



# Birchanger Village Magazine

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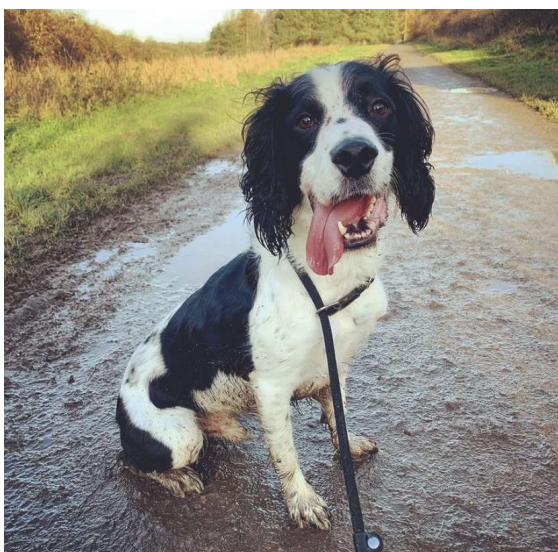
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## Could You Adopt A Rescue Dog?

Approximately 5 years ago I read a Facebook post from an animal rescue group where they were asking for people to help with home checking and transporting for spaniels that had been rescued from abusive owners. Having spaniels (Sprockers to be exact) myself I decided that I had some spare time, so I volunteered to help within the local area. As time went on, because they were so short of volunteers in Essex and Hertfordshire, I was asked to do home checks further afield, from a 50-mile round trip to 100 miles. In the first year I undertook home checks for Spaniel Assist and Rescue and Spaniel Aid UK.

I then discovered a group called Sprocker Assist and Rehome, got talking to one of the admin volunteers and decided that I would join them as a full member volunteering not only to home check and transport but also to undertake short term fostering where an emergency arose. The work has not been onerous and it is so rewarding. The first dog I met was Rex, a young brown Sprocker who I picked up from Basildon. He was a lovely boy who was being rehomed to a couple in North Yorkshire because the owners had an elderly parent who had come to live with them and they were fearful that the lively pet would knock the elderly lady over. To break his journey Rex stayed overnight with me. The following day I drove to Peterborough to hand him over to the new owners who were really pleased to see him.



My next big involvement was with a couple in Kent. The husband was unable to walk and the wife had just been diagnosed with terminal cancer.

Their 7-year-old girl had never been off lead and was in a poor state. She was an emergency pick up with no new home arranged so she came to stay with me for a few weeks. During that time, she began to blossom and on our regular morning walks she formed an attachment to a neighbour.

I was really pleased to do that home check and I get great pleasure when I see her out and about now. She is a different dog, full of a confidence that she did not have before, and a credit to the lady who has her.

Another dog that I helped transport was Winston, a young boy that elderly owners could not cope with. He went into foster but that did not work out as he began to show signs of aggression and had to be moved quickly. Lovely Winston came to stay with me for a month whilst a new home was found and he then moved on to a local home, so I still see him occasionally. Such a happy boy now.

Over the past four years I have done many home checks for other dogs and met some lovely like minded people whilst transporting pets from one area to another. Primarily, SAR exists to help people manage their pets when issues arise with the aim of the owner keeping their friend. People contact the Facebook group and complete a form saying what they want help with. The completed form is picked up by one of our admin and they then contact the dog's owner to get any further information that will help us to assist the owner. Sometimes it is just a matter of giving advice but with any serious issue we offer advice from our experienced behaviourist. If needed, she works with the family to try to improve the dog's and the owner's behaviour. If the owner decides not to keep the pet, then we look for a new home.

We are always looking for people who have the experience and time to care for a pet that has been abused in some way and if you feel that you can help either by fostering and/or adopting a Sprocker in need, do please contact SAR on Facebook or at [sprockerassist@gmail.com](mailto:sprockerassist@gmail.com).

Finally, sometimes dogs are transported long distances; from Cornwall to Scotland is not unheard of, and as a group, we do not always have volunteers in the areas that we need them, even to operate a relay team. In those circumstances we seek assistance from the A Team, a network of volunteers that cover the whole of the UK and aid other voluntary groups with moving animals from one place to another. They do a great job and I now volunteer for them, transporting and home checking. Today I am picking up an American Bull dog who is going to a new home in Clacton. Last month they transported 50 chickens, but it really could be anything.

All of these voluntary groups are funded by donations and if you want to help but feel unable to be hands on then please contact me and I will tell you how to donate. Pets do not ask for much, but they give us such joy. Please help if you can.

*Pam Lee*



# Editors Letter Box

## ‘Put Up or Shut Up’!

*Dear Ed.*

I feel I must respond to your letter in last month's magazine headed 'put up or shut up'. I was surprised to see such a negative narrative regarding participation in local democracy. Having served on various committees myself, I am well aware that you will receive more brickbats than bouquets, but it comes with the territory and, on balance, public service is its own reward. What worries me, is that this is the second article in recent times which has sought to muzzle any criticism of the Parish council; surely it is at the heart of our democracy that we should hold our elected representatives to account if we feel they are falling short. We do it with Government, county and district councils so why not our , Council?

Also, the article seems to imply (as does the heading) that if you don't serve you don't have a right to speak! I must point out that not everyone feels able to serve on committees, however people in this village participate in many ways, helping with church and village activities, serving on club sub committees, organising litter-picks, delivering and distributing this magazine, walking dogs, and keeping an eye on our elderly and vulnerable residents.

I do though agree with your central point that volunteering to become part of the PC is not widely taken up and it is new blood, new members and new ideas that keep the council refreshed and relevant to village life. I would respectfully suggest that a better way to get the message over is to encourage everyone to attend at least one PC meeting, that way they will see the great results that the hard work of the council achieves; having done this myself I can confirm it is a real eye opener.

*Tony Wilson*

### *Editors Reply*

*Dear Tony, Thank you for your letter in response to last month's call for volunteers in the village. Your letter seems to revolve entirely around the Birchanger Parish Council (BPC), this was not the intention of my letter! My letter was broader based and included many other organisations in the village that need volunteers to survive. Criticism and constructive suggestions are absolutely welcomed and accepted by this magazine, and I'm sure by the Parish Council. The headline 'Put Up or Shut Up' was merely written to grab the attention of the reader.*

*The point I was making is that the village cannot rely on the old school of volunteers to keep going forever and that new blood is required now. For example, Birchanger Parish Council, Speed Watch, Neighbourhood Watch, the church, the school, and magazine all need new volunteers. Regarding the Parish Council, the council meets at 7.30 pm on the first Tuesday of each month. The meeting is open to the public and each member of the public is allowed three minutes to speak at the start of the meeting. Anyone can apply to join the council. A reminder for the monthly council meeting has been included on page 6 of this magazine for the last four years. However, it is interesting to note that according to BPC, only 3 members of the public have attended during this time!*

*I hope this clears up any misunderstanding and that a few Birchanger folk will volunteer their services wherever possible. So far, unfortunately, we haven't received a single volunteer!*

*Peter Sampson*

Don't forget, your magazine is only as good as the content it receives, so please keep sending me your news, views, notices, concerns and complaints. Advertisers are also welcome. All copy should be submitted by the 16<sup>th</sup> of the month, preferably sooner and may be edited depending on space and content. Please contact me by E-mail, phone, or letter as shown below. Thank you and Kind Regards,

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# VILLAGE NEWS

By Elizabeth Godwin

## Time For a Change of Direction

Or just starting out maybe? You might consider joining Essex Police. They have plans to increase the size of the police force in Essex. We actually need a part time Community Special Constable in the village as our current special constable is leaving next month. If you have a few hours per week spare and could be interested, check out the advert on page 5 for details. You don't have to be a police officer to work for Essex police. There are opportunities for 101 call handlers, behind the scenes information handlers, investigators, detention officers, contact managers, work in a police station to name a few. Find out more about Essex Police, their work and job opportunities online at Essex Police or find a police force of your choice.

## Diamond Jubilee Flower Show in Birchanger Church

When it comes to flowers the ladies of Birchanger Church really do know how to put on a show. Every display represented an event in the Queen's reign. All carefully researched and selected. The trick was to spot them all. The visit was rounded off with tea and homemade cakes. Events like this don't just happen. Years of planning went into this event. The events of the Queen's reign unfolded within the backdrop of our lovely Saxon Church. If you missed out on this, you missed a big treat.

## An Untimely Reminder!

At the time of writing, it is a summer's day. Misty and cold winter days seem thankfully a very long time away. But actually, they are not. The time to get out the ladders and swing from the rafters is fast approaching. I mean 'The Big Christmas Light Up'. Actually just 3 months away to be precise. It is proposed to switch on the lights on Friday December 2, at 7.00 pm at the club, with the results announced at 9.00 pm in the club on December 16. Things will be more expensive this Christmas, but even the smallest display is vital in the Birchanger Christmas scene, so start planning!

## Could You Help Save Lives?

The Emergency Call Centre needs more staff to man its emergency call centre and is the first point of call for those needing help in an emergency. The team works 24 hours a day 365 days a year dealing with emergency and non-emergency calls and dispatching officers to incidents as required. Visit call handlers' section on the Essex Police website.

## 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.

**Next meeting:**

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 7.45 for 8.00 pm**

A talk from first hand experiences of the war zone in Ukraine

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## We Chuck Away a Fortune Every Year

Mostly we don't mean to and we think we are shopping economically but it is a staggering fact that most households simply throw away each year £720 worth of food they bought but did not use. 70% of all food waste comes from our homes, not from big institutions, and the

restaurant trade that we like to think. Apparently, it is the same all over the world. In the war years or times of necessity it was ok to share food with friends and neighbours when we had too much. This does not often happen anymore. We need not waste a lot of the surplus food; if we have a garden, we could try composting. There is always the freezer for leftover food, but only if you remember what you have in it before you go shopping. When the door of the freezer won't shut, that is when many of us decide to have a look at what is actually there. We don't know what the winter will bring, but with the exorbitant fuel prices most of us will have to discover new methods of eating well for an awful lot less.

## But We Still Need to Get Our Recycling Right

Currently we are not doing very well. Last year's figures show that 706 tonnes of rubbish was placed in the wrong bin, an average of 60 tonnes a month. We have a food waste bin but very often food waste ends up in the green recycling bin as do textiles both of which should be placed in the black bin. The recycling team does their best to try and remove the wrong items, but it is almost an impossible job and many potential recycled items end up in landfill. Old clothes do not belong in the recycling bin. They belong in the black bin and good quality clean items should be taken to charity shops. Black bags in the recycling bin go straight to landfill regardless of their contents, as they are automatically classed as contaminated. Bulky waste collections and garden waste can be booked on 01799 510510. You can also dispose of your garden waste in the skip outside the club on Saturdays once per month. Too much is going to landfill or disposed in uncertain ways and end up in other countries. We need to improve what we are doing here. If you are uncertain about the recycling status of any item, you can try the 'Can I recycle it?' page of the UDC website: <https://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/recycle-it>

All over England recycling rules vary and it is sometimes hard to get it right, so check out the UDC website.



## Watch Out There's a Speed Camera About

Not only in Birchanger. They have been handing out numerous tickets to a large number of people who have been caught doing 48 mph in a 30-mph limit. There are cameras in Birchanger too. Seems they do really mean to have a war with those who speed now that Covid restrictions are eased.

### Gangs Offer Sweets to Children Laced With Cannabis

Known as cannabis edibles and presenting themselves as prettily packaged sweets or biscuits, these tempting looking but potentially lethal goodies are being offered by gangs to children and young people in parks and places where children gather. Cannabis edibles take many different forms but appear mainly as drinks, cakes, sweets, and chocolates. They are also available online through some extremely dubious social media sites. Most parents operate a policy of telling children not to accept sweets from strangers, but these lethal goodies look very tempting and if their friends are already taking them, very hard to resist. Once hooked, the suppliers gradually introduce harder drugs to the youngsters and parents will see their children change and they won't know why. The gangs are not bothered in the least and Children under the age of 10 are not prosecuted so the gangs get their new recruits.

### Strong Bias to Loading the South of Uttlesford in the Offered Sites in the Local Plan

Anyone looking at the proposals emerging from the call for sites in the Local Plan would wonder at the extreme bias towards the A120/ Bishops Stortford end of the district in the latest attempt by UDC to get the plan right. This is a potential nightmare for this part of Uttlesford as the proposals will create overcrowding, traffic increases on already over loaded roads, more chaos at Junction 8 and the loss of the rural aspect of the district much valued by those who live here. In recent years Uttlesford had tried to limit development here on the grounds that the area has had enough. The developers are having a field day and after last month's fiasco with the Barn Development, residents cannot be blamed if they are losing confidence in the District Council's ability to cope. We have been here before. This call for sites is almost identical to the call for sites for the last now defunct local plan. All were refused. That however is no guarantee as to how they will fare this time round. We shall have to wait until the end of the year to discover our fate. Previously the District Council had declared their intent to protect the green belt. Will that declaration stand? Or was it not worth the paper it was written on?

### Essex Must Rise to the Energy Challenge



Essex has been challenged to produce all its own energy by the year 2040. To assist solar farm developers, a set of principles has been developed with local planning authorities to provide guidelines and minimum requirements covering all the issues

which all planning applications for wind farms must address. It is hoped that these new rules will minimise local environmental impact and provide significant community benefits. It would also be nice to think that energy would be cheaper as well.

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### Community Grant Time Again

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### Saturday entertainment at the club

3rd September	Magic Show (Magician Act)
10th September	Live Music - Run for Cover (On the field during the day)
17th September	Live Music - Time Warps 20.30
1st October	Live Music - The Trax 20.30



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

The title of our talk at our meeting in July was 'Boom and Bust in Medieval Lavenham' Jane Gosling, former National Trust manager of the Guildhall in Lavenham and director of the Suffolk Architectural Heritage Trust, explained how the fortunes of picturesque Lavenham derived from its weaving of its own bestselling brand of sturdy cloth dyed a distinctive shade of blue. The clothiers became very wealthy men and the hub of prosperity and employment in this Suffolk town, drawing in supplies of raw wool from other areas of the country and even beyond. Their heyday was however short lived as in the second half of the sixteenth century their market became flooded with finer, more fashionable Flemish cloths imported from the Low Countries. Their sudden loss of income meant their fine timber houses were never pulled down and replaced according to the taste of subsequent centuries though some had brickwork Georgian or Victorian facades applied.

The U3a will have a stand at the Stansted Windmill Fete on Bank Holiday Monday. Do call by and have a chat. We are also holding an open day on Saturday 17th September in St John's Church, Chapel Hill, 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm. We hope that you will come along and find out about the many interesting groups that you can join once a member of the U3a. One of them is The U3a Choir, conducted by Isobel Bradshaw, who will be presenting 'Stansted Sings for You' in St John's Church on 1st October. Tickets £10 to include a glass of wine. Under fourteens half price. Contacts Jean - 01279 850275 and Susie 07803 802617. Parking will be available in the Magna Carta School car park behind the church and Crafton Green car park at the top of Chapel Hill. *Eileen Quinn*



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## Could you volunteer locally for a thriving Girlguiding unit?

Can you spare 1-1.5 hours weekly, term time only to come and give young girls the opportunities to learn

new skills, experience new things, meet new friends, generally have fun. If you're up for the challenge we have various units in the area looking for new volunteers, some units require new leaders and assistant leaders to keep them open.

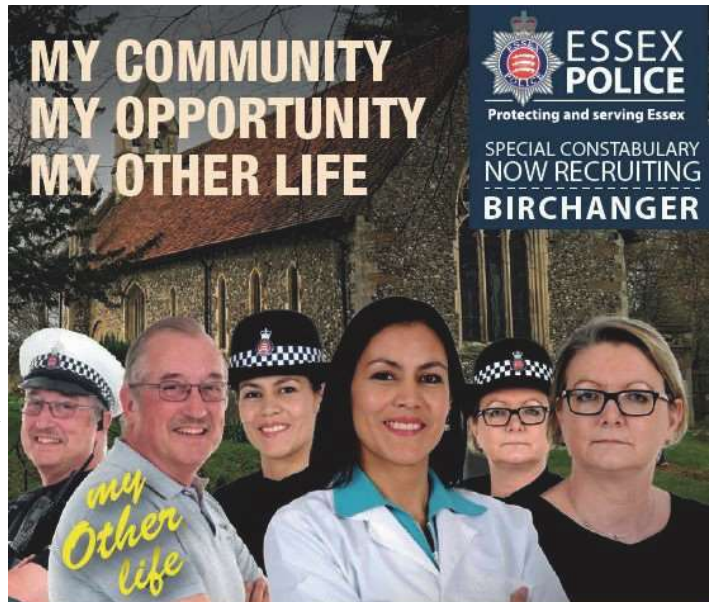
Anyone offering to be a leader will have continued support locally and from Girlguiding whilst working towards a leadership qualification.

If you fancy a new venture and are happy to work with 5-18yr olds, then please get in touch. We have rainbow, brownie and guide units waiting for you to come and volunteer with them so please consider joining a thriving organisation.

Email: Jennifer at [pajemiki@outlook.com](mailto:pajemiki@outlook.com) Tel: 07900123917.

## Summer Bounce Day at the Club

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July saw the first bounce day at Birchanger Sports And Social club. With more than a dozen different featured bouncy castles suitable for both toddlers and older children, the day was a complete success for both kids and parents alike.



 #MyOtherLife

If you want to make a real difference in your town then volunteer as a Community Special Constable and play a part in keeping your neighbourhood safe. Birchanger village are supporting Essex Police to increase local and visible policing in their area.

Visit [www.essex.police.uk/Specials/Birchanger](http://www.essex.police.uk/Specials/Birchanger) to find out more

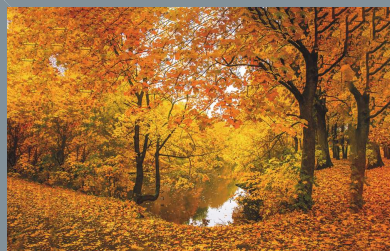
## Birchanger Lane Closure

Birchanger Lane is planned to be closed from the 3rd November 2022 until 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023 whilst work is carried out on the new crossroads junction replacing the A120 roundabout.





# What's on in the village...



September 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 between 2.30 and 3.30 pm on the following dates:  
September 17, October 15, November 12

			1 <b>Green Bin #</b> <b>Church hall:</b> 11.00 Line dance  <b>BSSC:</b> 20.00 Bingo	2 <b>Church Hall:</b> 09.00 - 12.00 Apton Dance - Private Lessons	3 <b>Church Hall:</b> 09.00 - 13.00 Apton Dance for kids <b>BSSC:</b> 13.00 Meat draw Magic Show	4 <b>St Mary's Church:</b> 11.15 am Family Service <b>BSSC:</b> Sunday Roast
5 <b>Church Hall:</b> 19.00 - 20.30 Apton Dance Latin/Ballroom <b>BSSC:</b> Quiz Night	6 <b>Church hall:</b> 12.00 Tap Dance 16.45 Ballet 18.00 - 21.15 Apton Dance 18.45 Teenage Street Dance	7 <b>Church hall:</b> 10.00 Tai Chi 12.45 Takeley Art 14.00 Tea Room 14.00 Fencing 18.00 - 22.00 Apton Dance	8 <b>Black Bin</b> <b>Church hall:</b> 11.00 Line dance  <b>BSSC:</b> 20.00 Bingo	9 <b>Church Hall:</b> 09.00 - 12.00 Apton Dance - Private Lessons	10 <b>Church Hall:</b> 09.00 - 13.00 Apton Dance for kids <b>BSSC:</b> Summer Fayre Run for Cover - Live	11 <b>St Mary's Church:</b> 11.15 Communion Service <b>BSSC:</b> Sunday Roast
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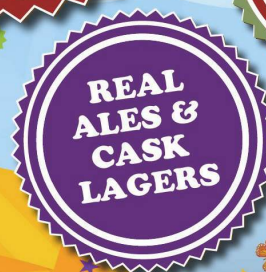
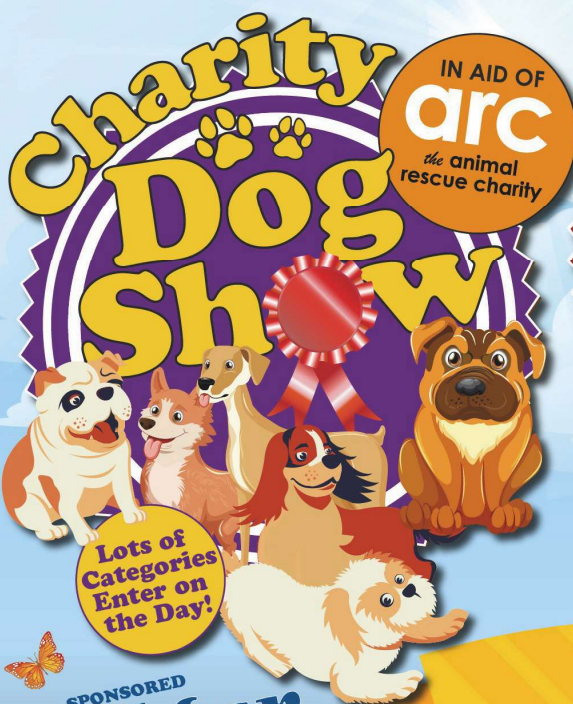
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# Festival of Flowers



We would like to thank all those of you who helped to create the Jubilee Festival of Flowers. It is impossible to name all who took part in this successful event. The flower arrangers who used great imagination to produce relevant displays, the stewards who welcomed visitors to St Mary's Church, not forgetting the two people who knitted corgis, these were hidden around the church and provided children with a focus as they searched for them. All corgis were given away to good homes at the end of the festival.

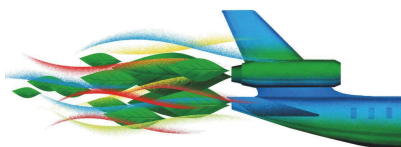


We must name two people: Sue Gilbey, who provided refreshments and wonderful cakes throughout the 3 days. Without Sue's contribution I'm sure that peoples' enjoyment would not have been as great. And Jo Saward who created the flyers and posters and arranged advertising in several local newspapers over a three-week period, this accounted for the many visitors from other villages and towns. Thank you to all of you including of course those villagers who did visit us.



Following the closure of the Festival on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July the Church held a Sung Evensong where three of the seven correct entries to the competition were pulled from a hat. Thank you to all those of you who took part in this fun quiz – we hoped that you enjoyed it. *Thank you all, Sue Warr and Rosemary Saward*





## Lacking in Ambition

Stansted Airport recently trumpeted its ambition to achieve net zero emissions by 2050, in response to the Government's 'Jet Zero' strategy for tackling climate change.

However, the increasing frequency of extreme weather events we are now witnessing all across the world clearly shows that tackling climate change is not something that can wait until 2050.

Jet aircraft burn enormous quantities of aviation fuel (kerosene) making them amongst the fastest growing contributors to climate change. Stansted is said to be the largest single source of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions in the East of England. Our local airport therefore has a hugely important role to play in the battle against climate change.

Does Stansted really deserve to be congratulated on aiming for net zero emissions by 2050? That's another 28 years of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from up to 274,000 flights a year adding every year to the pollution of our planet and exacerbating all of the problems associated with climate change.

The Climate Change Committee (CCC), the independent panel of experts which advises the Government on the action needed to tackle climate change, has recommended that there should be no airport expansion in the UK until such time as the aviation industry can at least demonstrate that it is on track to achieve net zero emissions by 2050.

The aviation industry 'promises' to dramatically increase its use of so-called 'sustainable aviation fuels' (SAFs), from plant-based sources. However, progress to date has been at a snail's pace and the industry has consistently fallen short of all its previous targets for the use of SAFs. Moreover, SAFs still do not actually solve the problem of aviation CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

Unless we are to stop flying, the long-term solution will need to be electric or hydrogen-powered aircraft but the technology is still in its infancy and there is no realistic prospect of eliminating jet propelled aircraft by 2050. Aircraft have a service life of about 25 years and the current order books for new aircraft, stretching up to five years ahead, are all for conventional aircraft types. *Brian Ross*

## THE FORGOTTEN GARDENS OF EASTON LODGE

### NEWS FROM THE GARDENS OF EASTON LODGE

It is difficult to write news ahead of time in these very unusual times we are living through. Last year we were hoping for an Indian Summer, after regular rain from May through to August, including rain on every Open Day. This year of course we have experienced record sunshine and drought – made somewhat better by a record plum harvest!

Our volunteers are doing their best to keep the Gardens looking good, despite the challenges, so that hopefully by September we will still have plenty to enjoy! We should still have perennials and dahlias providing good colour in



the Italian Garden and the walled kitchen garden. Lots of squashes should be nestled amongst their green leaves and the apple season will be upon us!

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

And on 25<sup>th</sup> September it is our Apples and Bees Open Day. That is always one of our favourites, with apple juicing, apple ID, apple and honey cakes, a bee colony on show and our jam and jelly tombola. For the first time we are hoping to have our own cider on sale too. There will be music. And we will be joined by friends from the East of England Apples and Orchards Project and from Cressing Temple, as well as plant, honey, craft, and wildlife stalls. Tickets will be available in advance and the gate opens at 11.00, with tickets on the gate too.

*Jill Goldsmith*





## The Hundred Parishes Society

One pleasurable autumn task is the harvesting of ripened fruits from trees in your own garden. For most of us, our cooking apple will be a Bramley's seedling and the dessert apple an Essex-bred Discovery or a Cox's Orange Pippin. Originating from central Asia, apples are incredibly varied with at least 2,000 named varieties! There are 150 named varieties in the gardens at Audley End.



In the 19th century the skilled horticulturalists at the Rivers Nursery at Sawbridgeworth bred and propagated many varieties of fruit trees, including the prolific Czar plum and Conference pear, both of which are still available today. The Conference pear features in Great Chesterford's 21st-century community orchard.



For commercial reasons, the range available from modern plant nurseries is limited to a few easy-to-grow varieties. However, hidden away in forgotten corners of long-established gardens within the Hundred Parishes there will be specimens of heritage varieties of orchard trees. If you have a flavoursome, but unidentified, variety, then the team at the East of England Apples and Orchards Project would be delighted to hear from you. Further information on <https://www.applesandorchards.org.uk> Telephone 01328 838403 Email: [info@applesandorchards.org.uk](mailto:info@applesandorchards.org.uk)

There is something special about growing a unique or local variety, so if you wish to plant heritage fruit trees specific to your own county, this organisation's catalogue lists a surprising number of varieties for Essex, Hertfordshire or Cambridgeshire apples and pears, as well as local plums, cherries, and gages. This wide selection provides an opportunity to continue a long tradition of choosing something rather special to enjoy eating in future years.



The 'What's On' page at [www.hundredparishes.org.uk](http://www.hundredparishes.org.uk) often displays local apple events, for example at Rivers Orchard in Sawbridgeworth on September 4, 18 and 24 and at The Gardens of Easton Lodge on September 25.

*Tricia Moxey - Trustee*



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## St. Mary's Church



### Church Services - 11.15 am

4 <sup>th</sup> September	Family Service with Jo Pratt (Lay Reader)
11 <sup>th</sup> September	Holy Communion with Revd Helen Flack
18 <sup>th</sup> September	Matins with Hugh Mascetti and Pam Lee
25 <sup>th</sup> September	Harvest Festival communion with Revd Colin

### Church News

We all know that St Mary's is a special place full of historical artefacts and shrouded in the mystery of all that has happened in this place before we came here, together with the wonder of all that is to come. Yes, it is a place of worship, but it is also a place that signifies community. As such, at the end of July, it was the perfect venue to hold our Jubilee festival of Flowers as part of our village's celebration of Queen Elizabeth's reign.

The prime movers for this event were Sue Warr and Rosemary Saward both of whom worked tirelessly organising volunteer flower arrangers, obtaining equipment, and personally constructing many of the magnificent arrangements that were on view. They also pulled together an army of volunteers to be stewards during the whole weekend to welcome visitors into the church. I cannot name you all here, but you know who you are. Thank you for all your effort. Special thanks must also go to Sue Gilbey who made all the beautiful cakes and served refreshments all weekend. She really is a treasure.

On Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup> September we shall be holding our Harvest Festival service. In the past, we have asked people to donate items suitable to display on the altar. This year any such donations will be distributed to families in the village that may need a little help. If you have any dry goods e.g., tea, coffee, cereals, tinned foodstuff, shampoo, toilet rolls, washing powder etc., please either bring them along to church on any Sunday morning or deliver them to me, Pam Lee, at 4 Harrisons.

### Future Events

11 <sup>th</sup> October	Coffee Morning at Moorswood
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Christmas Lunch in the Hall (apologies for date change)
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Coffee Morning at Moorswood
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Evening Carol Service
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle Service
25 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Communion

### Prayer for the Month

Lord, walk with us this day. Speak to us and inspire us. Give us compassion for all.  
Bring joy out of sorrow and hope out of despair. Help us to put our trust in you and to have confidence that you will always be there when we need you.

Amen

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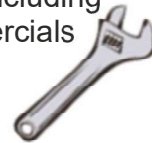


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