



# Birchanger Village Magazine

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*"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, We will remember them." Laurence Binyan*

## Nine dwelling development on Green Belt - appeal dismissed

Shortly after the October edition of this magazine went to print last the planning inspector published the decision about the above appeal relating to land South of Birchanger. The proposal to develop nine new dwellings on the green belt land was dismissed and permission refused.

The appellant lodged their appeal against prior refusal in April 2025 and case officer Chris Tyler published the decision to refuse the appeal on September 23rd. The Planning inspectorate cannot change or revoke the outcome of the decision as only the High Court can quash it. There is a strictly enforced deadline for challenging the decision.

The 15 page appeal decision document covered over 90 separate points. The main issues that were considered in arriving at the appeal dismissal were;

- i) the effect of the proposal on the setting and significance of the Grade II listed building 'Barn' approximately 210 yards East of Birchanger Hall, Birchanger Lane'
- ii) the effect of the proposal on highway safety
- iii) whether or not the proposal would be inappropriate development in the Green Belt.
- iv) the effect of the proposal on the purposes of the Green Belt
- v) if the development would be inappropriate, whether the harm to the Green Belt by reason of inappropriateness, and any other harm, is clearly outweighed by other considerations so as to amount to the very special circumstances necessary to justify it.

Many villagers lodged objections to the development with Uttlesford District Council and will be relieved that at least this development on Green Belt land has been dismissed. There are very large threats to Birchanger's Green Belt on the horizon and it will remain vital for villagers to raise their objections and concerns to the council as and when the time comes to do so.



### Stand up for our villages!

- ✓ Join the Birchanger & Stansted Green Belt Preservation Group to get involved, keep informed and find out what you can do to fight this development:
  - 📌 Follow the Birchanger and Stansted Greenbelt Preservation Facebook page
  - @ Email: [bsgreenbeltpreservation@gmail.com](mailto:bsgreenbeltpreservation@gmail.com)
  - ☎ Call: 07368 501136
- ✓ Tell your neighbours, share this flyer and speak out!
- ✓ Look out for future notices and communications.

**Once it's built on, it's gone forever.**

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# The Ed's InBoxBag ©

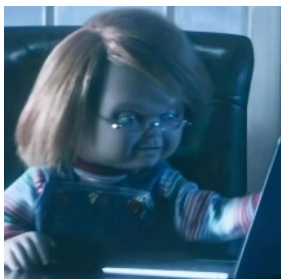


*Dear Villagers,*

The nights are drawing in, the days are shorter and many of us will increase the binge-watching of box sets, scrolling through social media and order a takeaway to avoid going outside in the cold. It's hard to travel in and out of the village anyway with road closures, badly parked cars and jammed traffic at either end. Best just curl up and veg for the next few months. If you are a village teenager, please don't set off fireworks for weeks on end. Pets get scared. Last week, one of our dogs (not sure which) was so frightened by someone letting off a banger in mid-October she knocked our 25 foot Christmas tree off the 'Dancing-on-ice' display in front of our house.



Be responsible folks; respect the seasons, the peaceful village and keep the 'crazy' to yourselves - thank you very much. And speaking of crazy...



Hiya The Underscore Ed!

Here's a picture of me auditioning for the role of Jimmie Crankie. You know, the short Scottish lass that wore shorts. Anyway I didn't get the job, they offered me some tragic horror movie instead which Mum declined.

P.S. I bought this drone (pictured) from someone in the pub car park last week but I can't get it to fly. It won't light up or even leave the ground but you can push it about a bit on its' little wheels. Mum said write to you as you might know something about it and stuff. TIA



Master Charles of Churton

Dear MC of C,

Your Mum is clearly as smart as you are which appears to be a very low bar. Sure, I'll get that sucker to fly alright, just send me £200 per month to my 'special' website [droppedonmyhead@birth.com](mailto:droppedonmyhead@birth.com) and I will post you the technical manual in monthly instalments for - well - forever really. We'll have that beauty airborne before you can say 'Steal my money because I'm the village idiot'. You're very welcome. Please write again. The\_Ed

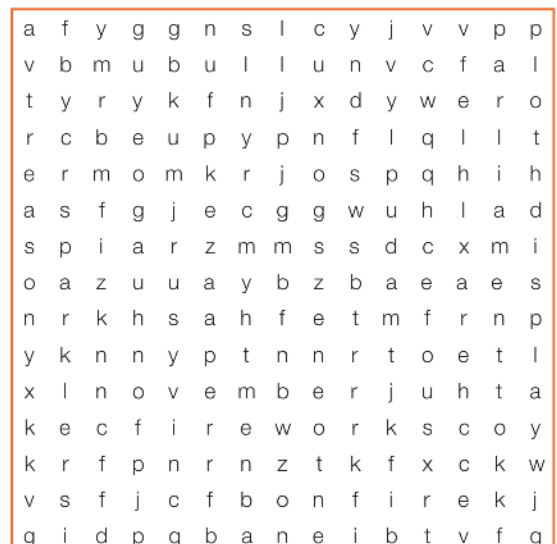
**PUZZLE MANIA** - thanks to Mr Guido Forkez of Harrison's

November 5<sup>th</sup> Word-Search Special!

Find the TWELVE words hidden in the grid all relating to Bonfire Night  
Five Questions too....

1. What was Guy Fawkes' real name?
2. What year did the Gunpowder Plot take place?
3. Who is the Catherine Wheel named after?
4. Fireworks were invented where in the world in the 2<sup>nd</sup> century BC?
5. What is the Yorkshire cake traditionally eaten on Bonfire night called?

Alice in Social Anxiety Land



# Liz Godwin's News & Views



## The Packaging Battle Begins.

As we move ever closer to the end of the year and the Christmas season approaches people tend to become increasingly more stressed as they worry about what lies ahead. Christmas is supposed to be a joyous season, but for some it is a battle to try to get everything right for the day, which is posing a problem in itself. No cash, no ideas and too many bills to pay. Worst of all with work and family commitments there is no time to go Christmas shopping.

Stop wrapping up everything up for a start. It takes hours and most of it ends up in the bin which rapidly becomes overflowing. Children's toys come with an enormous amount of packaging for one tiny car, and it is so hard to get into the content that only a strong adult can rip it all off in some cases. The disproportionate packaging already fills half the bin.

Why do the manufacturers waste so much time and money over packaging? Possibly it is because we import so much from overseas and some of the goods go through more than one port and make multiple vehicle journeys to reach their destination. Some of the things we import are certainly not worth the cost of their packaging, and are so badly made that they end up in the dustbin at the end of the day. A lot of packaging, a lot of expense and the items were never worth it in the first place. More disappointment and lots of tears. What has happened to British manufacturing? More expensive but usually better made. In my house many of the foreign made toys did not live to see Boxing Day. Mostly ending up in the already overflowing bin on Christmas night with many tears along the way.

Take care what you buy. Sometimes it is better to give a small token present or a card both with some money inside. Children certainly tend to know exactly what they want and you have probably never heard of it.

## Blocking Birchanger Lane

Ok the work in the lane may be necessary. We have experienced flooding at the site for years, but why not level with the residents. Tell them up front what you are doing and for how long. It isn't necessary to be dismissive of residents when they ask. Most utilities have the courtesy to inform those who live in Birchanger and are amongst the most affected by the lane closure. Why can't the water companies?

## Are You Ready For The Big Light Up?

Less than 8 weeks to go and it will be Christmas once again and time for the big light up the skies in Birchanger. Time to make things magical and very special. We have done it before. Time to think about doing it again.

There's so much happening at Stansted u3a this November, with something to interest everyone.

**u3a**  
Stansted Mountfitchet

Our brand-new Understanding IT group continues with a particularly timely session: *"Scams — Spotting the Digital Con Artists"* on 18 November. Together we'll examine phishing emails, fake websites, and those too-good-to-be-true online offers. With real examples to review, members will learn how to spot the red flags and share personal experiences. It promises to be a lively, practical session that could save us all from costly mistakes.

Meanwhile, the Poetry Group meets in its usual slot on Thursday 6th November, turning its attention to the life and work of poet and comedian Henry Normal. On Monday 10 November, the Garden Group will take time out over tea and cake to reflect on the past season and plan a fresh programme of visits and activities for the year ahead.

A highlight of the month will undoubtedly be our Saturday Seminar on 15 November. We are delighted to welcome back Jo Brooks, one of our own members and a much-appreciated art historian. Jo is well known for her beautifully illustrated talks and her deep knowledge of art. This time she will focus on her favourite painter, Titian, bringing alive his genius, influence, and dramatic style. This seminar is one not to miss.

Finally, our monthly meeting on Thursday 20 November at St Theresa's Parish Centre (1.30 for 2.00pm) will feature speaker Pamela Holmes, who will uncover the fascinating life of the *Huntingfield Heroine*— a Suffolk woman of extraordinary vision, now largely forgotten.

This is just a glimpse of all that's happening. With groups ranging from art to walking and new activities always starting up, Stansted u3a offers something for everyone. Visitors are always welcome — come along and see for yourself!

## Birchanger All Girls Society

The 'BAGS' welcome women to join them on the last Wednesday of every month in the village hall.  
Wednesday November 26<sup>th</sup> 7.45pm  
Christmas Craft evening decorating baubles

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

Rosemary: 01279 814678 - Liz Turner: 07473 508056

## Gordon Bleu and his restaurant review



Nolaki, Mediterranean cuisine, 30 Silver Street, Stansted Mountfitchet



For those who were familiar with the former Cock pub where Nolaki now exists will be amazed at the change. We entered the restaurant on a warm Saturday evening in September at around 7.30pm. The décor was vibrant, the place was nearly full and the atmosphere was nicely buzzing.

The first impressions were great, and were quickly followed up by the next pleasant experience - the very energised and attentive waiter. We were shown to our table and gradually invited to select drinks and food from the sumptuous menu.

I chose Yogurtlu chicken, a shish with diced bread, yogurt, halep sauce and drizzled with butter. My better half chose Lambs liver floured with cumin and red onion as well as the scallops. The food was simply superb, well presented and the waiter extremely informed about how it was prepared and where everything was sourced. As the evening wore on, the waiter's explanations got slightly less clear as we tore through a bottle or two of the extremely good Provence wine and got strangely interested in the soothing music and lighting....

The whole experience was memorable and we could not find fault in any aspect of the evening. One tip if you drive there is to register your car at the bar as the car park is privately owned. And if you drink, get a taxi.....

## For the Love of Dog Zac

This month we feature Zac, who is owned by villagers Emma and Matt Marks.



Zac was born in Ireland and was originally named Zeus. He was bred to be a working dog and was brought over by a family living in Northampton, who trained him as a gun dog and renamed him Zac.

We had sadly lost two dogs in a short space of time, and Reg the spaniel was still only a puppy. Matt asked his friends if anyone knew of a trained

dog he could buy, as he needed one for beating. For those unfamiliar, beating is a countryside sport where people and dogs work together to flush game birds from cover during a shoot. A kind friend offered us Zac, who was eighteen months old at the time.

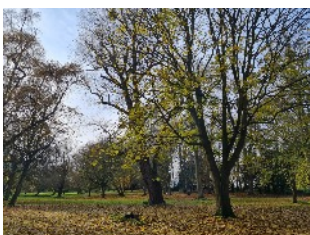
When we went to collect him, the man had around 35 dogs in his kennels. Zac looked so fit and healthy, and he was so happy to see us. He jumped straight into the car - and what a hairy boy he was!

After a well-needed brush and bath, Zac settled in beautifully and has been a wonderful addition to our family ever since. He has fathered a litter of puppies, one of which we kept - our lovely Ralphy.



Recently, Zac was castrated and had his anal glands removed. Sadly, they turned out to be cancerous, which was devastating for us. Thankfully, he is currently well and loving life. He's looking forward to going beating again, which he absolutely loves, especially with shooting season just around the corner.

## THE GARDENS OF EASTON LODGE



In November, with the gate shut to visitors, our volunteers enjoy the last autumn colours and the low rays of sunshine, which make the trees and structures shine out and bring some warmth to the Italian Garden and walled kitchen garden. There are still a few flowers and fungi, and we keep an eye out for the many signs of the birds, hares, badgers and deer that consider the Gardens as their home. We start working through the planned list of autumn/winter jobs and take joy from imagining how they will secure the Gardens' splendour and improve them for next season.

Away from the Gardens, our Archivists have their own winter jobs. They have plans to scan more of the historic photos we hold, with a view to producing albums that visitors can browse. They also plan to do further research on the last Viscount Maynard's management of his estate - you can spot many of the houses he had built for local people, because of their M or Stag badges. We are keen to find out to what extent his approach provided a model

for his granddaughter, when she took responsibility for the management of the estate and as the Countess of Warwick. We Trustees will be working on plans for future conservation projects. And volunteer, Gary, will deliver talks about the Countess of Warwick and her Gardens to local groups - if you wish to arrange for a talk, please contact us through the website or through the enquiries line: 01371 876979. **Jill Goldsmith**



BIRCHANGER SPORTS  
AND SOCIAL CLUB

# CLUB NEWS & EVENTS



## Welcome to this month's Birchanger Sports and Social Club Events Newsletter!

We're here to keep you up to date with everything happening in and around the club – from live music and quizzes to family fun and community get-togethers. Birchanger Social Club is at the heart of our village, and we love seeing old friends and new faces come through the doors. So grab a drink, join in, and let's make the most of what's coming up together!

**70s NIGHT**  
GET READY TO SING, DANCE, AND FEEL THE FUNK WITH  
**SKINTIGHT**  
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 1st - 8pm

8pm **FREE QUIZ NIGHT**  
29th November

VOUCHER £40.00  
Congratulations you have won

VOUCHER £30.00  
Congratulations you have won

VOUCHER £20.00  
Congratulations you have won



## NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

We welcome new members. To join you can either complete the online application or speak to a member of staff at the Club. For more information visit [www.birchangerclub.com](http://www.birchangerclub.com)

## Celebrate Fireworks Night Responsibly

Fireworks Night is a wonderful tradition that brings our community together — but it can also be a stressful time for pets and wildlife.

This year, support your local village display instead of hosting private fireworks throughout the month. Our display will last approximately 30 minutes, giving everyone the chance to enjoy a spectacular show while helping to reduce unnecessary noise and disruption.

Many animals find loud bangs and flashes frightening.

Visit [www.bluecross.org.uk](http://www.bluecross.org.uk) or [www.rspca.org.uk](http://www.rspca.org.uk) for expert advice on how to prepare and comfort your pets this Fireworks Night.



## NEW YEARS EVE

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF MUSIC AND MADNESS  
THE UNFORGETTABLE ME AND HIM — BECAUSE NOTHING SAYS  
“NEW YEAR, NEW ME” LIKE STARTING IT OFF WITH  
MISCHIEF, AND MAYBE SOME QUESTIONABLE DANCE MOVES!



**ME & HIM**  
PARTY PANTS AT THE READY!



★★★ **POKER NIGHT** ★★★

£5 ENTRY - PLUS £5 REBUY FOR FIRST HOUR  
PRIZES TO BE SPLIT BETWEEN TOP 3 - MEMBERS ONLY



**TNT SPORTS**



**WATCH  
sky SPORTS  
LIVE HERE**





**REMEMBER  
REMEMBER  
THE 5TH OF  
NOVEMBER**

**FREE  
FIREWORKS  
SPECTACULAR**

**WEDNESDAY 5th NOVEMBER 2025  
GATES OPEN AT 7pm - FIREWORKS 8pm**

**FREE EVENT – ANY DONATIONS WELCOME**

# Caretakers or Stewards?



**To run a club like ours takes a special kind of person and the job has changed a great deal since its formation in 1891. The following information has been gleaned from the original Birchanger Magazine and from the minutes of the club's committees.**

The First incumbent Steward was a Mr William Smith who was given the job shortly after the new club had opened. The Herts and Essex Observer from June 27th 1891, recorded the event thus. "Mr William Smith has been appointed Steward of the new working Men's club. Just founded in this village through the liberality of Mr Charles Gold. For 21 years Mr Smith was with the 15th Hussars and possesses a medal for the Indian mutiny with clasp a Persian medal as well as another for long service.

Little is known about Mr Smith or how long he held the post. It may even be the case that the job was part time, and it is possible he did not live on the premises. What we can say is that the club was paying £5 8s per half year in caretakers fees by 1896. Inflation at the time was minimal. So it's unlikely he'd had a rise. The rate was still the same in 1898. There is no documentary information to tell us what he did beyond house keeping and serving drinks.

In 1901 the club's caretaker was Edward Sayzeland he was born at Shopham in Suffolk and his wife Sarah was born in the village. The 1901 Census records him as a Boot maker as well as caretaker of the club. By 1908 the caretaker was paid £8 per half year, this was still the

rate being paid in 1912. It is possible he had been in the job since 1896 as a Mrs Sayzeland is reported in the village magazine from that year. However he would only have been 25 years old then rather young for such responsibility in those days.

The next Steward that there is some information about is Alfred Sizeland he was incumbent at the start of world war two. It is probable that this is the son of the 1901 Steward. Mostly he was reporting various items requiring repair. In 1943 he asked for a pay rise; which was denied to him. Prices in the club tariff were rising. Shortly after this some issues relating to profit leakage became a major issue for the committee.

Essentially this seems to have been a consequence of serving generous halves, and the supply and delivery of beer to homes in the village via "The Back door" of the club. This was at a time of, acute beer shortage. It is clear that the Steward had some duties that caused him some problems such as maintaining the blackout, loss of club property, maintaining the tips of the billiard ques, and collecting the members subscriptions.

Eventually Mr Sizeland was dismissed from his job, and there was a dispute about when he would be leaving "his

cottage". The Committee were keen to install the new Steward Mr Joe Dowdall and this could only happen when accommodation was available. Mr Sizeland was paid £30 per half year (about £1.15 per week), with a fuel allowance and some extras relating to extra cleaning duties. He left the club during October 1944.

Mr Joe Dowdall and his wife Rose were well received by the club and as new brooms were shown appreciation. He was paid a special grant of £3 for attending to the outstanding jobs around the club premises and a year after taking on the job he was given a pay rise in October 1945 to £72 per year. About £1.39 per week.

However he soon found himself in trouble with the committee for serving after hours. This may have made him popular with a section of the membership but the committee were nervous about keeping their licence and he was duly censured.

As time went on it became obvious that Rose was the more organised of the two. She was allowed a 33% rebate on the club's gas bills and was allocated the cleaning tasks in the club. She was able to secure use of a club room for a party for her daughter June, and also sold her Piano to the club. Joe became ill with pneumonia during 1958 and was hospitalised. The club presented him with 50 cigarettes to help him feel better. After this some criticism became directed towards Mr Dowdall and in 1959 he was eventually pressured into retiring, having served some fourteen years in the position. As a result the couple were presented with an inscribed barometer in appreciation of their service. Joe and Rose remained in the village living in Birchwood.

In 2000 Rose Dowdall became the first Female full member of the club.

*Today our Steward is Terry Earnshaw. He joined us during the Covid 19 pandemic in 2020 and comes from Barnsley in Yorkshire. Terry brings his own brand of hospitality to Birchanger. And is happiest being the friendly welcoming face of the Club.*

**By Eddie Gilbey**

# The Way We Woz: Birchanger Census 1881

The 1881 Census was taken in the forty fourth year of Queen Victoria's reign. Her Prime minister, W E Gladstone led a minority Liberal government who were fighting the first Boer war. Agriculture was in decline, this was mainly due to increased grain imports from the USA. In general there was an ongoing migration from the country into the towns and cities that had been going on for thirty years. The UK population was 29.7 million 3.3 million of these lived in London.

In the wider world, 1881 was the year in which work on the Panama canal began. Alexander Fleming and PG Wodehouse were born. The Mahdi began his revolt in the Sudan. Wyatt Earp had his gunfight at the OK Corral and Billy the Kid (pictured) was killed. It was also the year in which Conservative leader Benjamin Disraeli died.

Life in Birchanger had not changed significantly for forty years. The roads were still un-metalled and most of the population were living in cottages tied to the farms on which the occupants worked. There were three pubs The Three Willows, the Three Horseshoes and The Old Bell, which was still within Birchanger parish. There were five farms :- Forest Hall, Sion House, Birchanger Hall, Green Farm and Duck End Farm. Folly Farm was now renamed "The Mount" and "Blacklands" housed Mr James Watts and family. He is listed as a Farmer of 53 acres employing 8 men and 1 boy but it is not known which farm.

Apart from Mr Watts, the Gentry were present in their larger houses The Harrisons in Birchanger place, The Spencers at Stansted road, the Chesters at Poplar Hall and the Nashs at Sion House. The Mount was occupied by the Church family and Birchanger Hall by Mr and Mrs Edward Sworder. The Rector was Mr F Rowden and the School teacher was Miss Emily Geake, assisted by her sister Amy. The School is described as National School Dow Boys and Girls.

There was still no Gas, Electricity, mains Water or Sewers supplied in the village. There were 249 males 223 females giving a total of 472 inhabitants living in 100 properties. ( this is an increase of 24 properties and 103 inhabitants since the 1851 census). There were 72 married couples 10 widows, 6 widowers, 81 unmarried adults and 231 children, 110 of the children are described as Scholars so the remaining 121 children were infants.



*Billy The Kid, who never lived in or visited Birchanger was a notorious outlaw*

*(Thank you to Ed Gilbey for this information from the Archive - The\_Ed)*

## What's that all about then? - Pavement Parking

A lot of conversation and frustration for Birchanger villagers derives from unnecessary pavement parking. So what is the law, and what is the myth?

Parking on the pavement is not illegal outside of London and Scotland. You can, however, still get a fine for doing so in some instances, which makes the law quite a grey area. Since 1974, Highway Code rule 244 has stated that drivers "MUST NOT park partially or wholly on the pavement in London and should not do so elsewhere unless signs permit it." The key things to note here are the words **must not** and **should not**.

In London and Scotland, you must not park on the pavement, the must indicating there is legislation behind this rule and you could receive a fine for breaking it. However, outside of the capital, Scotland, or "elsewhere", the Highway Code states drivers should not park on the pavement, meaning it is advisory and not, therefore, backed up by any legislation. Rule 242 is where it gets a little less clear, stating: "You MUST NOT leave your vehicle or trailer in a dangerous position or where it causes any unnecessary obstruction of the road."

This is a must not, again, meaning if your car is reported or seen by a police officer and judged to be either in a dangerous position or causing an unnecessary obstruction of the road, you could receive a Fixed Penalty Notice.

In the rest of the UK, pavement parking is permitted unless specifically prohibited by a local authority through a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO), which will be explained on nearby road signs.

Despite the lack of legislation, or unclear interpretation of it, most villagers would hope their neighbours would park with due consideration for other road and pavement users. And please remember to allow all the airport parkers to find a decent space to park for weeks on end.... Yours sincerely, Ivor Smartcar, Wood Lane



Birchanger Lane, aerial view, on any day of the week



# The Village People. This month: Alexa Fivaz

## 1. Tell us a bit about yourself and what and when was 'life before Birchanger'?

I was born in Graaf-Reinett in the Karoo (South Africa). Schooled in Cape Town for my primary years, then we moved to Johannesburg where I completed high school and University. I married Andy and we have 3 children, Natascha (who lots in the village will know!), Michael and Olivia. We made the move to the UK in 2015 after which my parents moved then took the plunge and moved in with us in 2018. I have worked in the construction industry as a chartered quantity surveyor for all my working career to date.



## 2. When did you come to Birchanger and what were your first experiences?

We moved to Birchanger in March 2021 and settled in really quickly. Olivia attended Birchanger Primary which made meeting people easy. First experiences of walking into the social club was really good.....and slightly jading as people know that you are "new" to the village.... so all eyes on us! But we soon integrated and now have made so many lovely friends here.

## 3. What do you like most about the village?

I love the sense of community. Love that our younger kids are able to ride the bicycles and run around with their mates and are safe. There is never a dull moment at the club....i can 100% say that you can never go in just for 1 drink!! I have tried (probably not that hard) and failed (easily persuaded).

## 4. What would you change if you could?

Not much really. It would be nice to get the New Year bash back to when the kids could be part of the fun, especially as there are so many young families in the village now.

## 5. What's your best memory of the village so far?

So many moments that are memorable and some not (purely due to having way too much fun at the club!). If i had to pick one thing...I really love having the Christmas day drink at the club for the couple of hours that the club is open...it's so festive.

## What's On In The Village? - November 2025

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
Household Bin Collections: Bradley Common collected on Fridays. Rest of Birchanger on Thursdays (some exceptions). Garden Waste Skip Outside the Club on Saturday between 15:00-16:00: 8 <sup>th</sup> November.					1 Church Hall: Apton Dance: 09.00 Apton Mini 09.45 Kids Latin 2 10.30 kids Latin 1 BSSC:13.00 Meat draw + 70's Night	2 St Mary's Church: 11.00 am Family Service BSSC: Sunday Roast
Birchanger Parish Council Meetings: Meets on 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm in the Church Hall. Open to the Public.						
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## 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	John McArthur	07488 315349
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
Handyman	Charlie Grange	07514 783239
Holistic therapy/Reflexology	Shelley Williams	07476 279262
Landscaping Services	Mark Taylor	07941 357934
Laundrette	Ian Kennedy	01279 866183
Legal Services	Nockolds	0345 6460406
Line Dancing	Shelley	01279 864781
Neighbourhood Watch	Peter Sampson	07817 904333
Painting & Décor	David Debnam	07973 861268
Parish Clerk	Keith Williams	01279 814473
Pilates	Mandy Cousins	07713 272664
Printing Services	M&B Printers	01371 874695
Public Safety	Peter Sampson	07817 904333
Soft Play/Bouncy Castles	Andy / Lucie	07956 622808
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

### Birchanger C of E Primary School

#### Agents of Change – Year 2 Pupils Raise Money for Endangered Tigers!

The pupils in Puffin Class have been truly amazing! As part of our *Agents for Change* programme, one of our pupils used her passion for tigers to organise a fantastic Bake Sale with her friends, which took place on the playground. With teamwork and enthusiasm, they sold delicious cakes and created eye-catching posters to raise awareness about



endangered tigers. Their hard work paid off, raising enough money to adopt a tiger at Colchester Zoo — and incredibly, there will even be a plaque with Puffin Class's name on it! What a brilliant achievement for such an

important cause. A big thank you also goes to the families who supported the event — especially the proud Dad who showed great spirit in a tiger onesie!

## St. Mary's Church



Services at 11.15am unless otherwise stated.

2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Family Service with Pam Lee
9 <sup>th</sup> November at 10.45am	Remembrance service with Pam Lee
16 <sup>th</sup> November	Family Service with Pam Lee
23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Holy Communion with Revd Colin Fairweather
30 <sup>th</sup> November	Advent service with Pam Lee

**Remembrance Service** – In recent times some of you have come along to be at the Memorial for the reading of names recorded there but afterwards have left the churchyard without entering the church or taking part in the memorial service.

This year we are asking all of you to step inside the church and fully immerse yourself in our service remembering those from this area who fought and died for all of us. In church you will find a display of information about most of the people whose names appear on our memorial. This annual service is about them and the sacrifices that they made for you and I.

Each year we send to the Poppy Appeal, half of any monies donated at this service so please give generously to help our service men and women who need your support.

**Bethlehem Trail** – We have been building this trail for two years now and are just over halfway towards our target of reaching the church door. You can help us by decorating one or more cobbles and delivering them to church to be added to the trail. If required, we can provide the cobbles so please do get in touch if you would like to take part in this project.

#### Dates for Your Diary

Carols at the Three Willows - to be confirmed.

School Christingle in church - 11<sup>th</sup> December

Family Christingle - Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Evening Carol Service - 7pm Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

#### Prayer for the Month

Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our apathy and weakness: help us to give you the place you deserve at the very centre of our lives today and always.

Amen

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