



Birchanger Village Magazine

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Happy New Year



Winner of the Big Light Up 2022

David and Christine Tanner, Birchanger Lane

Well done both of you for putting up such a beautiful display which has grown and developed over the years, and well done Birchanger.



Editors Letter Box

Dear Readers,

We hope everyone in Birchanger had a wonderful, peaceful Christmas. The team at Birchanger Village Magazine would like to take this opportunity in wishing all their readers a very Happy New Year. Our thanks go to our donors, reporters, proof readers, advertisers and printers for their valued contributions without which we would not exist. Many thanks also for all the residents that made Birchanger light up again. There really were some fantastic displays and it was harder to judge this year than ever before. Keep shining Birchanger.

With best wishes, Elizabeth, Ken and Peter



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

Peter Sampson

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2 Harrisons, Birchanger

VILLAGE NEWS

By Elizabeth Godwin

Time to Watch Out for Your Neighbours

In case you hadn't noticed, it can get very cold in the winter months! Great for the kids especially if it snows, but for older people and those with long term illnesses, colder weather and snow can be disastrous. This winter we have the additional worry of soaring electricity bills, so many of us cannot heat our homes as well as we have done in previous years. We all face financial pressures at the moment and maybe problems with plumbing in our too cold house as well. Remember, friendly words with your neighbours go a long way. You may not be able to fix the plumbing, but you might know a man who can. I wish you all a Happy New Year but please keep an eye on your neighbours.

Are You Trying to Save Money on Your Heating?



Most of us are desperately trying to save money one way or another. Our heating bill is just one in a series of worries. Some try turning off the central heating and use an alternative method of

heating to keep themselves warm, possibly resurrecting an old electric heater or perhaps investing in a new electric heater. Is this really a good idea? First of all, that old heater. Is it really safe to use? Is the cable in good condition or is the outer protective cover kinked or broken? If it is, it needs binning immediately. Get a qualified electrician to give it the once over before you plug it in. Remember the trailing flex poses a danger, and never use a heater with open elements to dry washing, the heat could ignite your clothes. Sit at least one metre from the heater. An electric heater is not a cheap quick fix. They normally use from 1kW to 3kW which will cost at least 34p/hour up to £1.0/hour. Leave it on for too long and it could be very expensive, whereas an efficient properly serviced central heating system set at 18 degrees Centigrade using a timer could be cheaper in the long run.

Protect Your Tools and Garden Equipment

Now is the time to protect your equipment from theft by using an invisible marker pen. When there is not much doing outside because of the weather and in the early darkness, the burgling types are busy going through our sheds, garages, or workplaces to help themselves to tools which have a high second-hand value. Police are constantly visiting places where these burgled items may be found with special torches which can identify and read any marking which the legitimate owner has applied, and many victims have had their property returned. Something else to do in these cold dark evenings?

Common Distraction Methods Used by Burglars

Crooks get up to all kinds of tricks to gain entry to your home. Here are a few. They pretend to be from a care agency needing to get into your home on some pretext or other. Unless you can be certain of their credentials, don't let them in. Sometimes the caller at the door claims to be investigating a gas or water leak. If they are genuine, they will have an identity card but if you were not expecting them, it is very unwise to let them in. Asking you where they could leave a note for a neighbour. Very dodgy, surely, they have a letter box. Perhaps they want a drink of water. You can get them one as long as you shut and secure the door while you do it. They may tell you there is an emergency and they need to get into your home quickly. (Maybe they would like to get into your home but there is no emergency!) Distraction theft is on the rise. Someone keeps you talking at the door while someone else is going through your property at the back. If you have tall hedges around the front of your property, perhaps consider cutting them lower so your front door can be seen from the road. You could also plant thorny hedges so that anyone attempting to climb over them will be in for a shock. Leave tool sheds as securely locked as possible and never keep valuable tools or equipment in a car or van overnight. Criminals know just how easy it is to relieve you of your property from any locked vehicle, Fit alarms if possible.

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 25th January 7.45 for 8.00 pm

bags@birchanger.com

Olivia: 07568 574703

Rosemary: 01279 814678



Are You Sure That the Policeman is Real?

Most of us would never think about questioning a person who identifies himself as a police officer, especially if greeted by a person on the doorstep in full police regalia. We just accept them as genuine. Sadly, in these times we can never be sure! Whether it is in person, by phone, or online, a genuine police officer will clearly identify themselves to you with an explanation as to why you have been contacted. If the contact is in person they will show you their warrant card, if it is by phone, they will clearly identify themselves.

The Police will never ask you for your bank details or your PIN number, nor will they ask you to transfer funds to another bank account, or to hand over cash or bank cards to a courier. They will never ask you to pay a fine or a fee to them or a third party. They would never ask for access to your computer, passwords, or login details over the phone or online, neither will they ask you to register personal details in an attachment or website online. Don't do any of these, even if they claim it will assist an operation. They will never ask you to click on a hyperlink to participate in an investigation. If they threaten you by telling you are committing a crime by noncompliance, ignore it and any abusive threatening or coercive behaviour. Seek help from friends or family.

If you need to report an incident to the real police, end the call and call the police on 101 to check the caller's identity. A bona fide officer may need to contact you, but they will never ask for remote access to your computer or ask you to click on a hyperlink. If you are suspicious stop, do nothing before you have checked the caller's identity. If you think you may have been a victim of fraud, call 0300 123 2040.

Fancy a Change of Direction?

As the busy Christmas season draws to a close, people tend to take stock and wonder what comes next. Perhaps the prospect of cold weather and austerity is almost too grim to think about, perhaps you are considering doing something else to change your outlook and earn a little extra money. You could consider fostering. Children can sadly be left stranded through no fault of their own. Their family collapses around them and there is nobody able to care for them. The only alternative is care. Certainly, some care arrangements simply do not work but many others are huge success stories with fostering leading to a happy lifelong arrangement. The child is in your care until they are 18 but there is no end date to the relationship. The child in so many cases is truly a part of your family. You will receive support from a local.....

paediatric social worker 24/7 as well as your dedicated social worker, access to a professional team and bespoke training. You will have additional tax-free allowances, 28 days paid holiday, additional allowances for your child's birthdays and Christmas holidays. You will also have membership and support from the Essex Foster Carers Association. An allowance of up to £485 per week, per child is possible. To find out more, without any obligation, call 0800 801 530



Permanent Road Closure

Birchanger Lane - Junction with A120 Bypass

Birchanger lane towards Bishop's Stortford and the A120 bypass will now be permanently closed until 23rd February 2023. This is required for the safety of the public and workforce while Essex County Council undertakes Junction improvement works.

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Planning Application - on Green Belt!

For those Birchanger residents who want to preserve Birchanger's Green Belt for this generation, our children, and our children's children and prevent us from becoming a suburb of Bishop's Cleeve, it is extremely important that you send your objections against the travellers planning application to Uttlesford District Council (UDC). Its simple to do and will take only a few minutes of your time. Your objections can be sent to UDC by email or letter:

- Email to: planning@uttlesford.gov.uk
- In writing to: Planning, Uttlesford District Council, London Road, Saffron Walden CB11 4ER

All objections must include:

- The planning application reference number: UTT/22/3094/FUL
- The address of the site: Travellers Site, North on Birchanger Lane, Birchanger CM23 5QA
- Your name
- Your address

Please submit individual representations where possible – i.e. two or more per household rather than just one. The more objections sent to UDC, the bigger impact it will have.

Objections Made by Birchanger Parish Council to UDC (letter sent 4th December 2022)

Birchanger Parish Council strongly objects to the occupation of this site by residential caravans in the Metropolitan Green Belt which surrounds Birchanger.

The site, close to the entrance of Birchanger village, became a temporary living area for the work force during the M11 construction phase between 1975 and 1979. It has since reverted to rural land enclosed by post and rail fencing, used predominantly for animal grazing, remaining, as before, within the Metropolitan Green Belt.

This retrospective planning application is a result of the failure to discharge Condition 8 of the appeal decision APP/C1570/C/18/3219384 dated 9th October 2021. Permission has lapsed and therefore the site is unauthorised.

Birchanger Parish Council is extremely concerned that the outcome of this retrospective application is a foregone conclusion. An email from UDC Enforcement dated November 2, 2022, states "the owner of the land and their planning agent have been written to and been invited to submit a planning application to regularise the unauthorised use". This leads Birchanger Parish Council to believe that the outcome of this retrospective application has already been determined in favour of the appellant.

The appellant has stated that circumstances have not changed therefore the Planning Inspector's appeal decision that quashed UDC's initial enforcement notice and granted conditional planning permission for the use of the site should remain.

Birchanger Parish Council does not agree with the appellant for the following reasons:

Birchanger is fully within the Green Belt land use,

designation (UDC Uttlesford Green Belt Review Annex Report 1 246505-4-05-03 Issue: 24 March 2016).

It is an inappropriate development that has occurred through subterfuge and disregard of planning law.

The high stockade fence is extremely unattractive and makes an unwelcome appearance at the gateway to the village. It is totally out of character and inappropriate in its current location in the Metropolitan Green Belt.

The development is totally against Parish Council and District Council planning policy which is against any development within the Green Belt. This site falls entirely within the Metropolitan Green Belt.

It is not an appropriate site for young children nor adults with health issues for it is in an area bordered by busy main roads and is within the Stansted Airport air quality management area. Extensive roadworks are taking place at the A120 roundabout at the south end of Birchanger Lane, immediately adjacent to this site, and also on the M11 Junction 8. The work started early 2022 and will continue until Spring 2024. The roadworks include the removal of a roundabout and its replacement by multiple sets of traffic lights. The pollution caused by these roadworks and the on-going heavy traffic including diesel powered buses and heavy transport vehicles, particularly when idling at the traffic lights, is not conducive to good health.

It is recognised that the current roadworks are not a long-term solution to the issue of traffic in this area and the future traffic capacity will continue to be reviewed by National Highways. It is highly probable that additional roadworks on the A120 and M11 junction 8 will take place following the completion of the current roadworks.

The Parish Council recommend that UDC officers and the Planning Committee visit the travellers site and its surrounding location to gain a full appreciation of the situation.

Birchanger Parish residents attending the Annual Parish Meeting vote unanimously every year against any development in the Metropolitan Green Belt. The Parish Council consider the Travellers Site to be an unnecessary development and therefore retrospective planning permission should be denied.

Important changes to your bin collections for the New Year 2023



Collections will start from Tuesday 3rd January 2023. This will be for your grey-lidded waste bin and food waste caddy. Extra black bags can be placed at the side of your bin for collection for this week only. The following week (10th to 13th January) will be a green-lidded recycling bin and food waste caddy collection week. Extra recycling

can be placed at the side of your bin for collection. Please put items in white or clear bags – we cannot collect your recycling if it is in black bags.

What's on in the village...



January 2023



Bin Collections: Bradley Common collected on Fridays. Rest of Birchanger on Thursdays. **Garden bin collections TBA**

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
30 Church Hall: 19.00 - 20.00 Apton Dance Latin/Ballroom BSSC: Quiz Night	31 Church hall: 12.00 Tap Dance 16.45 Ballet 18.45 - 21.00 Apton Dance				1 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

Happy New Year!

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy New Year!

Huge thank you to all our staff, committee and members who helped us have such a fantastic year with some great events, to name a few: Jubilee Beer Festival with our Sports Day and Bounce Day, Car Boot Sale, Village Fete and Dog Show, Childrens Christmas Party, Whisky Draw and our regular music evenings.

We also host regular weekly events such as the Quiz Night every Monday, Bingo on Thursday and Meat Raffle on Saturday.

We welcome new members again this year – membership is £25.00 to join, £20.00 for renewals and when you consider the discounts received by being a member it really is worthwhile with some refreshments being £1.00 per pint cheaper as a member.

The Membership Year runs from January so now is the ideal time to sign up!

Members and Life Members please remember to renew your membership

As always the club cannot put on these events without the committee – if you have some time and want to help our Club to grow and prosper there are still some spaces on the Committee – please do contact us – we are also looking for members who although don't want to be part of the formal committee do want to support the club at events. Knowing we have the support of you as members and some extra hands will allow us to put on bigger and better events and continue to improve your club for the future.

New Members: <https://www.birchangerclub.com/new-members>

Renewals: <https://www.birchangerclub.com/membership-renewal>

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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



For all general enquiries

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Birchanger Primary School

Life in all its fullness!

Christmas is a wonderful time of the year and at our school we have had a marvellous time enjoying our seasonal activities. To start the season of advent we were very lucky to have a beautiful Christmas tree donated to us. This tree provided a beautiful backdrop to the Christmas preparations. Once the tree was in place, the PTA held their Christmas bazaar. They worked hard to fill the school with lots of traditional events that children and adults enjoyed. We were also visited by Father Christmas who had taken time off from his usual busy schedule to be with us.



Our younger children in Seahorse and Hedgehog class presented their nativity play to the other children in the school, their families, and supporters. This year was a triumph. The younger children told the traditional story of the nativity with songs and dances in the style of Strictly Come Dancing, complete with judges. All of our younger children took part, and it was fabulous to see our school hall so full.

Mrs McArthur, our wonderful cook, gave the children and staff a fabulous Christmas lunch. In total 140 of us filled the hall and while the staff served the children everyone admired the Christmas jumpers and festive headgear worn by everyone.



The children enjoyed the story of Aladdin as the panto came to school. This had been organised by our amazing PTA and sponsored by Pestell's estate agents and our thanks goes to both of them. We were really lucky to watch this production without even needing to leave the school, which was especially handy as we had snow outside.



As we looked forward to our last days before the Christmas break the children spent time learning about the Christingle, and the children visited St Mary's church to remind us of the real story of Christmas and its meaning.

Claire Berry - Headteacher



Local Residents Discount Scheme

As some of you will know, I sit on the Stansted Airport Consultative Committee ('STACC'). I often feel that this is just a talking shop and a waste of my time but there is the occasional, minor success and I'm quite proud to have been very involved in persuading the airport to introduce a discount scheme for local residents when they were dropping off or picking up passengers at the terminal forecourt.

The standard drop-off charge at Stansted is now an eye-watering £7.00 but if you live within a 5-mile radius of the airport, you only need to pay 50 pence when dropping off at the terminal forecourt. If you live more than 5 miles away, but within a 10-mile radius, the charge is £1.00.

Either way, it's a lot cheaper than the £7.00 you would otherwise have to pay, and the alternative of parking in one of the short-stay car parks – Red, Blue, Orange or Green – is even more expensive. That will cost you £10.00 for up to 30 minutes and £18.00 for up to 60 minutes.

To get the benefit of the reduced drop-off charge, you need to have an 'Express Set Down Discount' card. If you don't already have one, why not make it your New Year's resolution to apply? You can do this online at:

<https://www.stanstedairport.com/parking/pick-up-and-drop-off/>.

Just scroll down the page to 'Express Set Down Discount Scheme' and you'll find the application form. It takes just two minutes to apply. The card can be used for picking up as well as dropping off, but you need time your arrival so that you can collect your passenger(s) straight away, without waiting. If you remain in the terminal forecourt area for more than 15 minutes, you'll be charged £25. Also, be warned that if you do a circuit and re-enter the terminal forecourt area within 30 minutes that will result in a charge of £20.

Finally, if you're wondering how much money Stansted Airport must be earning from its exorbitant car parking charges, the answer is that Stansted will this year generate an estimated £115 million from its car parks and in drop-off charges. Quite a nice little earner!

Brian Ross

Christmas Tree & Garden Refuse Recycling

The Christmas tree & garden refuse recycling skip/vehicle will be in Birchanger on Saturday, January 7th between 8.30 and 9.30 am.

THE FORGOTTEN GARDENS OF EASTON LODGE

And so, we start a new year and look forward to what it might bring. Of course, it will start with snowdrops and aconites, which in January should be showing but not flowering fully until February when we will open our Gate to visitors again. Hopefully, it will be a spectacular start to a good year, as we have spread the snowdrops to more parts of the Gardens and planted lots of aconite bulbs.

After a wet November and cold December, we managed to collect the leaves for leafmould and made a good start to our winter tree planting and pruning. In January we will be wrapped up well and hoping that the sun shines on our main volunteering days on Thursdays and Saturdays. Fortunately, we will be doing some big physical jobs which will also help us keep warm, including moving barrowloads of mulch and manure and digging out unwanted shrubs that keep on taking over the edges of the Gardens.



Another of our key tasks for January will be to advertise for more Trustees and more catering and gardening volunteers. We have a fantastic team and achieve a huge amount. To be able to look forward with confidence we would like to expand our team. More information can be found on our website www.eastonlodge.co.uk. So, if you are looking for a new challenge for the new year, why not get in touch? I will also be updating our website, so you will be able to see what's on at the Gardens through the coming season.

We will be having some new themes and activities for our Sunday Open Days. Our visitors enjoy seeing and learning about local crafts and we have space for a variety of stalls, so do contact us if you are interested in a pitch.

Jill Goldsmith



Inconsiderate Parking in Birchanger

The Community Safety Partnership have received a complaint about inconsiderate parking within Birchanger, this includes parking vehicles on the pavement making it impossible for pedestrians, pushchair, and wheelchair users to pass.

We politely request vehicles are not parked fully on the pavement, and ample space is left for pedestrians. Due to the nature of the rural roads in Uttlesford, drivers also need to ensure there is enough room on the carriageway for large emergency vehicles such as fire-engines to pass.

Whilst parking on the pavement is not illegal outside of London, both situations would be seen as an obstruction of the highway which is prohibited by law and can result in a fine. We are hoping to educate drivers to avoid this happening.

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BAGS	Rosemary Wheatley	01279 814678
Beauty Therapist	Sarah Whiting	07887 638359
Birchanger Magazine	Peter Sampson	07817 904333
Butterflies Preschool	Carly Richards	01279 810800
BSSC Club	Terry Earnshaw	01279 813441
Car Service, MOT, Gas	D. Bonney	01279 813315
Car Service - Mobile	B. K. Autos	07786 461813
Chiropodist	Julie Golden	01279 873492
Dance - Apton Studio	Maxine Williams	07854 251528
Dementia	Debbie Baker	07927 011345
Garden Services	GWB Horticulture	01799 543483
Garden Services	Will Grange	07516 783138
Hairdresser Men/Boys	Emma Marks	07527 227943
Holistic therapy/Reflexology	Shelley Williams	07476 279262
Landscaping Services	Mark Taylor	07941 357934
Launderette	Ian Kennedy	01279 866183
Line Dancing	Shelley	01279 864781
Neighbourhood Watch	Peter Sampson	07817 904333
Painting & Décor	David Debnam	07973 861268
Parish Clerk	Keith Williams	01279 814773
Petals Children's Play	Hana Hainsby	07730 619522
Public Safety	Peter Sampson	07817 904333
Speed Watch	Peter Sampson	07817 904333
St. Mary's Church	Pam Lee	07702 171744
Tai Chi	Cait Goddard	07415 628935
The Three Horseshoes	Paul & Paula	01279 813429
The Three Willows	Mark Boden	01279 815913
Village Church Hall	Cat Roberson	07475 092658

St. Mary's Church



Church services - 11.15 am

1st January	Matins with Jo Pratt
8th January	Holy Communion with Revd Helen Flack
15th January	Matins with Hugh Mascetti and Pam Lee
22nd January	Holy Communion with Revd C. Fairweather
29th January	Matins with Pam Lee/Peter Odrich

Church News

Because I feel it is important to keep the village informed about what is happening in our church, each month I sit and write a piece to go in the village magazine, detailing services and upcoming events. Although everyone is welcome both in church and at any of the events that we arrange, I realise that not everyone will attend or want to take part. I also recognise that not everyone will even read what I have written but what saddens me most is that there are people in our community who don't read the church news article yet still ask me when an event is to take place. Sometimes they have missed an event and seem genuinely upset. If only they had read the church news!

Last month the church hosted its second Christmas Dinner in the hall, and I have had some lovely comments from those who attended. Santa also came along and gave some beautiful gifts to all of the children who were present. My thanks go to Sue Gilbey who worked like a trojan in the kitchen (I could not have managed without her), Sue Warr and Rosemary Saward who organised the raffle and together with Carole Yeoman were also our waitresses for the day. I would like to thank all those who attended and made the day so festive and special.

Despite the bad weather, the Evening Carol Service was well attended and I hope that all of you that came enjoyed the evening as much as I did. The collection at St Mary's Remembrance Day service was £197 and in accordance with past tradition I can confirm that £100 has been donated to the Royal British Legion.

Prayer for the Month

Lord, whatever life brings, no matter how
demanding it may prove to be
Help us to remain faithful to your purposes and to look
forward to the dawn of your kingdom living each day in the
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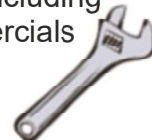
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