
foods. Out of all these amazing things at Birchanger
Primary school, the most popular is the fun playground
with all the fun things but the sports field is
equally fun, some children just can't decide! Even
though the field has no equipment it's still so fun
with our willow dome, trees and so much more!!

Come now to relax in the best way possible. By Lily



Public Inquiry - Result

Following a 9-week Public Inquiry which took place earlier this year, the Planning Inspectors have decided to approve the application from the Manchester Airports Group for an increase in Stansted's permitted throughput from 35 million passengers per annum ('mppa') to 43mppa.

This is not however the end of the road. Uttlesford District Council ('UDC') have decided to appeal the decision and Stansted Airport Watch (SAW) has decided to support UDC in the High Court challenge. Our main focus will be on the climate change impacts of the proposals.

Assuming the High Court agrees to hear the legal challenge, we expect the case to be heard later this year, perhaps around the same time that the UK is hosting the World Climate Change Conference. The so called "COP 26" summit is scheduled to take place in Glasgow from 1-11 November. This is seen as of vital international importance in the battle to combat climate change.

Stansted Airport is already the largest single source of carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions in the East of England and there are many people who will feel that it smacks of hypocrisy for the Government to be supporting further airport expansion when their stated priority is to tackle climate change and achieve "Net Zero" emissions in the UK by 2050.

SAW Chairman Brian Ross commented: "Stansted Airport has handled just 3 million passengers in the past 12 months and so we had to ask ourselves "What is the point of contesting approval for 43mppa? Will it ever come to pass?" We thought long and hard before deciding that we actually had no choice but to support a legal challenge."

Brian Ross added: "We've been opposing these expansion proposals since they were first announced four years ago and, having regard to the climate change impacts, we believe we have an obligation to future generations to continue the fight by taking our case to the High Court."

Brian Ross - Chairman

THE FORGOTTEN GARDENS OF EASTON LODGE

In July, the Gardens are a great place to relax. The trees provide shade from the sun when needed, and the Italian garden and walled kitchen garden allow enjoyment of dragonflies, butterflies, and bumble bees on lazy summer days. With the work done for the year, it is a month for picking produce in the walled kitchen garden and for deadheading to keep those flowers coming in the Italian garden and other flower borders. This year many perennials, including the dahlias, have been awfully slow to get going, but they will hopefully have caught up by July!



We are hoping that the 25 July Open Day will feel like a return to normal. We will remember the Gardens and surrounding estate in World Wars I and II with special displays by our historians and our archives open for visitors. We hope to be joined by others, displaying the history of the US Army, Air Force, the RAF, and Austin 7s. **'Perfect Vintage'** will return by popular demand and subject to covid rules, will perhaps get us all singing and dancing, while we savour homemade cakes with our cuppa.

Throughout the month of July, visitors on Open Thursdays and on the Open day should be able to buy produce from the Gardens – beans, carrots, courgettes etc and potentially soft fruit too, when it becomes available.

Open Days are now by ticket only, obtainable through the Gardens website: www.eastonlodge.co.uk or our Facebook page or direct from Trybooking.com. Open Thursdays do not require tickets and details of the more limited offer on Thursdays can be found on our website.

Jill Goldsmith



The Hundred Parishes Society

With school holidays approaching and more people spending time near home, I would like to remind you of the walk routes that are on the Society's website and free to download and print. Over the last year or so, we have been steadily increasing the number of recommended routes. We now offer more than 75 routes covering some 400 miles in total with little repetition. Soon, each of the hundred parishes will feature in at least one walk. Most routes have a mixture of countryside and town or village. There is a good range of distances, from 1 mile upwards. Station walks start and finish at railway stations and all others start and finish at a suitable place to park.

Our aim is to help residents and visitors to easily enjoy the area. The routes are planned so as to use good paths and quiet lanes, and to achieve an interesting mix of scenery. The descriptions seek to ensure that nobody will get lost and also to provide sufficient information along the way to make the outing interesting. The area's abundance of public rights of way, its gentle natural beauty and wealth of listed buildings make this possible. Many walks pass or finish near a pub or tearoom, thankfully now open again.

While we can plan the route to pass through attractive countryside and villages, we can't predict what pleasures nature may have in store: perhaps majestic cloud formations, the sights and sounds of birds, the variety of butterflies and insects, the scale of badger diggings, deer prints, even a glimpse of a hare or fox or herd of deer. The seasons bring changes to trees, crops, wayside flowers and fruits. With such potential, each walk can be an adventure. We encourage you to carry a camera.

Ken McDonald, Secretary - www.hundredparishes.org.uk

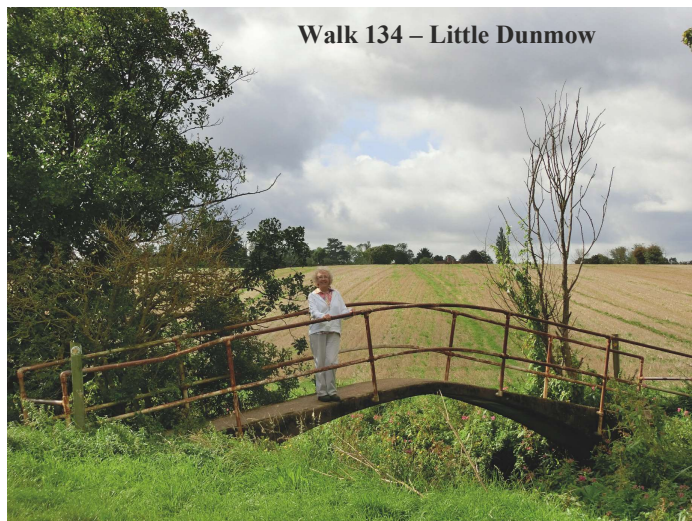
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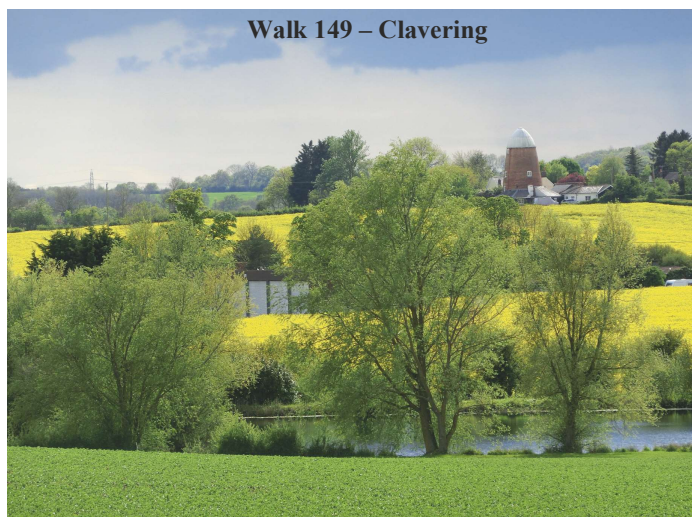
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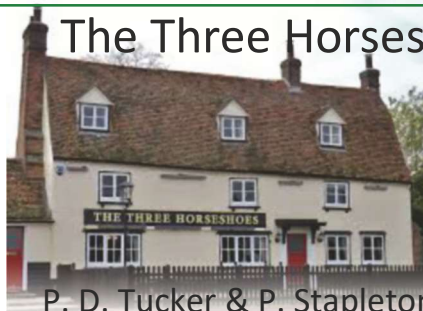
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4 th July	Matins with Pam Lee
11 th July	Holy Communion with Revd. Colin
18 th July	Family service with Hugh Mascetti
25 th July	Holy Communion & Baptism of Amelia Temple with Revd. Colin

Church News

What a busy few months we have had lately and with the easing of Covid restrictions it seems there is no let up on things that need doing. Added to that, everyone is trying to get away for a change of scenery and some much needed rest and relaxation. Hopefully, over the coming months, things will settle back into some sort of routine but for now there is so much to look forward to.

Tearoom One small pleasure is the reopening of the Wednesday afternoon tearoom where anyone can come along for some refreshments and a natter. Over the past few weeks Colin has been trying to join us but there always seems to be some meeting or training date that prevents him from dropping in. He has promised that on his next free Wednesday he will be there.

Coffee Morning Tuesday 29th June is now being held at the village church hall at 10.30am and not at Moorswood due to Covid 19 restrictions. All are welcome.

Ours is only a small congregation and it's a rare thing for us to have many special services during the year but I am incredibly pleased to see that we already have 2 weddings and a baptism in the diary for this year. An opportunity to show the church off at its absolute best. Congratulations and welcome to the families involved.

Hall Under New Management

Cat Roberson has kindly agreed to take on management of the hall and we thank her for this. All enquiries relating to the hall (bookings etc) should be made to her and the new contact details are - telephone 07827685741 or email birchangerhall@gmail.com

Prayer for the month ahead

Lord, help us to see that whatever we face, in life or death
Nothing will separate us from you
Amen

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