



# Birchanger Village Magazine

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## M11 work postponed

Most of you will know about the planned work on the M11 junction roundabout, either from the local press or because you received a letter from National Highways. Not all of you will have seen Peter Sampson's post on Facebook reporting National Highways' announcement that the work has been postponed. This is the latest situation.

The roundabout at Junction 8 crosses the M11 on two bridges. National Highways needs to repair and resurface these bridges so will be closing them on several weekends from 9pm on Friday night until 5am on Monday morning.

**North bridge** (towards the airport, Takeley and Dunmow): Friday 10<sup>th</sup> - Monday 13<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> June.

When the north bridge is closed, to get onto the south (London) bound M11 or the eastbound A120 from Birchanger you'll need to head up the M11 towards Cambridge until you reach junction 9a at Stump Cross, near Great Chesterford. You'll then have to come all the way back to Birchanger Green to get onto the M11 or A120. This diversion is over 30 miles.

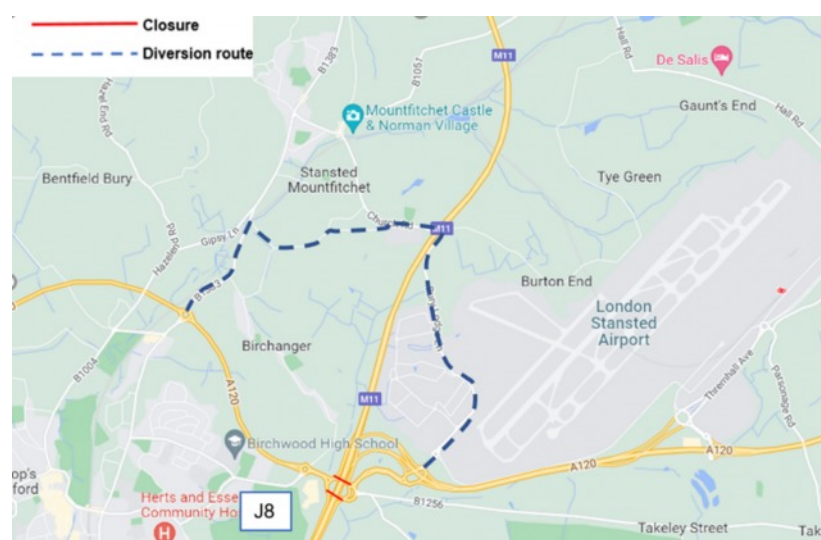
**South bridge** (carrying traffic from the airport, Dunmow and Takeley towards Birchanger): The

website has errors here but it appears that the bridge is closed from Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July. It's reasonable to assume that the works will be for the same periods of time (9pm on Friday until 5am Monday) and will require three weekends. Therefore the bridge will be closed on the weekends of 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> July.

When the south bridge is closed, traffic using the M11 from the north or the A120 from the east will be unable to get to Birchanger from junction 8 so are supposed to use the M11 to junction 7 at Harlow then come back along the M11 to Birchanger Green. That's a diversion of over 20 miles, although some time will be saved if the new junction 7a at Church Langley is open.

These dates are weather permitting, so subject to last minute change.

According to National Highways, 'non-motorway users only' can use Forest Hall Road, Church Road, and Bury Lodge Lane (or vice versa) to cross the junction (see their map below). It isn't clear whether non-motorway users means those not intending to use the motorway, or those unable to, but in any case the diversion via Forest Hall Park will save a lot of time and fuel whatever your intentions towards the M11.







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**CELEBRATING THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE WITH A  
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## **THURSDAY 2nd JUNE**

**CHILDREN'S BOUNCE DAY ♣ THE LIGHTING OF THE BEACON**

## **FRIDAY 3rd JUNE**

**FAMILY SPORTS DAY - TUG O' WAR ♣ ROUNDERS MATCH  
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## **SATURDAY 4th JUNE**

**CRICKET BSCC vs ELMDONCC ♣ LIVE MUSIC from REDONIZM**

## **SUNDAY 5th JUNE**

**QUEEN'S JUBILEE BIG LUNCH VILLAGE PICNIC BYO  
LIVE MUSIC from KYLE CHATER  
CREAM TEAS 2-4 ♣ KID'S ROYAL THEME FANCY DRESS COMPETITION**

**TO BE HELD AT THE BIRCHANGER SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB  
NON MEMBERS WELCOME**

**GOD SAVE THE QUEEN**



# VILLAGE NEWS

By Elizabeth Godwin

## Platinum Jubilee

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee has come upon us only too quickly. The last few months as usual flew by and we were all more occupied with Covid and its spread to worry about anything else. It would be nice to think that Covid is completely over. Unfortunately there may be a few more new Covid incarnations before we achieve that. Until then the quarantine when you have Covid, the testing and the jab rules will simply become a routine way of life for us all.

Now the Jubilee is here, and the Covid rate is going down, more people are out and about. Time to plan visits to the club to sample the Jubilee entertainment on offer there or just to plan your own parties at home.

Time for us to come out of our Covid torpor, to catch up with friends and perhaps enjoy life more. Remember we couldn't do any of this last year, and there is a program of events at the club for you to enjoy throughout the Jubilee Holiday.

## Hare Coursing Numbers Are Down.

Hare coursing is happening in fields around us, throughout Essex and at least six neighbouring counties. The cruelty involved in this sport has prompted the six counties including Essex to get together in an attempt to try to do something to stop this vicious so called sport which causes terrible suffering to innocent wildlife.

The counties have had some success as hare coursing in our own and neighbouring areas has dropped by 31%. Although the teams are happy with this drop, hare coursing continues and there is still a long way to go before this menace is eradicated. The work goes on.

## Best Bluebells Ever?

We were really spoilt with Birchanger Bluebell displays this year. The bluebells in Digby Wood were quite literally carpeting

the whole wood for the first time in most Birchanger residents memory. Fortunately there were not many acts of vandalism which has spoilt displays in previous years. Whichever entrance you used the view was amazing.

In Birchanger Wood there were late arrival aconites which were joined later by an extended spread of bluebells making a white carpet for the bluebells. Again this spread extended throughout the wood. A truly lovely sight. Wonder what next year's spring will bring?

## Would You Know if a Colleague Has Suffered Abuse?

Domestic violence is a crime which often goes unseen. Victims do not want to talk about their injuries and go to great lengths to cover them up. They are incredibly loyal to the abuser and will rarely admit that they are in trouble as totally mistakenly they feel ashamed.

The police are aware of this and are encouraging colleagues in the work place to look out for a colleague who may suffering abuse. Long sleeves on a hot day, neck coverings, unexplained limping, person withdrawn and sometimes vacant.

In the first instance a friendly word is what is needed continuing throughout the next few days in an attempt to gain the victims confidence.

There are groups out there who know how to help. Getting the victim to seek their support is sometimes very difficult. We have to remember that sadly domestic abuse is common and all too frequently the victim ultimately does not survive.

There can be bullying in the workplace as well. If your company does not have a mechanism to deal with this, it could be a matter for the police.

## Birchanger All Girls Society

The 'BAGS' welcome women to join them on the last Wednesday of every month at 08.00 pm in the village hall.

**The will be no evening meeting this month as  
29<sup>th</sup> June is the day of our boat trip.**

[bags@birchanger.com](mailto:bags@birchanger.com)

**Olivia: 07568 574703**

**Rosemary: 01279 814678**

## Fundraising Event Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July 11.00 - 3.00 in the Village Hall

Cakes, tea and coffee, raffles (including children's raffle), tombolas, guess how many sweets in the jar, guess the weight of the cake, homemade cards.

Organised by Yvonne Gray.



## Review: The Rivermill, Bishops Stortford

Having had a very disappointing meal at a Chinese restaurant in Dunmow we decided to try the River Mill in Bishop's Stortford. The restaurant, true to its name, is overlooking the River Stort and in summer you can eat outside while the wild life in the form of ducks, coots and various other birds seems to just glide by.

Whether you choose to eat inside or out service was good. The food on offer is the usual choices found in most Chinese these days, but unlike some I have experienced it was very good on the occasions we were there. Beef dishes in particular excelled. A good place to eat watching the water on a warm summer evening.

Portions were very generous and it is easy to over order. We left with large food bags which contained enough to feed us all the next day. Try it sometime. Preferably on a warm summer evening watching the river as it glides past.



### **IN BLOOM** **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June at 3pm** **St Mary's Church** **Standon**

Join this outstanding choir from Bishop's Stortford for an afternoon of light, feel-good music that's perfect for summertime. With music from Rutter, Lauridsen, Chilcott, Gjello, The Beatles, Paul Simon and more, this will be an uplifting and inspiring recital.

The perfect place to rest between visiting gardens. The concert is FREE, with a retiring collection for St Mary's Church.

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## Coronation Memories.

As a young teenager I did go up to London to be part of the crowds lining the streets on Coronation Day, June 2 1953.

I did not get up early as so many did, but took a leisurely train then tube to my Aunt's flat. Most of the crowds were lining the route by then and the journey was a surprisingly easy one. Only problem was the rain on my brand new non waterproof coat.

We watched the actual service on my Aunt's tiny black and white television set then hit the streets to stand at Hyde Park Corner to watch the golden coach go by, gleaming despite the rain. The Queen was doing her best to wave and smile in both directions. Like everyone else I was sure she was waving especially to me.

Then we walked all the way to Buckingham Palace for the balcony appearances. Somehow I had squeezed myself right to the front so the only thing between me and the balcony were railings. We sang Land of Hope and Glory and Jerusalem amongst others well into the evening. I made friends with a group of girls from the Caribbean and had my first taste of calypso music and a steel band. My aunt finally caught up with me and I was dragged back to Victoria Station in my sodden new coat. I did not realise what a very special day it had been until years later and I am very glad I was there, just wish I could have stayed longer to join in all the evening fun which was had in London on that night.

Sometime through that unforgettable day, we heard the news that Sir Edmund Hillary had climbed Everest. An incredible end to what was an incredible day. Who would believe that some 70 years have passed since that day? Now so many people are climbing Everest they operate a booking system. So much has changed in those 70 years.

*Elizabeth Godwin*



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Peter Regelous, the speaker at our April meeting, held his audience in the palm of his hand. His appears to have been a life full of variety and interest; achieved without the formalities of planning or training, a serendipity of opportunity and the willingness to have a go. Somewhere along the line he must have worked hard because a career in musical and light entertainment was reached via Sainsburys, where he shaped butter pats, Essex police, and the law courts (he was on the right side of the law, of course). Peter did what he enjoyed, from solo spots in London pubs to working on many TV series that make up the hinterland of our entertainment memories. He has many a tale to tell about the programmes he worked on and the people he met along the way and he tells them kindly and with great humour.

On May 19th we will have a return visit from Amanda Sutherland, an expert on fashionable costume of the last century. She is bringing examples to illustrate her talk and her travelling gift-shop of accessories will be available to buy.

On June 15<sup>th</sup> we have a trip arranged to the Seville Gardens with a river boat ride, lunch and tea. The following day at our meeting the Speaker will be Tim Moorey who has been a professional cryptic crossword setter for many years. He is an authority on spelling, meaning and usage and his talk 'Fun with English' promises to take us through aspects of our ever growing language in a light hearted interactive way. Restrictions on parking in St John's Road will be lifted for the period of the meeting (1.30pm – 4.00pm). Please do come along, meet old friends and make some new ones.

*(There are also u3as at Bishop's Stortford and Dunmow, each with their own interest groups, meetings and outings. I'd recommend anyone no longer in full-time employment to take a look. You can find them on the Internet - ed)*



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## Flower Festival

Most of the celebrations for the Platinum Jubilee take place during the long weekend at the beginning of June.

However, here in Birchanger we are prolonging the celebratory period with our Festival of Flowers to be held in the Church at the end of July.

It is not too late to volunteer to help in some way; we still need stewards, people to help with refreshments and of course helpers to create flower arrangements.

This is a village event so please let us make it as successful as our Christmas decorations every year.

If you feel able to help in some way please contact:

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# what's on in the village...

June 2022

**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
<b>Church Hall:</b> 19.00 - 20.30 Apton Dance Latin/Ballroom <b>BSSC:</b> Quiz Night	<b>Church hall:</b> 12.00 Tap Dance 16.45 Ballet 18.00 - 21.15 Apton Dance 18.45 Teenage Street Dance	1	<b>2 Black Bin</b> <b>Church hall:</b> 11.00 Line dance  <b>BSSC:</b> 20.00 Bingo	<b>3</b> <b>Church Hall:</b> 09.00 - 12.00 Apton Dance - Private Lessons	<b>4</b> <b>Church Hall:</b> 09.00 - 13.00 Apton Dance for kids <b>BSSC:</b> 13.00 Meat draw	<b>5</b> <b>St Mary's</b> <b>Church:</b> 11.15 am Matins Service <b>BSSC:</b> Sunday Roast
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BIRCHANGER SPORTS  
AND SOCIAL CLUB

# NEWS FROM THE CLUB

## **Thursday 2 June – Jubilee Bounce Day**

Opens at 11:00am and closes at 3:00pm. An unlimited wristband can be purchased for just £9, either in advance from [www.evoinflatables.co.uk/category/bounce-days](http://www.evoinflatables.co.uk/category/bounce-days) or from staff on the day.

The Jubilee beacon will be lit at 9:30pm.

## **Friday 3 June – Jubilee Family Sports Day**

Opens at midday.

### ***Tug o' war***

Teams of five will be competing against each other for the honour of being Birchanger's strongest quintet.

### ***Egg and spoon, wheelbarrow and three-legged races***

Adults and children will be competing to find the fastest villagers at these traditional sports day events.

### ***Rounders***

Adults and children will be competing in teams of seven in a rounders competition to find the biggest hitters in the village.

Competitors can register their interest in any of these events by completing a form at the club or by emailing [club@birchanger.com](mailto:club@birchanger.com). Registrations will also be taken on the day.

## **Sunday 5 June – Bring Your Own Jubilee Village Picnic and children's fancy dress competition**

The club will be hosting a big lunch where guests are encouraged to bring their own picnics. Cream teas will be available to purchase between 2:00pm and 4:00pm. Prizes will be awarded to the boy and girl judged to have the best royal themed fancy dress outfits.

At 11.30 there will be a pétanque tournament between the club's resident team and Birchanger Legends, captained by club Trustee Ken Wheatley. If you think you're a club legend and fancy a game then reserve your place on the team by contacting [ken@birchanger.com](mailto:ken@birchanger.com). There will be a break for lunch.

## **Saturday 25 June – Bishop's Stortford Pool League finals day**

The club will be hosting the Bishop's Stortford Pool League's annual finals day in aid of St Clare's Hospice from midday. Three pool tables will be installed in the club, on which the finals of the league's knock-out competitions will be played during the day. There will be pool competitions open to everyone organised throughout the day and live music from The Muggabees from 8:30pm.

### **OPENING HOURS**

Monday	5-11pm	Kitchen Closed
Tuesday	5-11pm	Kitchen Closed
Wednesday	5-11pm	Food 5-9pm
Thursday	12-3pm / 5-11pm	Food 12-2pm / 5-9pm
Friday	12-11pm	Food 12-2pm / 5-9pm
Saturday	12-11pm	Food 12-9pm
Sunday	12-8.30pm	Food 12-3pm

### **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](http://www.birchangerclub.com)



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## Birchanger Primary School

As we have inched away from Covid restrictions we have been able to return to a school life that builds strong relationships around our community. The children are now able to mix freely at break and lunchtime with children from other classes, which was something that was not possible last year. We are also able to hold events for our parents and families to come into school. Hopefully by the time that you read this, our nature garden will have been finished, thanks to support from the Human Roots charity and helpers from our school. We would also have held another of our Open Classroom sessions for Year 6 in May and we'll be getting ready for the big events that we traditionally hold at the end of a school year.

Our small school is back to being a busy place full of children, staff and parents and governors. We also have a number of professionals who we employ for the delivery of PE, music, speech and language support, occupational therapy and counselling. We also need to mention our volunteer readers, who give so generously of their time each week.

Into our bustling little school, we have accepted twelve new faces recently. These twelve children are all refugees who are living in our village. Our new children have a spread of ages, and we have children in all of our classes except for one. Between them they reflect many different nationalities from around the world. What they have in common, is that they have had a traumatic past and have come to this country (and our village) for peace. All have very limited resources now that they are with us.



We have been bowled over by the support that our school community has shown these children and their families. Our parents have donated uniform, money to buy uniform and clothes for outside school. These donations have been welcomed by the families who are very touched by the kindness shown to them by people who they do not know. If you would like to support these families with us, then please contact the school and we can give you some advice and details of how you can contribute.



Over the next few weeks and months, we shall settle the new children into our school which will include creating lessons which support their learning across the curriculum along with enhancing the spoken and written English that they have. Most importantly we shall be extending the school's vision of 'Life in All its Fullness' and the school's Christian values of love, care, courage and truth to these children as they settle into British life.

*Claire Berry - Headteacher*



## Open Garden Gaston House Little Hallingbury CM22 7QS

**Sunday 26th June**  
**2pm - 5pm**  
**£5 (under 12 free)**



Enjoy a stroll around a formal acre of garden in the style of Repton, set in 6 acres of parkland. The perfect place to enjoy tea and cake by the pool. All funds raised will help the Red Cross to continue their vital work both in the UK and overseas.

[redcross.org.uk/opengardens](https://redcross.org.uk/opengardens)





## Missed Targets

A recent report ('Missed Targets', May 2022) by the respected environmental think tank, 'Possible' highlighted a consistent failure of the aviation industry to meet its own targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions, particularly CO<sub>2</sub>.

The report concluded that the purpose of these over-ambitious targets was to try to convince government that the aviation industry had the problem under control and so there was no need for any measures to limit the growth in aviation.

These same arguments were presented by Manchester Airports Group (MAG) at the Stansted Airport Public Inquiry in 2021. MAG argued that, allowing for projected efficiency gains, Stansted's CO<sub>2</sub> emissions would be virtually unchanged at an annual throughput of 43 million passengers compared to its 2019 emissions when it handled 28 million passengers.

Stansted Airport Watch (at that time, SSE) provided counter evidence to the Inquiry showing a consistent pattern of missed targets by the aviation industry between 2008 and 2020. Quite simply, the projected efficiency gains were never delivered.

However, the Panel of Inspectors accepted MAG's projections at face value, just as successive governments have been repeatedly reassured by the unrealistic targets published by the aviation industry for reducing its emissions. The consistent pattern of the industry failing to meet its projected efficiency gains is simply overlooked.

The report by "Possible" noted that by 2019, aviation had grown to 9.4% of the UK's CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, and continues to be one of the fastest growing sources of greenhouse gas emissions in the UK, Europe, and globally.

Today, the aviation industry continues to paint an optimistic vision of a future where aviation will play its part in tackling climate change by having 'net zero' emissions by 2050, without any need to limit its growth.

Commercial aircraft powered by electricity or hydrogen may well be viable options at some point in the future but these technologies are still in their infancy. A commercial aircraft has an average lifespan of about 24 years. Aircraft coming off the production line today – and those on the order book – will still be in service in the 2040s and into the 2050s.

The aviation industry's record of missed targets does not inspire confidence. *Brian Ross.*



## June at Easton Lodge

June will be a busy month at the Gardens – starting with our Jubilee celebration on our Open Thursday 2 June and finishing with our Open Day on 26 June, when we remember the Countess of Warwick's love of dogs with our own dog day.

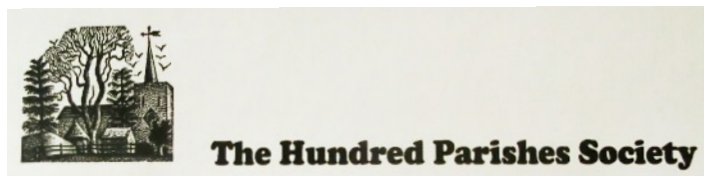
On Thursday 2 June our volunteers will be downing tools, as it is a Bank Holiday, and celebrating the day with a picnic. During the winter we planted a *Taxodium distichum* (swamp cypress), which we will register as our contribution to the Queen's Green Canopy initiative. And on 2 June we will put up the plaque and raise a toast. It would be great if our loyal locals wanted to join us for this. We will be open as usual for an Open Thursday with Daisy's providing hot and cold drinks and cakes; and of course visitors are always welcome to bring a picnic.

At the end of the month, at our Open Day on 26 June, we will have stalls and dog classes, starting with Puppies under 6 months at 12.30, and then with classes for veterans, waggy tailed dogs, pretty bitches and handsome dogs. The Countess was a great supporter of Dog Shows and became a breeder of Collies and Japanese Spaniels, owning 13 dogs at the time of her death. Our classes will be overseen and judged by Wendy Paffey, of Wendy's Dog Grooming and Petcare Services. Further details are on our website: [www.eastonlodge.co.uk/whats-on](http://www.eastonlodge.co.uk/whats-on). Gates open as usual at 11.00.



So, in the meantime we will be working hard to ensure the Gardens are looking at their best for visitors. In June the roses and water lilies are flowering and borders turn purple – with alliums; the Glade has wild orchids; and we start having fresh produce from the walled kitchen garden. Lots to look forward to. *Jill Goldsmith.*





**The Hundred Parishes Society**

## Stained Glass

Stained glass has been with us for over a thousand years, traditionally used in windows of places of worship. The Hundred Parishes has some beautiful memorial windows, mostly from the 19th and early-20th centuries, but I would like to briefly describe a few examples that are more recent.

The Parish Church of St. Andrew in Much Hadham has a window on the west wall of the tower based on an etching by the renowned sculptor, Henry Moore. The window, depicting the Tree of Life, was created by Patrick Reyntiens and celebrates the joint use of the church by Church of England and Roman Catholic congregations.



In Broxted, 13th-century St. Mary's church has two modern stained-glass windows, the Hostage Windows. They were installed following the release in 1991 of three men: Terry Waite, Brian Keenan and local man John McCarthy. All had been held hostage in Lebanon for five years. One window is called the Window of Captivity and the other the Window of Freedom. They were designed by John Clarke and replaced two Victorian windows.



In Little Easton, the parish church is dedicated to St. Mary the Virgin and has two stained glass windows in the north chapel that honour the American air crews of 386th Bomb Group (known as the Crusaders) who lost their lives in WWII. The windows are the Crusaders Window and the Window of Friendship and Peace.



Another window dedicated to American airmen can be found in St. George's, Anstey. The Millennium Window records the names of all the men of 398th Bomb Group who died in WWII, etched onto butterflies.



When you are out and about, I hope you will pause to look in our churches at the wonderful range of craftsmanship, some old and some not so old.

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## St. Mary's Church



### Church services - 11.15 am

5 <sup>th</sup> June	Matins with Pam Lee
12 <sup>th</sup> June	Holy Communion with Revd Colin Fairweather
16 <sup>th</sup> June	Five Churches Holy Communion at 7.30pm Stansted
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Family service with Hugh Mascetti
26 <sup>th</sup> June	Holy Communion with Revd Colin Fairweather

### Church News

Have you ever felt like you are going round in circles and are about to catch up or overtake yourself? That's just how I feel at the moment. There is so much to do and little time to do it all in so, I am telling myself, take a deep breath and then deal with one thing at a time. Eventually I hope everything will be covered but only time will tell but I do wonder if Jesus ever felt like this – surely, he must have done.

First things first, the hall floor has some minor damage but if it is not attended to then a bigger problem will arise. Repairs will be done week commencing 26<sup>th</sup> June and the floor will then be sanded and polished. My apologies to all regular hirers for any inconvenience.

Next, is our ongoing dispute with Domestic and General over servicing (or lack of it) of the gas boiler. It appears to be a case of mis-selling of a service contract that they were never going to honour but I shall continue corresponding until I get a satisfactory outcome.

Then there is the problem with our gas meter readings which our supplier will not accept as it now transpires that a new meter was installed in 2019 that they say they knew nothing about.

Cakes will shortly be in the oven ready for tomorrow's coffee morning and Wednesday's tearoom.

As for the church itself, thankfully all appears to be well. We just need more people to show an interest and I would recommend that you dip your toe in the water by coming along to at least one of Colin's services. He is so animated and enthusiastic presenting the scriptures in innovative and interesting ways. Added to that, if we as a community do not support our church, who will? The words Here I am Lord" spring to mind – come and join Him – you won't regret it.

### Prayer for the Month

Lord, how good it is and what pleasure comes  
 When all your peoples live as one  
 Bring peace and justice to light our way  
 So that your will is done every day  
 Amen

### Dates for Your Diary

12 <sup>th</sup> July	PCC Meeting
29 <sup>th</sup> to 31 <sup>st</sup> July	Festival of Flowers
11 <sup>th</sup> October	Coffee Morning at Moorswood

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