



Birchanger Village Magazine

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Farewell to a Great Lady



Cutesy of Camera Press

Last month we lived through three days of History. We said farewell to one prime minister, greeted his replacement, then two days later had to face the unbelievable news that our Queen had died. How could this be? She was the only Queen we had ever known! She was someone with whom we had shared history, we shared her joys and sorrows, and felt her family problems reflected by those which many of us had experienced as well. We had seen her appointing her 15th Prime Minister just two days previously. How could someone so lively, so cheerful, and vital be gone? She was our Queen, but she was somehow also our friend. It will seem strange to have a king after so long but if he follows his mother's example he can't go wrong.

The nation reeled. For most of us she had always been there. She was lively, pragmatic, and known not to suffer fools easily but she was also kind, intelligent and a diplomat. She was the symbol of who we are as a nation, we knew she was there for us, to serve us. It is hard to credit she is no longer here. She died in Balmoral Castle, her favourite residence, as she would have wanted.

Now, once again, the eyes of the world are upon us. We should be proud as a nation because of the pomp and ceremony and the brilliant send-off we Brits do so well even on the saddest of occasions. It's almost impossible to plan every nuance of great occasions like this, but everything worked seamlessly without a hitch, and everyone knew their part.

The Queen will be sorely missed, but what she did in her last few months has meant she will be remembered by a whole new generation after her Paddington sketch. Whatever she did in her last year, the twinkle in her eyes was always there. There are those who grumbled about the amount of coverage given by TV and the media on this sad occasion. They obviously do not appreciate the unique part of history of which we are not likely to see again in our lifetime!

So, thank you to our late Queen who did more for this country than we will ever know, or could ever be capable of doing. We shall miss her but her image with her smile and hopefully her courageous spirit will be with us for a long time to come.



Editors Letter Box

Letters to the Editor

Follow up on Article September 2022 - 'Could You Adopt A Rescue Dog'?

Thank you for including in last month's magazine my article about pet rescue and transport. I have had some lovely comments and am heartened by the fact that people have obviously read the whole thing. Some have even said they will be looking to rehome a dog or volunteer to help a rescue organisation and I will assist them in any way that I can. I would however like to sound a note of caution. I had not realised how attractive I had made the whole situation sound. Volunteering to help animals in need is not easy and can be very upsetting.

The main group I volunteer for is Sprocker Assist and Rescue, a group of like-minded people who live all over the UK but help each other in our quest to help dogs and dog owners. Initially we give advice to owners to try to improve their situation but, for various reasons, many go on to ask for our help in finding a new home for their pet. We do this without judgement of the owner and always, our primary concern is to help the dog. More often than not, our efforts are rewarded when a troubled dog settles into a new home and becomes a much-loved family pet but that does not always happen.

Taking a pet out of its home is sometimes difficult not just for the family but also the dog. It is usually confused and frightened. It may have been badly treated or may have health problems. A few months ago, I went to do a hand over of a young male Sprocker (Teddy) who was said to be showing signs of aggression. The owner had not admitted to abusing him but when I met the dog, he was clearly terrified of the owner who was grabbing the dog by its ears and pinning him down. The dog was growling loudly and baring its teeth. The owner's wife told me her husband had hit the dog! Later the same day I tried to hand the dog over to its new fosterers/potential adopters, but the dog was still in a highly agitated state. He would not leave my car and any attempt to get near him produced an aggressive reaction. After an hour the people said they could not take him and left the dog with me. I understood that they were frightened of him just as much as he was frightened of them.

Well, I couldn't leave the dog so I brought him home and he stayed with me for 2 days whilst a friend looked after my two dogs (I could not have had them in the house with this dog) and the rescue team went into overdrive trying to find a suitable, safe location for Teddy to decompress. Initially no one offered Teddy a haven and I could not keep him any longer, so he had to be placed in emergency kennels. He spent two weeks there until a man in Newcastle, experienced with emotional dogs came forward and offered Teddy the chance of a new home. Teddy has been there over 6 months now and is changed beyond all belief.

Finally, there was the dog that I transported that ate one of the headrests whilst I was driving. A costly mistake on my part and one that I shall not be repeating. So, it's not all sweetness and light. But volunteering to help these animals is so rewarding and offering them a home is one of the best things you can do so long as you think long and hard about how you will manage emotionally and financially. It takes at least 3 months for a dog to settle in its new surroundings. During that time, it must adjust to you, your family and you have to adjust to the dog. Please do not take on a pet then discard it after a few days or weeks. Please do not buy a puppy because it is cute and fluffy then give it away when it chews your furniture. Be realistic about what you can manage. Please make sure that you can be totally committed or do not get a pet.

Pam Lee

HELP REQUIRED - Please Read!

Dear fellow Villagers,

I wonder if you might be able to offer me some assistance. My husband has severe mobility issues and as he is a "Falls" risk, he has to spend the entire day in a wheelchair and cannot do any routine tasks. I have approached Social Services to see if there is any intermittent care available but unfortunately that does not exist and at this stage, we do not wish to receive regular carers.

I have a part time position at the local hospital and I am looking for someone who might be able to check on my husband while I am out of the house at meetings. This might be once or twice a month and would involve calling at the house and perhaps making a hot drink. No other care would be required and we would anticipate 30 -60 mins maximum. Basically, it is to give him some social contact and to break up the time alone. If you can help, we would be extremely grateful and we are prepared to offer a small remuneration. For further details, please contact Diane on 01279 815543 or email: deedeebee@btinternet.com. Thank you.

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VILLAGE NEWS

By Elizabeth Godwin

Autumn Coffee Morning

The Autumn Coffee Morning will be held at Moorswood on Tuesday October 11th between 10.30 and noon. Sadly, it is unlikely to be held in the garden as the last one was when the weather was hot and without a cloud in the sky. This one will be in the house as usual. Looking forward to seeing you all again.

Treating Birchanger with Contempt

Not only have Essex County Council inflicted a totally unnecessary set of road works on Birchanger for a scheme which nobody in the village wanted or thought was in any way necessary, they now treat us all with contempt. For the past few weeks, we have had no idea as to which way is open for us enter or exit the village. This has meant that motorists have taken a chance they can access the route to Bishops Stortford but sometimes have found themselves going right round Junction 8. Worst of all some have found both ends of the village totally blocked. Bus passengers have not known if the bus is actually going to run through the village, turn at the club or stop at the Stansted end of the lane bypassing Birchanger altogether. Now we find that the motorway end of the lane is to be totally closed from November through to February instead of the 6 weeks before Christmas as was originally proposed. What happens if some other service decides to close the Stansted end of the lane? We would be completely cut off and undoubtedly this would be without warning. It has happened already on two occasions last month. Come on Essex County Council you can do better than this. If you have to do this, at least stop treating the people who live here with contempt. Our lives are important too!

Takeaways Can be Healthy

We all like a takeaway from time to time, but some of us are still trying to shed the holiday pounds. Yet it is very hard to resist on a busy weekend or a late night at the office. The good news is that you don't have to completely resist them at all. What you do need to avoid are the foods with mono sodium glutamate. This is heavy in dishes such as sweet and sour dishes, crispy beef, fried noodles, prawn crackers and spring rolls. Instead go for the more traditional Chinese food such as dim sum, noodle soup and steamed dishes. In other word ditch battered sweet and sour chicken with prawn crackers and fried rice for the chicken with cashew nuts and boiled rice. 750 calories as opposed to the 1200 in the first dish.

Birchanger All Girls Society

The 'BAGS' welcome women to join them on the last Wednesday of every month at 8.00 pm in the village hall.

Next meeting:

Wednesday 26th October 7.45 for 8.00 pm

A Talk from a local badger expert

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Pizza need not be fattening. It is all a matter of choosing the right one. Forget the stuffed crust pizzas and go for the thin crust vegetable topped variety instead. Fancy a burger? Well, that can be an option as well. Dump the additional bacon, coleslaw, chilli and cheese adding up to some 1150 calories and go for a grilled burger if you can with plenty of salad. Forget sugary drinks and choose the diet one instead. Sorry no Doner Kebabs either: some 830 calories apiece. Falafel and hummus are a mere 400 calories. You might fare better at an Indian restaurant if you go for a tomato or spinach-based sauce. Vegetable dishes are actually very tasty. Alternatively, choose chicken, prawns or fish with boiled rice in place of fatty meats. Something from the tandoori is an excellent option, but avoid the pakoras and bhajis. Thai food is apparently good if you avoid the Massaman curries, as is Mexican minus the enchiladas with soured cream. Japanese food is probably the healthiest of the lot, if you can avoid the breaded fried chicken. Fried fish and chips are possibly the worst of the lot.

Please Rinse Your Recyclables

Why do this many may wonder? Especially as we have lived through one of the driest periods on record. Should we not be saving water? The problem is that one small contaminated or unclean item can lead to a whole lorry load of recycling being sent to landfill, something we are trying to avoid at all costs. All it takes is one bean left in a can or an unwashed ketchup bottle and the whole lorry load is wasted. Apparently there has been quite a lot of that lately. What we are asked to do is to rinse recycling items in the water left in the bowl from washing up. If you are really keen you can use bath or shower water but most of us are unlikely to go that far. Don't worry about the labels they will be removed at the recycling facility. Glass bottles and foil containers should be rinsed out and the lids replaced if possible. kitchen foil should be clean. This one might surprise you but apparently pizza containers need to go into the food bin. Apparently, they are already contaminated by the pizza base. In other words, scrape as much as you can from any recyclable item before you put it into the bin. Most people do recycle properly, but having whole loads of recyclables declined because of a minority who don't care is a bit hard to take.

In Praise of Rescue Dogs

Pam Lee's article in last month's magazine highlights the huge need there is for people to come forward to take on a rescue dog. There are expected to be a lot more of them as the weather gets colder and more people abandon the puppy who seemed to be so easy to manage outdoors in the summer months, but who now spends his days ripping up the rugs, chewing the tables and chairs and using the carpet as his loo. Not to mention the amount it now costs to feed the one-time cute puppy but now turning into a fast growing monster. Time to take him back to an already overcrowded rescue centre for many. There is an urgent need for new owners to come forward. Even if you are not sure about taking on a dog permanently, you could try foster caring a dog looking for a permanent owner for a while. Foster carers are urgently needed by rehoming centres at this time. Support is given. It gives a potential owner time to consider whether a dog is what they really want or otherwise. Pam is doing sterling work. It must be very rewarding to know that her charges are on their way to their forever homes at last.

Essex the Hospitable County

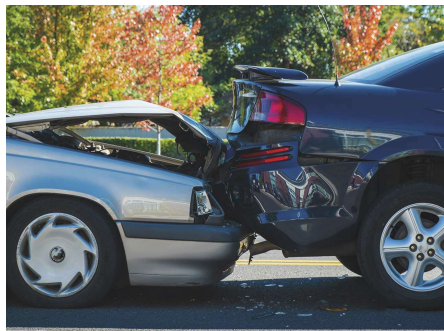
At the time of writing Essex has 1408 Ukrainian guests who have arrived in the UK to be hosted by some 1081 sponsors in Essex. More are needed as more arrivals are expected. A small allowance is paid to the host family and the experience has been a pleasant one for most of the guests and their hosts. Something to consider?

Looking Out for You

Hopefully anyone going through Stansted Airport in the last few months had a reasonably good experience. Most people managed to start their holidays in a better way than those who had to cope with Heathrow and Gatwick. Stansted Airport had taken extra measures to try to ensure passengers had a good start to their holiday. Most holiday makers passed through the airport totally unaware of the work that had been put in to give their customers a safer experience. Security was increased. In addition to the uniformed police there were a lot of non-uniformed police about, ready to help passengers in any way on their passage through the airport. There were more dogs about as well, obviously to sniff out drugs but also there with their handlers to assist passengers where necessary. Apparently, there was also a horse but nobody I know passing through Stansted appears to have seen it. There were drones with their skilled operators, very different from the days when a drone brought Gatwick to a close. Now the airport uses drone technology freely. The police operation was known as Project Servator. if you have used Stansted Airport lately you probably did not realise what was happening.

Are You a Vulnerable Road User?

Most of us are, if we ride a bike or drive a car this is the category we all find ourselves in. Not really much doubt about that when we see pictures of horrendous accidents where the victims have been totally squashed by a heavy vehicle driven by someone whose mind was clearly not on the job. We are all at risk, I know, it happened to me. I was hit by a speeding car. I saw the car coming in my rear view mirror but being the last car in my lane I could do nothing to avoid it, just brace myself for the crash when it came.



I was lucky, but a growing toll of drivers are not. What is the answer? Apart from asking everyone to take care and lookout for other road users which most will ignore, very little!

We should try to avoid sudden sharp braking, but if you are last in the queue like I was

there is nothing you can do about it. The worst motorways are those that call themselves smart. Smart on paper maybe but it ends there. All I can say is make sure your own vehicle is roadworthy and fit for purpose and take your chances with the rest of us.

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Modern Slavery

Many of us may feel like a slave when you arrive home late at the end of a long bad day and you find the family waiting for you to cook them their supper, wash their PE kit and take them to choir practice. Brave spirits might simply tell them to sort themselves out, that you are not their slave and hit the stairs to bed. But there are those who have no choice in the matter. The exploited ones. Most of us are not slaves but so many of those seeking asylum in Britain are. Smuggled into Britain then smuggled away on arrival by unscrupulous gang leaders they are condemned to living in appalling conditions, women and children pushed into the sex industry or exploited in low paid dirty jobs and finally pushed out when their usefulness to their 'employers' has ceased. Could modern day slavery have been the intended fate of the Vietnamese who died in a hot airless lorry at Tilbury? How has humanity come down to this?

SWCHS SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

WEDNESDAY 19TH OCTOBER 2022
5PM - 8PM



- Take a tour of our Sixth Form with current students
- Visit subject areas
- Meet teachers and students
- Director of Sixth Form Talk - booking required

For further details and booking information, visit our website



www.swchs.net

Dog Mess on the Recreation Ground

Dear dog owners,
If you must take your dog onto the recreation playground, please ensure you pick up your dog's mess and place it in the dog bin provided at the entrance. Remember this is a play area for children and not a dog walking area!

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Stansted Mountfitchet U3A

There are fewer ex Concorde pilots than USA astronauts, so we were very fortunate to have ex Captain John Hutchinson to speak at our August meeting. His talk was called "Concorde a 20th century icon, a celebration of a golden age in aviation". Flying Concorde for the last fifteen years of a distinguished career in aviation Captain Hutchinson's love of the aircraft was very evident. Concorde caught the respect and affection of the general



public in Britain and the USA as no other passenger plane has and was loved by the pilots who flew it for it had no parallel.

John's well illustrated talk took us right through the mechanics of a flight from take-off to landing. It was absolutely fascinating. We listened, learned, and asked many questions afterwards. Quite a number of copies of the book about him, "The Wind beneath my Wings," were bought and some he signed.

At 7.30pm on October 1st at St John's Church, Stansted there will be a concert by Stansted u3a Singers, Musical Director Isobel Bradshaw. Tickets £10, under 14s half price. The ticket price includes a glass of wine or soft drink. For tickets contact Jean on 01279 850275 or Susie on 07803 802617.

The topic for the Poetry Group at their meeting on October 6th is "The letter S", poet or topic." On Monday October 10th Margaret Easter will give a talk to the Garden Group on "Herbs in the Garden".

At October's General meeting, on Thursday 20th, Martin Lloyd will talk about "Passports, Assassins, Traitors and Spies." This is a story about how three passports played their influential role in the course of history: an attempted assassination which altered the regulations for issuing passports; the capture of a spy which caused a worldwide modification to the design of the document and for one person the passport itself which turned into a killer.

www.u3asites.org.uk/stansted/home
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Learn, Laugh, Live!

Update on local plan timetable

Cllr Petrina Lees, Leader of the council, said: "It cannot be overstressed how essential it is that our district's next local plan succeeds in delivering what local people need by way of new and appropriate housing, as well as necessary infrastructure, while at the same time meeting the government's requirement for housing numbers. The new plan needs to not only positively shape the future growth of our area, but also protect the unique local character of our beautiful and historic district".

"It was hoped that the council would be ready to publish the next local plan draft for review over the next month. I am sorry to have to share that there is more work to be done before that can happen. A draft local plan is far too important to rush, and I will settle for publishing nothing less than a document which demonstrates that the district's draft policies will live up to the standards that our residents deserve, addresses the real infrastructure requirements, and will also meet the technical requirements of the government's Planning Inspectors".

"Residents are aware that since 2019 UDC has been undertaking a significant improvement programme in its planning capability. To create better outcomes, we have already put in place a number of process and recent team changes, and it will take time for these to bear fruit. We will continue our work on it and will bring forward a new local plan timetable over the coming weeks".

"Notwithstanding the frustration a delay may bring – and I wish to thank everyone who is working so hard on it – we have to get this right. To push forward with an incomplete or incompletely evidenced plan would be reckless. We have a committed team of professional officers and a passionate group of councillors from all parties providing input, oversight and any necessary challenge to the process and who continue to be dedicated to delivering the best for our area."

Meetings and governance

The next major stage of the local plan is the publication of a detailed draft, and the beginning of a major round of public consultation and engagement. This is known as the 'Regulation 18' stage and it will include a clear statement of strategic approach, many chapters detailing specific policies, and options on site allocations to meet the target set by the government of identifying land on which 14,000 new homes can be built in the district over the next 20 years.

For some months, the council has been intending to begin the major round of Regulation 18 public consultation and engagement on 3 November, preceded by a round of formal meetings within the authority. These meetings are now being cancelled and will be replaced by a joint meeting of Local Plan Leadership Group and Local Plan Scrutiny.

At that meeting, councillors will be briefed on the matters in more detail and presented with a new proposed timetable and action plan.

Once agreed, the new timetable will be delivered upon, and progress against it will be overseen and scrutinised regularly by councillors until the new round of meetings is arranged and a new draft local plan is published and considered.

Uttlesford District Council

What's on in the village...



October 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

Garden Waste skip:- Outside the social club on Saturday between 2.30 and 3.30 pm on October 15, November 12

31 Church Hall: 19.00 - 20.30 Apton Dance Latin/Ballroom BSSC: Quiz Night					1 Church Hall: 09.00 - 13.00 Apton Dance for kids BSSC: 13.00 Meat draw 20.30 The Trax Band - Live	2 St Mary's Church: 11.15 am Matins Service BSSC: Sunday Roast
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BIRCHANGER SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

NEWS FROM THE CLUB

In October we have more live entertainment scheduled at the Club alongside other events – don't forget we always have Live sports showing at the club!

1 st	Meat Draw / The Trax
3 rd	Quiz Night
6 th	Bingo
8 th	Meat Draw
10 th	Quiz Night
13 th	Bingo
15 th	Meat Draw / Me & Him
17 th	Quiz Night
20 th	Bingo
22 nd	Meat Draw
23 rd	AGM
24 th	Quiz Night
27 th	Bingo
29 th	Meat Draw / Halloween Party
31 st	Quiz Night



Club News

Our ever popular Halloween Party returns this year on Saturday 29th October.
All Welcome

Our AGM is scheduled for 23rd October – please look out for more information in the Club.

A huge thank you to all that supported our events over the Summer – the summer fete and Dog Show was well attended a great time had by both 2legged and 4 legged friends

We are recruiting for Part-time bar staff and kitchen staff and of course Committee members – please ask at the club for more information



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



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Birchanger Primary School

Hello from Birchanger C of E Primary School

It was a sad time for the country and for our school when our late Queen died. The children had learned a great deal about the life of Queen Elizabeth through our Worship sessions, especially during the recent Jubilee. We felt that it was important to mark the death of such an important member of British society properly and so we did this in a number of ways. At first, we shared her passing with the children in worship and we outlined her main achievements. Then, during the time of national mourning we focused on the life and reign of Her Majesty. We talked to the children about her life of service, her Christian faith and how she demonstrated the values that we place importance on in school.

The children were given time to draw a picture of the late Queen Elizabeth and we shared the pictures in the hall. Our older children were encouraged to use their own thoughts and creativity for the pictures so that they could give a more personal response. Some children chose to focus on the Commonwealth in their pictures, others the Union Flag.

The children were also given time to complete some writing about the Queen. It was interesting for us to see how the children wanted to express their feelings. The most popular way to write tributes were poems. However, other children preferred to write about the late Queen, her values, and achievements in the form of short biographies.



Some of our children visited Buckingham Palace to see the flowers after school. One of our members of staff (Mrs Williams) brought flowers with a note from us to give our thanks, and to join the national display of affection. Whilst this was happening the school opened our book of condolence which we placed in our entrance.

Members of our school community were invited to share their thoughts in the book and on the day before the state funeral this book travelled to the Sports and Social club so that more people could add their names to our book. This book will be sent to Buckingham Palace along with photos of some of the colourful work that the children have spent time completing as a tribute from our village.

Claire Berry - Headteacher

Birchanger Fete and Dog Show 2022





What are Contrails?

The word “contrail” is an abbreviation of “condensation trail”, which largely explains what they are – long slender clouds of ice particles which form in the wake of aircraft. The exhaust from jet engines contains water vapour which condenses and then freezes. In effect, contrails are man-made cirrus clouds.



It was not until World War Two that scientists began to investigate the causes of contrails and how they might be prevented. This was because

contrails made aircraft – and their direction of travel – more visible to the enemy and therefore more vulnerable.

Not all flights generate contrails. The height where the aircraft is flying needs to have low water pressure, low temperature (below – 40 degrees C) and the right level of humidity. Contrails can therefore be prevented by adjusting flight paths and/or altitudes. To date however, the aviation industry has shown no inclination to make such adjustments, even though, if no action is taken, contrail formation is predicted to triple by 2050.

Although contrails are mostly seen on days when there are clear blue skies, they can be just as prevalent on cloudy days – and nights. Contrails can be many miles long and several miles wide and can last anything from a few minutes to a few hours depending on atmospheric conditions.

Scientists have now established that contrails have an impact on climate change because they increase the level of cirrus cloud cover, albeit by a relatively small amount. The climate impact is complicated because clouds shield the earth from the sun’s heat during the day but also act as a blanket and trap the earth’s radiated heat. Obviously, the effect at night is exclusively warming and, overall, the scientific consensus is that contrails have a net warming effect.

To date, action to address aviation’s impact on climate change has focused on carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions. However, aviation contrails, and other non-CO₂ emissions at high altitudes, are estimated to have a global warming impact three times greater than the CO₂ alone. The Government has no policies to tackle aviation’s non-CO₂ climate impacts. For the sake of future generations, let’s hope that these much-needed policies emerge very soon.

Brian Ross

THE FORGOTTEN GARDENS OF EASTON LODGE

NEWS FROM THE GARDENS OF EASTON LODGE

What a year it has been! We are beginning to see some bouncing back from the extreme drought, with fresh growth on the dahlias and some of the other late flowering perennials in the Italian Garden. We are hoping that we might have good autumn colours but earlier than usual, so in time for our 23rd October Open Day!

Our most dramatic autumn tree is our scarlet oak at the top of the Glade, but we also have lovely autumn colours from our acers – our favourite one by the archive building at the front of the Gardens; the row of acers across the end of the croquet lawn; and the range we have down in the Japanese style garden that we are developing at the bottom of the Glade. The crab-apple trees also look good, with their red, yellow, or green apples. And this will be the first year when we might enjoy the creamy white fruits on the Sorbus cashmiriana (Kashmir Rowan) that we planted in the clearing near the elephant statue.



23rd October is our final Sunday Open Day of the season. We will have the last of our produce for sale – hopefully including pumpkins and squashes. It has been a fantastic year for fruit, so our jam/jelly tombola will be well stocked! There will also be plant, honey, craft and wildlife stalls and activities for children. Tickets will be available in advance and the gate opens at 11.00, with tickets on the gate too. For more information go to www.eastonlodge.co.uk/whats-on

We are also open to visitors on Thursdays through October from 11.00 to 3.00, with refreshments and our garden produce on sale. Advance tickets not required.

I Look forward to seeing you in October.

Jill Goldsmith



The Hundred Parishes Society

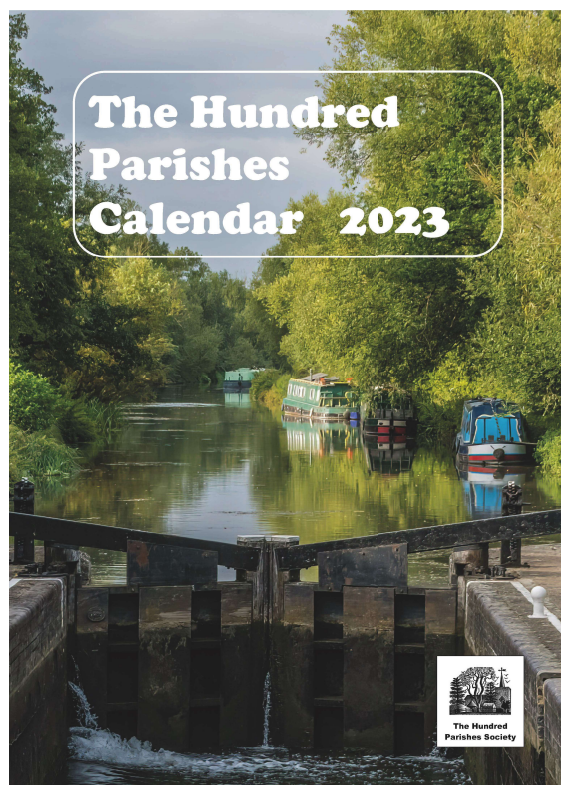
The Hundred Parishes Society is a membership organisation and also a registered charity. Its formal objectives are to "advance the education of the public in the character and history of The Hundred Parishes," to provide information for leisure time occupation and to promote the conservation, protection and improvement of the area, all for the benefit of the public. We tend to abbreviate this by saying we encourage people to appreciate the area. Over the years, the Society has pursued its aims through a number of channels: regular articles in local magazines, various elements of its website www.hundredparishes.org.uk and a hardback book, 800 copies of which now reside in people's homes and libraries. We have recently expanded our activities by launching The Hundred Parishes group on Facebook and by producing a calendar for 2023.

We hope the Facebook initiative will engage with an additional audience as well as providing existing members with what may also suit some of them. The immediacy and interaction of Facebook complements our established, structured approach - which will remain undiminished.

If you already use Facebook, just carry out a search for The Hundred Parishes. Once you have agreed to the group rules, you will be able to join the private group, to share in discussion and post photos if you would like to. You do not have to be a member of The Hundred Parishes Society to join the Facebook group.

The Hundred Parishes 2023 Calendar is now available from several local outlets including YZ Minimart on Chapel Hill in Stansted Mountfitchet and the Tourist Information Centre in Bishop's Stortford. It features photos of the local area and can be purchased for £10. We hope many people will buy a copy to hang on the wall. Please see our website for further details and a full list of stockists.

Ken McDonald, Secretary www.hundredparishes.org.uk



Hi, my name is Steve Sommerfeld. I live and work in the UK, and I'm a part-time humanitarian aid volunteer with the Ukraine war crisis. Specifically, to do with the forgotten dogs and cats of war, and the Ukrainian families affected by their devotion to their pets.

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Thank you, Steve Summerfeld

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St. Mary's Church



Church services - 11.15 am

2 nd October	Matins with Pam Lee
9 th October	Holy Communion with Revd Fairweather
16 th October	Matins with Peter Odrich
23 rd October	Holy Communion with Revd Fairweather
30 th October	Morning Prayer with Jo Pratt

Church News

What a strange month September has been with the passing of our much-loved Queen. Parishes up and down the land opened their doors so that anyone wishing to do so could visit their local church for a period of quiet prayer. In the following days many of these small parishes held commemorative services in memory of the late Queen and St Mary's was no exception. Many of us will have watched her lying in state and then the funeral procession.

From the announcement of Her Majesty's death time seemed to stand still and thousands mourned her passing. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. She has been succeeded by her son, Charles. God save the King.

During this time Birchanger Sports and Social Club hosted the village fete. The committee and all others involved in organising this event are to be congratulated for its success. It was well attended and clearly enjoyed by all who came.

The contribution of one other person demands a mention and that is Sue Gilbey. She made a herculean effort of baking and decorating no less than 21 cakes to sell and raise funds for the church. All 21 cakes sold along with 36 fairy cakes made by Christine Brazier. Thank you both for your effort and generosity. It is much appreciated.

Dates for your Diary

11 th October	Coffee Morning at Moorswood
3 rd December	Christmas Lunch in the Hall
6 th December	Christmas Coffee Morning at Moorswood
16 th December	Evening Carol Service

Prayer for the Month

May God in His infinite love and mercy bring the whole church, living and departed, to a joyful resurrection and fulfilment of His eternal kingdom
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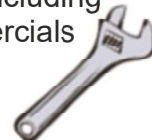
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