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High Court Success - But What About The Future Of Our Green Belt?

In a landmark decision for Birchanger residents, the High Court has overturned the planning approval granted by Uttlesford District Council (UDC) for the conversion of the barn on the sand track behind Harrisons into two semi-detached houses. The Judge also ordered UDC to pay all the legal costs incurred by Harrisons Residents Association (HRA), amounting to just over £4,700!

This follows a five-month battle by Birchanger residents which was not simply about opposing the building of two houses. There were two important principles at stake, namely, to maintain the long-established village development limits and to prevent development on the Green Belt around Birchanger. There was concern that two houses could just have been the thin end of the wedge.

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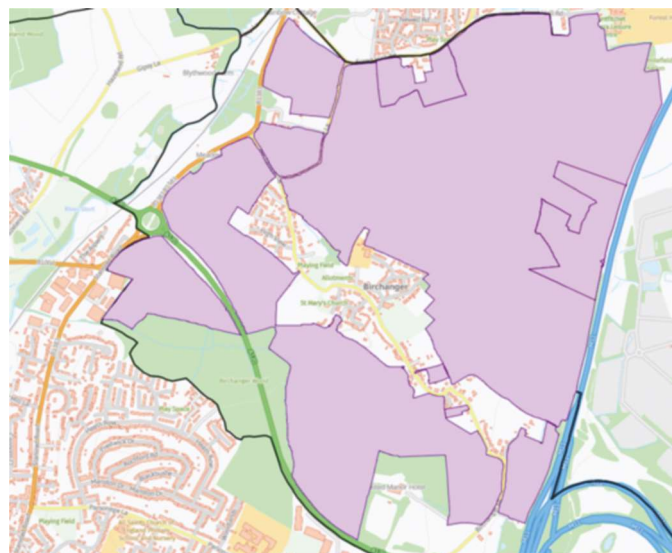
07 April 2021 – Planning application for houses submitted to UDC
April/May 2021 – 110 objections submitted by Birchanger residents
02 June 2021 – UDC ignores objections, grants planning approval
06 June 2021 – HRA formally notifies UDC of intended legal action
12 July 2021 – HRA files High Court application for Judicial Review
06 Sep 2021 – High Court quashes approval, awards costs to HRA

The importance of this legal victory over UDC and the landowner cannot be under-estimated, especially at a time when UDC is looking for suitable sites to build almost 1,000 new houses a year for the next 15 years.

Developers Circling Birchanger

UDC is currently working on a new local plan which will identify sites to meet the housing and other needs of the district over the next 15 years. As part of the preparatory work, earlier this year the Council invited

landowners, developers and others to submit sites for consideration. The results, published at the end of July, show that a total of 299 sites, all across Uttlesford, have been submitted for consideration. The list includes 11 potential sites covering almost every piece of agricultural land around Birchanger, as shown in the shaded area on the following map.



This may not be surprising because, as we all know, Birchanger is a great place to live, but it is potentially worrying for those who want to maintain the rural character of the village.

At this stage, no decisions have been taken as to which sites to include in the local plan because the sites are still being assessed. A draft local plan, which will include the proposed sites for housing development, is expected to be published for consultation in March 2022.

If it then transpires that Birchanger is threatened with major new housing development either to the north, south, east, or west, our most important protection will be the fact that almost all the land around Birchanger is designated Green Belt. *(Continued on Page 5)*



Editors Letter Box

Dear Readers,

Unsung Heroes at the Club

Every week I hear nothing but praise for two gentlemen who have worked through thick and thin during the pandemic and lockdown over the last year and in my opinion deserve the respect and admiration of Birchanger residents. They are of course Terry and Rob from the club. Terry Earnshaw joined the club as steward in September 2020 and chef Robert Rudge, started working full time in March of this year. Both have worked tirelessly at the sharp end of Birchanger Sports and Social Club operations, keeping villagers fed and watered when many pubs, clubs and restaurants were closed.



Terry, aged 41, from Barnsley, started as a barman at 18 and worked his way up to manager. For the last 5 years he has been free-lancing through an agency, standing in for establishments who need a temporary or short-term manager. "I got bored working in the same place for too long and liked the idea of travelling all over the UK" the steward explained. Asked why he has stayed with the club for so long he answered "I really like the area and the village and I have been welcomed here right from the start. The club really has a nice atmosphere and I find the members very friendly." So, are you going to stay I asked? "Absolutely", he replied. "I like it here and I want to build up the business to the state it was before the pandemic and perhaps even better, so you won't be getting rid of me just yet" he finished with a cheeky grin.

Robert, or Rob as he is commonly known, is a young looking (his opinion) 48-year-old and was born in Germany (but we won't hold that against him). He moved to the UK aged 3 and later studied at Colchester Institute Catering College as a chef in the catering and hospitality sector. He has 24 years' experience in kitchen management and 8 years in private catering. He has worked for Great Hallingbury Manor, The Nags Head, and even a Chinese restaurant in Colchester amongst others, and now lives in Bishop's Stortford. When he's not working and wants to relax, he loves to go fishing. When asked what he likes about the club he told me "I just like to see people enjoying themselves and leaving with happy faces and full bellies" – and believe me he wasn't joking!



Letters to the Editor

Dear Ed,

Memorial Cricket Match raises more than expected

At the time of last month's magazine going to print it was only a few days after James' memorial cricket match had taken place, and whilst we thought around £2,000 had been raised for Cancer Research, the exact figure was not then known. We are therefore incredibly pleased to be able to report the final figure for money collected on the day, plus additional donations now totals £2,520 – a wonderful achievement.

This is in addition to the £1,200 donated after his funeral and the family would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who has contributed.

Bryan & Gloria Reed

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 16th 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

Keep Covid in Check

Covid is still with us, schools having gone back recently, and evenings are drawing in. Therefore, there is a risk of an upturn in cases as we all begin to mix more indoors. We're all relying on each other to stay safe and by continuing to do these simple actions:

- Meet up outside or if you're indoors, open windows or doors if you have visitors.
- Use a lateral flow test regularly. If you think you might have Covid-19 symptoms, take a PCR test and stay home.
- Wear face coverings in crowded places to help protect others.
- Check in with the NHS Covid-19 app when you're out.
- Wash your hands regularly and for at least 20 seconds with soap.
- Get vaccinated when you are invited to do so.

ASDA Gift Card Scam

If you receive an unsolicited email asking you to click on a link and complete a survey in return for a £100 Promotional Gift Card, it is a scam. The link will simply take you to a website where scammers will steal your personal data and then use it to take out financial products or purchase goods using your data, with you ending up with an unexpected debt. If you receive an email like this, then please forward to: report@phishing.gov.uk.

Birchanger Crib Team Wins League Cup

The Birchanger Cribbage A team won the league for the first time in 40 years, with the B team coming runners up! The B team also won the challenge cup and B. Trott and P. Lipley won the pairs shield. The teams play league games every Tuesday evening and most Fridays at the club. The photo below shows the Birchanger A and B crib teams at the Bishop's Stortford and District Crib League presentation evening.



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 Wednesday 27th October 7.30 for 8.00 - Glass Fusing: Making glass Christmas decorations under guidance from Molten Wonky

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Schools Back

And so is the traffic in the Lane! While the majority of those who use the Lane are careful drivers, there is a small proportion, mostly from outside the village, whose driving falls far short of what could reasonably be expected. Speed is an obvious issue, but this is exacerbated by the fact that some of these drivers appear to think they are driving in the grand prix at Silverstone, particularly on the bends. They may have decided to go back to the office now the children are back at school but if they continue to drive like idiots, it won't be for long.

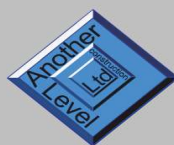


Thinking of Renting a Property?

You might be if you are going to university this autumn or moving away for work purposes. You will obviously be looking for somewhere to live but be careful that you get it right when you dip your toes in the rental market. Some haven't and it has been a very costly experience. Imagine this scenario; you find a property you think you like online, you are keen to have somewhere to live when you arrive and you find something that looks ok, so you agree to pay the deposit and first month's rent upfront by bank card or transfer. You arrive at your new home only to find that someone else is in it and are fully paid-up tenants. They are certainly not going to move out for you, you are stuck, homeless, (money running low) and nowhere to go that night. Your 'landlord' has disappeared into thin air. Now you have nowhere to live and know you will never see the money again. How should you have found a property? The best thing to do is to go to an accredited rental agent. Do not pay anything until you have inspected the property. If you can't actually see the accommodation yourself, see if there is anyone you trust who can check it out on your behalf.

In Work, Got a Problem?

Nothing is ever straightforward, and work-related problems seem to crop up all the time whether you are an employer or an employee. You can obtain independent free advice from the 'Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service' which will advise you impartially without asking for any personal details if you would prefer to keep these confidential. The number to call is 0300 123 1100 and their job is to give independent advice on all employment related issues.



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Always Something New in This Scamming World

Holidays may be over for many of us, but there are plenty of bookings being made for next year, while others have waited until the children are back to school before contemplating a holiday. Whatever the holiday makers plan, scammers are very likely to be there ahead of them. Fraudsters have their feet planted firmly in the world of holiday bookings now. They are targeting not only bargain break style holidays, but also new targets, such as major events and even scam you on the new Global Health Insurance Card which replaces the old EU Health Card. The new Global Health Card is free but unlike its predecessor the new card can be used for health treatment worldwide. Use the following link to apply for a card: <https://www.gov.uk/global-health-insurance-card> If you unwittingly order a fake card from the scammers, they will happily sell you a new card, which of course is never going to arrive. These fake card websites are popping up everywhere.

Winter is Coming Time to Join the Big Energy Switch

This scheme gives all Essex residents a chance to reduce their energy bills by participating in the Essex-run Energy Auction, where all the major companies bid on behalf of those who join the scheme. Participants in the last Energy Auction saved an average £150 per household. The scheme is run through Essex County Council. All intending participants need to do is to log on to the Essex Switch Campaign, with a copy of their last energy bill, download the communications tool kit and follow the instructions. The more people who register for the scheme the lower the gas and electricity cost will be for every participant. If you join the scheme, you will receive an offer after November 23, but it is just an offer. No need to accept it. Should you decide to switch from your current supplier, this is easy. Even I could do it! Remember the choice to switch is yours, if you do not like the offer you don't have to switch.

Could Your Child be Involved in County Lines?

County lines crime relates to the supply of Class A drugs, primarily crack cocaine and heroin, from urban cities to market towns, coastal areas, and rural locations by young people, using a branded mobile phone line. Would you even know the signs? Over 90% of children are secure and even if they know about this drug dealing menace are wise enough to stay well away and keep it out of their lives. However, some children and teenagers who perhaps are loners and don't find it so easy to talk to their parents or to their friends have been caught up in this nationwide menace. Their parents don't know their whereabouts a lot of the time. The children are wooed with gifts of jewellery, the latest trainers, new clothes, and a seemingly unlimited supply of money. If that doesn't work, intimidation and violence may be used. For perhaps the first time they have a feeling of belonging. Once they are hooked, they are trapped into a situation they cannot leave. Throughout the summer gangs all over the country were very active. The children involved do not know how to extricate themselves. So, watch out for the tell-tale signs. They will need all the help and support from family and friends if they can make the long journey back.

If you spot anything unusual or different about your child, try and

talk to them and talk to the local police before it's too late. The police understand the issues and are sadly used to dealing with this.

It Can Be Risky Looking for Love Online!

The person you have met online, the one you feel you really click with may not be all he or she seems. You are getting on really well, talking about meeting up, when he suggests you might like to make some investments. He has had some success and he claims he can help you. Most of the investments are in crypto currency, but gold, and stocks and shares have also been offered.



The victims are mainly in the 30 to 59 age group. If you find yourself in this kind of online relationship, never send or transfer any money to them, no matter how

long or how well you think you know this person. Get to know them face to face, do not rush into any transaction. Discuss it with your family or close friend. Try and research the person you are talking to and find out where he lives. Visit the Financial Conduct website and if something does not seem right tell the police on 101.

Hare Coursing Happens on Fields Near Here

If you thought hare coursing had been eliminated, sadly you would be very wrong. As soon as the crops are off the fields the hare coursers feel free to move in to indulge in one of the nastiest blood sports there is. Essex police are trying to eliminate this menace and have set up a special group for this purpose. If you do see anything suspicious as you walk the fields, groups of men, dogs, vans and such like call 999.

Just Getting into the Employment Market

No doubt there were lessons and advice galore in your last few weeks of school and maybe you are after a new job. The employment market is a difficult jungle to negotiate whichever stage you are at. The first thing you will need is a CV. This is a short-written summary of a person's career, qualifications, and education. Whether you are a first job seeker or just looking for a change, the CV is the first piece of paper that any prospective employer or employment agency is going to want to look at. The way you write this is vital. You are perhaps for the first time trying to sell something, in this case, yourself! The Saffron Walden Transition Project will give you free interview practice and a great deal of practical help with your CV. This service is available to every Uttlesford resident. Call 07901 173 763 or visit their website. Remember, Citizens Advice is also available with all manner of help and advice for those who are about to start their first job or who are looking for employment.

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Controversial Helicopter Landing at the Club Field



A helicopter landed at the club's sports ground around midday on Friday 10th where a party of six disembarked for Hallingbury Manor and later to a garden party in Bishop's Stortford. The following day, around the same time, the helicopter returned to pick up the passengers for their homeward trip.

The club was approached by Atlas Helicopters Ltd, providers of business helicopter flights and private helicopter charter in the UK. Club committee member Ross Leavers, who happens to work for the Civil Aviation Authority, was asked to liaise with Atlas and discuss their requirements. After some in depth discussion, the club decided as a one-off exception, to allow the landing in exchange for a much-needed donation for the club which has suffered financially during the lockdown. Ross underlined the fact that this would by no means be a regular occurrence and was a single event. Even so, a number of complaints were voiced on the Birchanger Facebook Page, especially from residents who have been complaining to Stansted Airport for years about the noise from helicopters flying low over, or close to the village. Others, however, saw the landing as an exciting and entertaining event.

Sarah Mathews, on behalf of the club, stated "Unfortunately we were not aware of previous discussions with Stansted Airport regarding helicopters flying over the village. We received the request and agreed to it. Perhaps in hindsight this was not the correct decision. There is no connection with the operator to the club. Many members have seen this as an exciting event, and this was wholly the intention. We now appreciate that not everyone saw this as an exciting event and that there are split opinions within the community. There are no plans to repeat this, and the club certainly had no desire to upset anyone. The company was checked thoroughly, and all licenses and insurance were in order. They are a reputable and highly regarded company, had they not been the landing would not have been entertained. The committee continually strive to do their best for the club, but we are only human and apologise for any upset this decision has caused.

The Augusta 109 Helicopter picked up guests from Leeds for the



one-hour trip to Birchanger and was reported to have been chartered by a well-known former rugby league player who played for Hull Kingston Rovers, Leeds Rugby, and Great Britain.

Birchanger's Green Belt

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Birchanger village is nestled amidst significant development all around, separated by the Green Belt. The residential areas of Bishop's Stortford are just 600 metres to the south and southwest, and the residential areas of Stansted Mountfitchet are just 800 metres to the north. Stansted Airport lies 500 metres to the East and the M11 motorway runs between Birchanger Parish and the Airport perimeter.

For these reasons, the Green Belt around Birchanger is of exceptional importance as a safeguard against convergence with Stansted Mountfitchet and Bishop's Stortford, as a vital recreational asset for the community and as a buffer to protect the distinct identity of Birchanger village, which has existed for a millennium or more and is recorded as an established settlement in the Domesday Book of 1086.

The purpose of the Green Belt is to prevent urban sprawl and prevent towns and villages merging into one another by keeping land permanently open. These are particularly important issues for the Green Belt around Birchanger. However, planning permission for development on the Green Belt can still be given in exceptional circumstances, for example, where the local authority (in this case, UDC) can demonstrate that it has fully examined all other reasonable options for meeting its identified need for development.

To summarise, Birchanger needs to be "on full alert" for the next 12 months or so, and ready to defend the village development limits and Green Belt if a threat of major development emerges.

The recent High Court success sends an important signal to UDC and others that Birchanger residents are prepared to take whatever steps are necessary to defend the village development limits and our Green Belt.

Brian Ross

Birchanger All Girls Society

New Members are always welcome

Next Meeting October 27th

**Glass Fusing: Making glass Christmas decorations
under guidance from Molten Wonky**

7.30 for 8.00

Please note, there will be an extra charge for this activity. This will be a fun creative evening for anyone who fancies a go at this lovely craft. Due to restrictions on numbers, please make a reservation.

If you are interested in joining us

**Call: Olivia on 07568 574703 or Rosemary on 01279 814678
or Email bags@birchanger.com**

Garden Refuse Collection

**Don't forget, the garden refuse collection truck will be
outside (or close to) the Social club on
Saturday 16th October between 2.30 - 3.30 pm
Free to all villagers**

what's on in the village...



October 2021



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: 16th Oct, 13th Nov.

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4 BSSC: 21.00 Quiz Night	5 Church hall: 12.00 Tap Dance 16.45 Ballet 18.30 Apton Dance Studio	6 Church hall: 10.00 Tai Chi 14.00 Tea Room 14.00 Fencing 18.00 Apton Dance Studio	7 Green Bin Church hall: 11.00 Line dance 18.30 Apton Dance Studio BSSC: 20.00 Bingo	8	9 Church Hall: 09.00 Apton Dance Studio BSSC: 13.00 Meat draw 21.00 Checardi Sings - Live	10 St Mary's Church: 11.15 Holy Communion BSSC: Sunday Roast
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BIRCHANGER SPORTS
AND SOCIAL CLUB

NEWS FROM THE CLUB



Whats On?

Everyone at the Club is enjoying what looks like a normal thriving social hub! The fantastic entertainment over the last month has been well received and we are busy planning a busy schedule for the coming months.

Food is becoming very popular at the club with Sunday lunches making a return. Chef Rob is busy revamping the menu for the Autumn months - so watch out for more details.

Don't forget we also have our weekly events - Bingo, Meat Draw and of course the Quiz Night.

We are also looking at a regular Sunday Night Poker if you are interested please pop along and speak with Terry.

Annual General Meeting 2021
Sunday 17th October - 8pm

For more details please see the notice board at the club

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

We welcome new members. To join you can either complete the online application or speak to a member of staff at the Club.

For more information visit
www.birchangerclub.com



WHAT'S ON



SATURDAY 16TH OCTOBER



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Birchanger Primary School

Hello from Birchanger C of E Primary School

We have had a busy time at school since our last article. Last term building started on our new classroom. This continued over the summer holiday and the project was finished just in time to welcome our Year 6 children at the start of term. We are all immensely proud of our new building and as we have a small Year 6 class, they have plenty of room in their new, shiny classroom base.



Over the summer holidays we ran three sports mornings for our children. This included children who were about to join us, or who had just left us, along with those who were moving from one class to another. These mornings were all funded by the school as a way of supporting the school's community after a difficult time during Covid. During each morning, the children were offered a range of different activities such as dodgeball, football, archery and many more activities designed to support and develop their fitness.

We are now well into our term. Our new children have arrived with us and have settled in very well to Dragonfly Class. Mrs. Miles and Mrs. Drewery have supported the children as they have explored our school and formed relationships with their Year 6 buddies who have looked after them very well.



After the restrictions of Covid it is lovely that some of the relaxations have enabled our older and younger children to spend time together. Children in the other years are also enjoying the relaxations in the playground and they are building new friendships as well as re-establishing older ones.

Hopefully, this will be an uninterrupted term and we are beginning to make plans to open up school. We shall hold our 'New Parents Morning' on the 4th November 2021 where we shall look forward to welcoming prospective families to join us in 2022. If you would like to join us for this event, then please look at our website or contact the office on 01279 812362. *Claire Berry - Headteacher*

Parish Council News in Short

The notice board at Bradley Common is in a very poor condition. Before a replacement is considered, the parish council will look into the possibility of renovating the existing board.

The football goal nets on the recreation ground are in a poor condition. It was agreed to purchase new nets and spare clips.

Allotment rents and deposits were reviewed for 2022 and it was agreed that yearly rents will be subject to a small increase in line with other councils to £15 p.a. subject to an annual review thereafter. The refundable deposit for new renters will be increased to £75.

The parish council received a request for a donation from Stansted Airport Watch (SAW) A donation of £500 was agreed.

Everyone in the village is invited to attend the Birchanger Parish Council meeting, held at the village church hall, on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.30 pm.

District Councillor Drop-in-Sessions

If you would like to meet and talk to your district councillors, have any questions or complaints, please turn up at Birchanger Village Church Hall at the following times and dates.

9th October 2021 10.00 - 11.00

13th November 2021 11.30 - 12.30

8th January 2022 11.30 - 12.30

5th February 2022 11.30 - 12.30

5th March 2022 11.30 - 12.30

It's All Slow Ahead in Birchanger



Speedwatch was on duty in Birchanger lane on one of the rare sunny days in September. Surprisingly, most drivers respected the speed limit and even gave the occasional friendly wave as they passed.

One female driver however unfortunately spoiled the day

by travelling over the speed limit and will no doubt receive a police warning letter in the post in due course.

We would love to hear from anyone who would like to volunteer a couple of hours per month of their time and to join the Birchanger Speedwatch team. It certainly has the effect of slowing down the traffic but we need to do it more often. If interested, please contact Peter Sampson on 0781 7904333.



Action Needed on Night Flights



Earlier this month, SAW sent the Department for Transport (DfT) a detailed submission in response to a consultation on the future arrangements for night flights at Stansted Airport.

The DfT wants to continue to allow Stansted 13,700 nights flights a year (an average of 37 per night) for another four years. By contrast, SAW is calling for night flights to be phased out, starting next year, and eliminated by 2030, except for emergencies.

Stansted is presently allowed more than twice as many night flights as Heathrow and the DfT defines "night" as just the 6½ hours from 11.30pm to 6.00am. The normal definition of night, endorsed by the World Health Organisation, is the 8 hours from 11.00pm to 7.00am. SAW has called upon the DfT to adopt this definition and impose restrictions accordingly. SAW has also called for a ban on aircraft using reverse thrust when landing at night.

Sleep deprivation arising from aircraft noise at night causes fatigue and higher levels of stress and anxiety with evidence indicating that those living in the vicinity of airports have a higher risk of cardiovascular disease. There is also evidence that sleep deprivation caused by aircraft noise has an adverse effect on the cognitive development of schoolchildren who live in the vicinity of airports with night flights.

SAW's noise adviser Martin Peachey commented: "We are told that night flights are essential to provide economic benefits for the UK but many of these are holiday charter flights to Spain, Portugal, Greece etc. It's far from clear that these night flights benefit the UK economy and it's even less clear why they can't operate by day. We should start by phasing these out."

As well as the health impacts, there is also an economic cost of night flights. Sleep disturbance reduces the efficiency of people at work and many local residents have jobs which are of vital importance to UK society and the economy.

Brian Ross

THE FORGOTTEN GARDENS OF EASTON LODGE

We have started preparations for our last Sunday Open-Day of the season, on 17th October, but this year with the prospect of continuing to welcome visitors on Thursdays until the end of November.



After such an unusual growing year, it is a relief to see the Gardens close to their best at this time of year. The Italian Garden is still full of colour, setting off the pale honey colour of the fresh stone in the restored balustrade.

The dahlias, in their border in the walled kitchen garden, are covered in flowers. The bees and butterflies love them, particularly the orange and yellow decorative dahlia called Pooh. Did you know dahlias arrived in Europe (Spain) from Mexico in the late 18th century? There are 14 classes of dahlias, we have examples of many of them, and managed to win the pompom class at the Countess of Warwick show with our stunning 'Lady Linda'. 'Pooh' came second in its class.



The October Open-day in the last few years has been a lovely day, often with warm sunshine (unlike this summer!). This year, on the 17th October, we will have an array of pumpkins and squashes and our jam and jelly tombola. Our archivists will feature Peto's Japanese gardening legacy and we will showcase the work our volunteers are doing to extend the Japanese style area at the bottom of the Glade. Some of the Acers there and elsewhere in the Gardens may be taking on their autumn colours. There will be a range of stalls – a good chance to stock up on bulbs for the spring! Our volunteers will provide refreshments, hot and cold drinks, savoury rolls, and homemade cakes.

Tickets can be bought in advance to ensure speedy entry, obtainable through the Gardens website: www.eastonlodge.co.uk, our Facebook page or direct from Trybooking.com but visitors can also pay on the day. The Gate opens at 11.00, last entry 4.00pm, adults £5.50 children under 16 free entry. For details see our website. - Jill Goldsmith



The Hundred Parishes Society

Recently, climate change has brought examples of extreme weather all over the world. Part of the solution to global warming is to use natural energy. Our ancestors harnessed the power of water by means of water mills, thought to have been invented by the Greeks. The Domesday Book of 1086 AD recorded no less than 5,624 watermills in England alone. Most were used to grind wheat. They continued as a prime source of energy until the Industrial Revolution.

The Hundred Parishes has a wealth of these mills, many retained through their conversion into private homes. Several may be seen on Hundred Parishes walks whose descriptions can be freely downloaded from www.hundredparishes.org.

On the River Cam, Hinxton once had three water mills. One remains, a 17th-century mill built on the site of an older one mentioned in Domesday as worth 8 shillings. It ceased to operate commercially in 1955 but now works again on days when it is open to the public – the final opening in 2021 is on October 3rd from 2:30pm to 5pm. It can be seen at any time from the outside – and is on our walk number 14.



Hinxton

Linton's watermill on the River Granta dates from the early 18th century and there has been a mill on the site since the 13th century. It stopped working in 1972 and has now been converted into apartments. Walk 109 passes it.



Linton

Weatherboarded 18th-century Kings Mill in Littlebury was originally powered by the River Cam and then steam until it stopped working in 1924. Walk number 165, only 1.4 miles, passes Kings



Littlebury

Mill during a short exploration of historic Littlebury.

What remains of Great Bardfield watermill can be seen on walks 103 and 104, while the remains of Tilty watermill are on walk 120.



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St. Mary's Church



Church services

3 rd October	11.15	Matins with Pam Lee
10 th October	11.15	Holy Communion with Revd Helen Flack
17 th October	11.15	Family Service with Hugh Mascetti
24 th October	11.15	Holy Communion with Revd Helen Flack
31 st October	11.15	Matins with Peter Odrich

Church News

In 2013 the church was visited by members of the Bat Conservation Trust (BCT) who, after conducting investigations, found evidence of Pipistrelle bats living in the church. Subsequently, there have been occasions when these small creatures have been seen flying around inside the church. Sadly, we have over the last few months, found five dead bats in the church and there are concerns that environmental changes are adversely affecting the colony. The deaths have been reported to the BCT for investigation.

A reminder that our churchyard remains open for burials. Please note that only people who, just prior to their death, lived in the village, or those whose names appear on the church electoral roll and who have a close relationship with St Mary's, are entitled to be interred there. If there is a family connection to an existing plot, then sometimes it is possible for ashes to be included.

Future Events:

27 th Nov.	at 1.00pm	Lunch in the Church Hall
7 th Dec.	at 10.30am	Christmas Coffee Morning in Moorswood
17 th Dec.	at 7.00pm	Christmas Carols in Church with mulled wine
19 th Dec.	at 11.15am	Christingles in Church
25 th Dec.	at 11.15am	Christmas Day Service

Help Needed

Our register of past Rectors has not been updated for many years. We have obtained the information that needs to be included and we are now looking for someone skilled in italic writing to undertake the update. If you can help, please contact Pam Lee on 07702171744

Church Hall Tearoom

The tearoom is open every Wednesday from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm. Hot beverages and homemade cakes (including gluten free) are available to eat in or take away. Come along and join us if you can. Did you know that whilst the tearoom is open, we operate a book exchange? Our paperbacks are all in good condition and there is a wide selection to choose from. If you do not have a book to exchange you can always take a book from our collection and leave a small donation towards the hall upkeep. Sorry but we are unable to accept book bundles as we have limited storage available

Prayer for the month ahead

Lord we humbly ask that you shine your light over us and in us so that with your help we can make a difference in our world May we reflect your peace and hope for all those who need your presence and healing power

Amen

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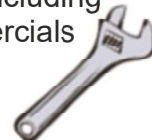
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