



Birchanger Village Magazine

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A Busy Day And Fine Weather For Birchanger Summer Fete

It was another great Birchanger event. Staged by the club, it had everything and as it turned out, plenty of people to enjoy it. The delicious hog roast provided by Mr. Levers once again sold out and most of the stalls around the field did well. There were drinks of all sorts available at the club and elsewhere, and everyone had the opportunity to catch up with neighbours and friends.

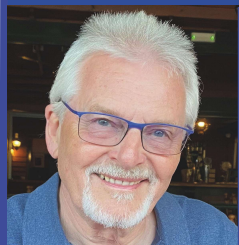
The dog show was a busy affair, and entertainment was supplied by solo singer Anna Wells and the newly formed local dance group from the Apton Dance Studio. This was one of their first outings and they looked very smart in their specially designed leotards.

A Dog Show for Everyone

Dogs are not always welcome everywhere, so the annual event is a great platform for people to bring their dogs to socialise with other furry canines. Certainly, the prize-winning dog owners enjoyed it. Not so sure about all the dogs, as a few didn't like each other all of the time. Most of them behaved themselves and received a tasty treat for their effort!

A Big thank you to the club and all those who were involved for all the hard work they put into the event to make the day a big success.





Editors Letter Box

A few more memories from the Summer Fete



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

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2 Harrisons, Birchanger

VILLAGE NEWS

By Elizabeth Godwin

Best of the Best at the Birchanger Summer Fete Dog Show

Loki the Labrador won Best in Show and Parsnip the Long Haired Miniature Dachshund won Reserve Best in Show. Well done.



Something to Look Forward to For Christmas

The 'Big Light Up' will be with us before you know it and promises to be bigger and better than ever. The event this year will be led by Maxine Williams and her team. The Big Light Up switch-on will be at the club and start promptly at 7.00 pm on Friday December 6th. Soon after this date, a group of Birchanger residents will walk through the whole village during the following two weeks. They will look at all the Christmas lights and through a vote will judge the winners. The results will be announced at the club on another special evening on Friday December 20th. The choir from Birchanger school will entertain us on the 6th and Maxine's own 'Apton Dance Studio' dancers are also expected to take part on the 20th.

So, it is time to get busy and plan as to how the rest of us can make Birchanger an even more amazing and beautiful place than it was last year. Further details of the evenings will be published nearer the time. One thing is certain, Christmas promises to be another beautiful time in Birchanger this year. Just remember, without everyone's participation and effort, it could not happen.

Birchanger All Girls Society

Next meeting:

Wednesday 30th October 7.45 for 8.00 pm

An interactive talk by Tim Turner, retired auctioneer from Sworders, entitled 'Tactile Objects From the Past'.

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Driver Caught Doing 108 MPH

Around 25 drivers over the last bank holiday had a need for speed but later regretted it. A week or so later, they were greeted with a fine and driving ban on the door mat. Police set up a speed trap on the M11 over the August bank holiday and were amazed at the number of drivers they caught speeding and who were prosecuted. Perpetrators were driving well over the speed limit, and some were even caught at speeds of between 90 and 108 mph. It is more amazing that anyone could reach these speeds on the M11 on a bank holiday. For most of us, chance would be a fine thing!



Recycling Domestic Appliances

If they work, it seems wrong just to condemn an appliance to the tip. Now it is possible to donate them to those who have a real need for them. If you can, drop off a working appliance to a dedicated recycling centre. It will be repaired and refurbished as necessary, fully tested and then donated or sold to individuals and families in need. The nearest recycling centres to Birchanger are: Harlow, Chelmsford, Chigwell, or Brentwood. Visit the Lighthouse Furniture Project website to find out more. <https://www.lighthousefurniture.org/>

So That Was Summer!

Gone as soon as it got started it seems. Some people love Autumn, but others, like me, dread the return of the wintry weather. The cold mornings when it takes longer to get the clothes you will need to face the day. The horror of losing one glove, a shoe or scarf. Ok you remember. If anyone asks you if you are looking forward to Christmas, you would be a better Bah Humbug than Scrooge. "What are you doing for Christmas" I'm asked, "haven't a clue" I answer. "I have you bought all my presents", claims one. There's another friend gone! "I am writing my cards" says another – "well bully for you" I answer. Cross off another name from my non-existent Christmas card list. Possibly permanently. Yet for many people Autumn is one of the best times of the year. The colours of the leaves. Picking blackberries, making jams, picking apples and making cider. Things people can enjoy making together and maybe coming together to enjoy at Christmas. It can't all be bad. Better just get on with it and enjoy.

How Was Your Holiday?

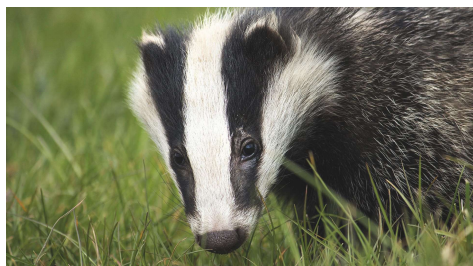
Was it the best ever? Was it so awful that you never want to go on holiday again? Was your journey different in some way? Did you have an exceptional journey? Did You hate every moment? Would you go back? Why not? Did something exceptional happen on your holiday? If so, why not tell the magazine about it?

Back to School

Holidays are over and schools are back again. Pockets are probably feeling considerably bruised over the ridiculous price of buying that seemingly 'must have' school uniform. Is it really yet another necessary expense, or are you happy to buy it as it saves the cost of buying other clothes which could reflect the latest demands of the fashion must haves? Parents are caught both ways.

What Do You Do With a Dead Badger?

We found a dead badger outside our house one summer morning. Sadly, it was very dead, and we did not have a clue what to do with it, except call the council, who were less than delighted to get our call. If it were outside our property they would arrange collection, but if it were inside, they would not. I imagine that anyone getting that type of response when a badger was found dead in their garden would be tempted to drag the badger outside their property or face an expensive trip to the vet for disposal. Anyway, as this was quite clearly outside the house they agreed to come out. We were surprised at what happened next. That same afternoon there was a knock on the door from a member of the Uttlesford Badger Group coming to collect our dead badger. I was totally unaware of this group, but very glad to see their representative.



He checked first that the badger was really dead, he was, and that it was not a nursing mother, otherwise they would be visiting the set to pick up any orphaned cubs.

They are anxious to pick up these as soon as possible so that they can care for them until they are ready to return to the wild. Badgers are rarely seen. If you do find one in daylight the chances are it is a sick badger. In this case the badger group would like to hear from you as soon as possible. They will collect the badger and try and nurse them back to health before returning them to the wild. If it is a female, they will check the set to find out if there are any cubs. Badgers are territorial and their entry point to your garden should be easily found. They can be very annoying in a garden and the badger group would rather you called them for help and advice before taking any action of your own. Badgers tend to follow the same route so the entry point to your garden should be easy to find.

It is best to consult the experts before taking any action of your own. Uttlesford Badgers can both advise you and help you about the care and rehoming of any badgers you may have found causing a nuisance or damage. It is an offence to do any harm to badgers no matter how annoying they may be. Our badger had been hit by a car. If that happens to you, remember this number below where you can get help to do the right thing for the badger, whether it is alive or dead. They are the experts. Since writing we have found another dead badger in the lane. Clearly killed by yet another speeding car. It died a slow death after its injuries finally got better of it and we found her in the morning. We called the badger group and they were here within twenty minutes. They checked it was not a nursing mother otherwise they would have been searching for the cubs. None were found. The number to call the Badger Group is 01279 593332, or 07941 185171 or Email info@ubg-uk.org.



Now They Are Stealing Cats

There have been reports that cats are being stolen from people's drives and front gardens in broad daylight and often in front of their very distressed owners. They are then driven away by

men dressed in black and wearing hoods. The loss of their pets causes huge distress to their owners and the cats have yet to be recovered.

Watch out there's a thief about!

Don't leave your front or back door unlocked or leave your keys in the door - ever. It is only too easy for a thief to coolly walk into the house and help themselves to anything they fancy. No damage to your property and in some cases, it takes a while for the victims to realise their losses, many of which have already been sold on in the meantime. Some even find that their pets have been taken as well.

Looking to Start up a New Business?

Uttlesford District Council can help. The Uttlesford Business Start-Up Support Team at Uttlesford District Council (UDC) are on hand to offer support and signpost you to the most relevant business advice services and finance available to help your business off the ground. Their website and FREE newsletter contain up to date information on available support, training, mentoring, events and everything you need to help you navigate your way through to success.

Goodbye Summer

Looking back, it has been a strange sort of summer. We actually had rain, wind and cold spells. The weather was changeable, with some parts of the country having a bigger share of the warmth than others. In our garden the birds came back with a vengeance. Consumption of bird seed high. Entertainment higher, as more birds returned for seconds, swallows arrived, although not stopping here but at least they were here for a short while. Chief clowns were the jackdaws. They arrived in their squadrons, examining Birchanger chimney pots for nesting opportunities, carrying out as they deemed necessary, modifications to the chimney without referring to the residents below.

If you have had a summer resident, best check your roof and chimneys. They were funny too. Dad dived onto the bird feeder for the best of the nuts while baby tapped his shoulder when he was ready. This went on for at least two weeks when suddenly baby dived down, shoved the long-suffering parent out of the way and finally gathered a nut for himself. Other baby birds appeared. Some parents had two rounds of babies.

This year it seems is a sign of a bad winter to come. In the garden flowers came out ahead of time, signs of global warming. Trees suddenly shed their leaves early. It remains to be seen if the leaves return next spring. Some people love Autumn with all its brilliant colours, but for some wimps like me it is a sad time with the all the cold, fog, and rain to come, not to mention Christmas and all that brings.

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Stansted u3a extends heartfelt thanks to St Theresa's Church community for allowing us to use their beautiful hall at very short notice for our monthly meeting in August. St John's, our usual venue, were given only a few days' notice from their contractors that the Church Hall would be rendered unavailable as they proposed carrying out remedial work that day.

With a speaker booked to discuss "...and Over Here": a history of USA wartime aviation in East Anglia, and notices already sent out, we faced a dilemma. Fortunately, thanks to the swift actions of John O'Brien and Father Clement, who expedited the process in just 24 hours, we secured St Theresa's Hall in time to inform our members of the venue change. The event was a success, with the hall providing a perfect setting and the speaker delivering a brilliant presentation.

Garden Group members were treated to a delightful day at Michelle and David Thomas's garden in Chrishall. On a scorching summer day, we were welcomed with ice-cold drinks and the opportunity to explore this serene garden. Created over 30 years, the garden has been a therapeutic journey for Michelle, who, despite having no gardening experience, found solace and healing through its creation. The garden features island borders filled with roses, meandering lawns and a wisteria walkway leading to a shepherd's hut and an enclosure for three miniature Shetland ponies. Our Poetry Group

will explore a diverse programme over the next year, featuring poets like John Clare and Seamus Heaney and themes ranging from women's rights to technology.

In August, Doctors Arun and Rita Aggarwal led the Saturday seminar on Climate Change. The next seminar, "AI – Friend or Foe", is scheduled for Saturday, 12th October.

If you would like to know more about Stansted Mountfitchet u3a then check out our new website at www.Stansted.u3asite.uk/

Susan Sedgebeer

Helicopters Flying Over the Village Again

A number of residents have reported an increase in helicopters flying over Birchanger and the accompanying noise that it brings. Stansted Airport have advised pilots to take a specific route around the village. However, it seems some pilots simply ignore these instructions. The only way in which to prevent helicopters overflying Birchanger is if residents report each incident to the airport. You can do this by emailing: stanstednoise@stanstedairport.com or online at: <https://complaint-eu.emsbk.com/stn11>

Apart from complaining about helicopter disturbance, you can also report air quality, aircraft fumes and oily droplets.

If you wish to make a complaint, please ensure you include your full postal address and specific dates and times of the noise disturbance you wish to complain about. Please note that screen shots from flight-tracking websites can only be accepted if you also include the date and time of the flight in question. You can also contact the team via letter: Flight Evaluation Unit, Enterprise House, Stansted Airport, Stansted, CM24 1QW. Or leave a message on their free answerphone service: 0800 243 788.



Jocelyn Donoghue

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Based in Clavering

what's on in the village...

Hello October

October 2024



Household Bin Collections: Bradley Common collected on Fridays. Rest of Birchanger on Thursdays. (Some exceptions)

Garden Waste Skip Outside the Club 15.00-16.00: 26 Oct, 23 Nov.

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

Sun

Birchanger Parish Council Meetings: Meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.30 pm in the church hall - **Open to the public.**

1
Church hall:
09.45-10.45 Ballet
Apton Dance:
17.30 Teen Latin
18.45 Teen Street
19.30 Adult Street
20.15 Rock'n Roll

2
Church hall:
10.00 Tai Chi
13.00 Takeley Art
16.15-17.15
Ellouise Dance
18.30 Apton
Dance:

3 **Black Bin**
Church hall:
12.00 Line dance
16.45-20.30
Ellouise Dance
BSSC:
20.00 Bingo

4
Church Hall:
09.00 - 11.00
Apton Dance
private lessons
11.00 Pilates
15.30 Ellouise
Dance

5
Church Hall:
Apton Dance:
09.00 Apton Mini
09.45 Kids Latin 2
10.30 kids Latin 1
BSSC:
13.00 Meat draw
Parallel Covers

6
St Mary's
Church:
11.15 am Family
Service
BSSC:
Sunday Roast

7
Church Hall:
09.30-11.00
Ayatana Yoga
16.00-18.45
Ellouise Dance
19.00 - 20.30
Apton Dance
Latin/Ballroom

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20.15 Rock'n Roll

9
Church hall:
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Ellouise Dance
18.30-21.15 Apton
Dance

10 **Green Bin**
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16.45-20.30
Ellouise Dance
BSSC:
20.00 Bingo

11
Church Hall:
09.30 - 11.00
Apton Dance
private lessons
11.00 Pilates
15.30 Ellouise
Dance

12
Church Hall:
Apton Dance:
09.00 Apton Mini
09.45 Kids Latin 2
10.30 kids Latin 1
BSSC:
13.00 Meat draw

13
St Mary's
Church:
11.15 Holy
Communion
Service
BSSC:
Sunday Roast

14
Church Hall:
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Ayatana Yoga
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15.30 Ellouise
Dance

19
Church Hall:
Apton Dance:
09.00 Apton Mini
09.45 Kids Latin 2
10.30 kids Latin 1
BSSC:
13.00 Meat draw
Me & Him

20
St Mary's
Church:
11.15 Holy
Communion
Service
BSSC:
Sunday Roast

21
Church Hall:
09.30-11.00
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Apton Dance
Latin/Ballroom

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Dance

24 **Green Bin**
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16.45-20.30
Ellouise Dance
BSSC:
20.00 Bingo

25
Church Hall:
09.30 - 11.00
Apton Dance
private lessons
11.00 Pilates
15.30 Ellouise
Dance

26
Church Hall:
Apton Dance:
09.00 Apton Mini
09.45 Kids Latin 2
10.30 kids Latin 1
BSSC:
13.00 Meat draw
Halloween Bash

27
St Mary's
Church:
11.15 am
Morning Prayer
BSSC:
Sunday Roast

28
Church Hall:
09.30-11.00
Ayatana Yoga
16.00-18.45
Ellouise Dance
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Apton Dance
Latin/Ballroom

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20.00 BAGS

31 **Black Bin**
Church hall:
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Ellouise Dance
BSSC:
20.00 Bingo

Live Entertainment - Great Food - Excellent Bar - Snooker - Darts - Pool - Football - Cricket - Bowls

Sports & Social Club News



PARALLEL COVERS



SATURDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2024
8PM-LATE



BONFIRE NIGHT! 2ND NOVEMBER

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SATURDAY 26 OCTOBER

LIVE MUSIC ME AND HIM



SATURDAY 19TH
OCTOBER



Birchanger Sports & Social Club
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Exciting New Term at Butterflies

It was so wonderful to welcome back our children to Preschool after the long summer break, the staff have been amazed by how much the children have grown. They have all settled so well and are ready for the fun ahead this academic year. We are also in the process of welcoming lots of new families to the Preschool and those that have already started have settled so well.

Over the summer the staff have been working hard to sort and create a stimulating and inviting environment for the children to explore and have definitely achieved this. The children came back very excited to explore our revamped role play area,. We have added real life cooking utensils, saucepans, china plates and cups, cutlery, a kettle and have even been enjoying using real pasta, lentils and herbs to play with. This has been a huge hit with the children. We have been encouraging the children to pour and scoop carefully with these items which the children have done so well.

The children have been showing some fantastic skills in all areas and are working hard to achieve a "WOW" moment butterfly which we display in the room and they also get to take one home. Over the next few weeks we have lots of exciting activities planned such as making jam flapjacks, taking part in PE sessions over at the Primary School, playdough making, working as a team to create a Harvest display, fun Forest School sessions and much more.

Preschool take children from the age of two up until they leave to go to Primary school, please email:

admin@birchangerbutterflies.org.uk or call 01279 810800 if you would like more details about us or if you would like to come and have a look around.



Fly Tipping Nuisance

Whilst out on my dog walk recently, I came across one of the local farmers clearing a mound of rubbish that had been fly-tipped in one of the fields!



Due to the recent gas works that were carried out in the field, the entrance to the field from Birchanger Lane is now wide enough for vehicles to obviously reverse up and fly tip!! No doubt as this becomes known it will get used more often.

The farmer explained that he would be felling a tree to block vehicles being able to enter (but low enough for walkers to step over) and eventually there will be a gate put permanently in its place! I Was asked to make this known to local residents!

Susan Young



**Birchanger Sports
and Social Club**

**Wanted - weekend staff for
pot washing. Must be aged 16+
Contact Terry Earnshaw on 07 52 73 55 21
Or enquire at the club**



STANSTED AIRPORT WATCH TO BECOME A FOUNDATION

Earlier this year, at a Special General Meeting, Stansted Airport Watch (SAW) members approved a proposal to convert SAW into a Foundation. The conversion process has been protracted but will be completed on 30 September at which time SAW will become a Community Interest Company (CIC).

The SAW Foundation will have the same key objectives as the current objectives of SAW. It will be a not-for-profit entity established for the benefit of the local community and to help protect the local environment. By establishing the SAW Foundation, we will be laying down the seed-corn for the future. All of the residual net assets of SAW will be transferred to the Foundation on 30 September, expected to be in the region of £85,000. The aim will be to protect and grow these funds over the years ahead so that, if there is a renewed threat of major expansion at Stansted Airport, funds should be available from the outset to kick-start a new campaign.

Whilst there will be certain benefits in establishing the SAW Foundation, there will undeniably be adverse consequences from winding down SAW. It will no longer be a member organisation and so there will be no subscriptions, no newsletters, no website and no office services. Noise Complaints will no longer be via the SAW website, but via stanstednoiseline@stanstedairport.com, with a copy to the local MP as appropriate. SAW has in fact been struggling for some time to find the volunteers needed to maintain these core services.

The SAW Foundation will not engage in any significant level of active campaigning but it will not be entirely passive. The directors of the Foundation, either individually or collectively, may wish to continue to provide occasional advice and commentary on key airport-related issues.

Ultimately, however, local district, parish and town councillors and our local MPs will need to become more directly involved in dealing with the environmental impacts of Stansted Airport. This will include dealing with local residents' concerns about the airport's activities and holding the Department for Transport and other government departments and agencies to account, as required.



This will be my final regular monthly article under the banner of Stansted Airport Watch but, when there is an important airport-related news story to report, I will aim to keep local residents informed via the magazine, under the heading 'Airport News'.

Brian Ross

THE FORGOTTEN GARDENS OF EASTON LODGE

This is our last month of the open season at the Gardens and after the disastrous snowdrop season, it has turned into a decent year!

In October, our volunteers will be continuing with deadheading and weeding to ensure that the Gardens are still looking lovely for visitors. The Italian Garden and walled kitchen garden retain their colour right through to the end of the season, from their roses and dahlias, with some seed heads, sedum and Michaelmas daisies adding an autumn vibe. Both areas can be beautifully warm, as they keep out the wind. Who knows when the autumn leaf show will start this year on the acers, red and scarlet oaks, ornamental cherries and Persian ironwood, but it can be anytime from mid-October onwards.



Visitors will be encouraged to walk to the bottom of the Glade, where some of the prettiest acers are, and where volunteers will be working to extend the Japanese style garden. There will be pumpkins and squashes for sale, as well as our chilli crop and jams and jellies.

The Gardens will be open every Thursday, from 11.00 to 3.00. The last Sunday Open Day of the year is on Sunday 13 October, from 11.00am to 5.00pm, and there will be Halloween activities and Bishops Stortford Ukelele Society will get visitors singing along to popular classics. For more information about our opening hours and discounted advance tickets for the Sunday Open Day go to www.eastonlodge.co.uk/whats-on



The Hundred Parishes Society

Many of the walks on our website provide opportunities to pause and enjoy a panoramic view from a vantage point. The layout of roads, settlements, woods and fields is a visual record of many centuries of human activity.

Checking with an Ordnance Survey map, it is possible to pinpoint significant landmarks and features such as hedged field boundaries. From the 16th century, assorted records of land ownership have survived, but the most complete set of records was gathered by surveyors for the mid-19th century Tithe Awards, a forerunner of today's rating assessments for council tax and business rates.



Strethall

Prepared between 1837 and the 1850's, these documents were the result of painstaking work by surveyors whose task was to map and list the details of land ownership, occupiers, size of plot and land use. Buildings, gardens and names of fields were recorded. Subsequent research by local historians has revealed that some field names can be traced back centuries, an indication of the close association of communities with the land that provided their food and opportunities for employment.



Barley

Field names are varied, some give just the size in acres while others mention specific persons such as Old Harry's Field.

Some are more descriptive such as Hop Ground, Twelve Acre Pasture, Thistley Field, The Rookery, Mill Hill Field, Further Pasture, Ozier Ground and Crab Tree Field.

Comparing these old parish maps with recent maps highlights the significant loss of hedgerows with the creation of much larger fields



Saffron Walden

to allow agricultural machines to work the land.

For anyone interested in local history, the details within these tithe awards may be a useful resource – they are held by the Public



Standon

Record Office for 80% of the Hundred Parishes' parishes. For further information please see

<https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/tithes/>

Tricia Moxey, Trustee www.hundredparishes.org.uk



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Mon-Sat: 12noon - 3pm & 6 - 11pm Sunday: 12noon - 3pm

Village Services and Activities

Service	Contact	Telephone No.
Allotments	Council Clerk	01279 814473
Alzheimer	Marian	07803 115826
Art Studio & Gallery	Heather Brown	01279 815453
Ballroom Dance	Fred Winters	01763 271942
Ballet for kids	Philippa McMeechan	01763 271010
BAGS	Rosemary Wheatley	01279 814678
Beauty Therapist	Sarah Whiting	07887 638359
Beauty - HEH Nails	Hana Hainsby	07730 619522
Birchanger Magazine	Peter Sampson	07817 904333
Butterflies Preschool	Carly Richards	01279 810800
BSSC Club	Terry Earnshaw	01279 813441
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Car Service - Mobile	B. K. Autos	07786 461813
Chiropodist	Julie Golden	01279 873492
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St. Mary's Church



Church services - 11.15 am

6th October	Family Service with Pam Lee
13th October	Holy Communion with Revd Helen Flack
20th October	Holy Communion with Revd Colin Fairweather
27th October	Morning Prayer with Pam Lee

News

Right from the start, a huge thank you to everyone who came along to Birchanger Fete! The church stall was packed with lots of lovely tombola prizes, and we were so busy that by 3pm every prize had been claimed. Every penny raised goes to help keep our church in good repair. Thank you to all who came along, gave so generously and helped to create such a great atmosphere.

Over the last couple of months ill health has meant that the number of worshippers in church has been much reduced and being realistic, as we all get older, I cannot see that things are likely to change. Up and down the country, small churches such as ours are experiencing the same problem. Lack of numbers obviously results in reduced income. Resources become stretched and, eventually the PCC will not be able to fund things like churchyard maintenance, repairs, electricity and water rates. Our church is not immune to the pressures of the financial crisis that we all know so well.

Another problem is the lack of people willing to join the PCC and be an official representative of the church. We really do need a second churchwarden, sides people and readers. People who are willing to help prompt the church and look to developing growth in the congregation, a vision for the future. If you can do anything to help, please contact me, Pam Lee.

Last year we began to build our Bethlehem Trail, recording the journey to Bethlehem for the birth of our Lord. Both children and adults took part, producing some lovely artwork on cobbles that lined the footpath from the church door to half way down the path towards the lychgate. This year we would like to complete the trail and to do this we need more decorated cobbles please. Let us know if you need cobbles.

Dates for your Diary

10th November	Remembrance Sunday 10.30 am
1st December	Bethlehem Trail starts.
12th December	School Christingle service
20th December	7.00 pm Evening Carol service

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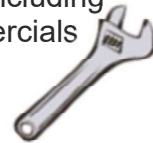


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