



Birchanger Village Magazine

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VE Day 80th Anniversary



The VE day flag was raised at 09.00 am on Thursday 8th May by Birchanger local councillor Wing Commander George Taylor MBE RAFVR(T) (Retd) together with members and family of Birchanger Parish Council.

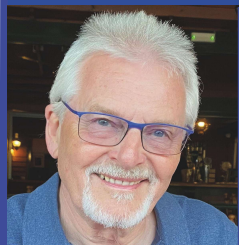


Later in his career, George transitioned from the uniformed service and took on a voluntary role as treasurer covering the financial management of the RAF Air Cadets in central London. Later he took on a similar role to cover the financial management for the RAF Air Cadets in the London and South East Region covering Essex, Kent, Sussex, Surrey, Middlesex, and London.



It was for this dual role that George was awarded the MBE in 2018 for services to the young people of London and the South East of England.

Well done that man!



Editors Letter Box

Meeting of Old Friends

By Sally Tilstone

What prompted me to arrange a 'Meet-Up' in Birchanger?

With the agreement of the club's committee, I decided to arrange a meeting with old friends and acquaintances in Birchanger Sports & Social Club on 23rd April 2025. Although I no longer live in the village, I was a resident for 38 years and my connection to the village is vast. We are all getting older and I wanted to meet up for a social get together to mingle and chat and catch up with both past and present times.

I had some photographs to display, and Cherry Bass, Jay Leavers and Rick Haywood kindly contributed some more. These photos were of a pram race from the social club to the Three Willows and back, rewarded at the end with a pint of ale. Three grown men, two dressed as ladies in dresses and heels and one as the baby in the pram.

Another game, 'It's a Knockout' was held on the football field where teams from all over entered by devising a game and playing their joker on another team's entry. The barn dances and fancy-dress themed parties we had were also captured in photos. What fun we had!

I was overwhelmed by the turn out at the club where between 80 to 100 people attended. Denise Riches had a very special birthday that very day, her 70th, Ann Fordham and Rosemary Cameron celebrated their 80th. Unfortunately, Pim Godwin, who was 90 was unable to attend.

The club steward Terry, Tash, and Rob the chef worked really hard, supplying us with good food and drink and I send my thanks to them.-

One of the highlights for me was the photograph of my late husband Nick in the football team that won the cup in 1978/79. I had placed the photo in the local newspaper in the hope that some teammates would come and was happily surprised to see the players Michael Fullalove, Tony Dellow, Simon Revile, Lennie Clayden, and Russell Sykes with fellow footballers Dave Dellow and Neil Sykes turn up.

The messages I received at the end of the event were really complimentary, I was speechless. I could only thank Roy Brown with two words when he thanked me for arranging the 'Meet-Up' in front of everyone. I apologise if I have left anyone out, if I have, it is totally unintentional. What a very memorable day, so thank you to all who came and made it so wonderful.

VE Day 80 Year Beacon Lighting

Thursday 8th May evening was the night Birchanger lit the VE Day Beacon. The event was hosted by Birchanger Sports & Social Club who also provided a fish and chip supper to the many residents that turned up for the event. Well done BSSC and a big thank you to the organisers.



UDC Approve Travellers Site Expansion

Travellers site on Birchanger Lane near the A120 bypass. Planning Ref: UTT/24/1282/FUL

Uttlesford District Council planning department recently approved the provision of additional six pitches for two static caravans per pitch and provision of a covered communal amenity space. It was approved with some conditions.

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

A Spring Like None Other

It has been the most beautiful Spring for a very long time at least. Everything in our garden was late blooming, but larger, lovelier and lasting longer this year. The brighter colours and longer lasting bloom seemed to have been the order of the day, but time moves on all too fast and although it has been long time since we have seen anything as lovely as Spring 2025, now it is back to reality. It seems hard to believe that June is knocking on our doorsteps already. The exam season looms and there is a lot of talk of imminent holidays for those who are having a much-needed holiday this year. Summer holidays and sunny days often involve long drinks, not all of them alcohol free.

You may not be driving that evening but in the morning, you drive to work as usual without any regard to the alcohol which is swilling around in your system and which you had never thought to be there. You feel fine but the alcohol has not gone from your system, and you may not think it, but your driving ability is impaired. You would fail a breathalyser test. We all dispose of alcohol at different rates. We may look and feel absolutely ok but inside your body alcohol is still not disposed of and although you believe you are fit to drive, you are not. Summer brings with it holidays and a lot of outdoor activities. It is easy to be over the limit and forget just how many drinks you have had. Summer weather sets us free, just take care if you are driving and remember just how easy it is to be over the limit. The police are well aware that the morning after effect is real. If you actually kill someone on the morning after it is a long prison sentence and you won't have a leg to stand on!

Easy Bird Watching From My Window

We always watch the birds in our garden in Spring. First there are particular females being chased by over ardent males, then very quickly nest building is in full swing and our mossy roof is virtually stripped of all the intruding moss. Then we rarely see the females. Suddenly one day both birds are in and out of the trees or nest boxes until suddenly one day there is nothing. Everyone has gone. If they come back for food, they would be hard to identify. We have an ancient apple tree which really is dead, but it is full of nooks and crannies, everything in fact to suit all manner of our domestic bird species. This year the tenants were a blue tit who took the nest box and a starling who managed to get into a hole in the tree about

four inches away from the nest box. The starling had absolutely no chance of using the nest box, although he did try. The blue tit plucked up courage and despite her clumsy noisy neighbour continued to feed and tend to her brood. She was very good at keeping out of the starling's way and an uneasy truce existed between them. Hopefully, we shall have tenants again next year.

Fly Tipping Nuisance

Not in Birchanger surely? But sadly yes, this has been happening outside garden boundaries, on the side of the road and even in other people's gardens. Please don't let this happen in Birchanger. Tot Lane receives regular hits as usual. Most Birchanger residents work very hard to keep the village clean, but they need our help. Some villagers regularly organise litter picks to reduce the amount of litter. They do it quietly, usually on their own. Birchanger would be a rather messy place without them. So, thank you to those unsung heroes.

Somewhere to Visit

Little Easton Manor is becoming better known as the staff work hard to make their amenities more open to all. In a quiet location, alongside Little Easton Church it offers both lunches and teas on a daily basis to its visitors. You can choose to eat indoors or out before or after visiting the grounds and meeting the llamas. Food is home cooked and when I visited was very good. Hot lunches are available along with delicious cakes and cream teas. There are also some functions and training days.

There are rooms and even a theatre available and facilities provided. A good place to hire for staff training days and much more. Sunday lunches are delicious. It is also the site of the Countess of Warwick Show. It seems you are free to explore a good deal of the park surrounding the estate, but always respect any boundary notices. A great day out and parking is available.

Keeping Cool in Warm Weather

Until recently, I have always opened the windows in warm weather, but now realise that it is completely the wrong thing to do if you want the house to stay cool. One day, in the recent warm weather, I was busy with housework and forgot to open the windows only to find out that the house was a lot cooler! I Should have listened to the pundits.

Elizabeth

Birchanger All Girls Society

Next Meeting: A private group visit to a local garden that opens under the National Garden Scheme. Meet at Birchanger village Hall at 6.30 pm to share transport.

New members are always very welcome. If a garden visit interests you please telephone Rosemary or Liz on the numbers below.

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Birchanger C of E Primary School

Dinosaur Fun in Starfish Class!

Starfish Class have had a fantastic time making fruit dinosaur shaped snacks as part of their healthy eating focus this term. The children loved talking about their favourite fruits and vegetables as part of the D.T project. They carefully washed and prepared fruits to assemble them into a dinosaur-themed snack. There were some very colourful creations, and some children even gave their dinosaur a name, including gems such as Snack-o-Saurus!



Alongside this, their dinosaur explorer-themed activities have been a huge hit! From the museum in the role play area, to digging for fossils in the sand tray and painting dinosaurs in the tuff tray. The children's enthusiasm and imagination have truly brought the Jurassic era to life in Birchanger School!

Mrs. Vessey - Headteacher
www.birchanger.essex.sch.uk



Exercise & Fun

The u3a offers several diverse types of exercise activities for fun and to learn how to keep body and mind as happy as possible. Pilates, for example, takes place in St John's Hall every Thursday. The Pilates founder asserted it could lead to coordination of mind, body, and spirit - quite a claim, yet following the guided breathing patterns while becoming more aware of the part of your body you are moving does bring about a decidedly good feeling. You are not expected to push yourself beyond what you can comfortably do, there is no competition - the class is arranged in the hall in a wide semicircle facing the instructor so you can concentrate on yourself and not worry about those in front or behind. Indeed, as with all the activities at u3a the time spent together brings about a touch of fellow feeling.

There was plenty of fellow feeling in the Bus Pass group when they recently journeyed to the Warner Textile Archive, in Braintree. The absorbing museum, housing textiles used by royalty for Coronations and in Buckingham Palace, was a fascinating experience. A walk in Bocking Park and a visit to the market completed a rewarding day out in good company. Clever minds are clearly at work, finding such stimulating places to visit on bus routes.

Julia Cook Stansted Mountfitchet U3A



Birchanger C of E Primary School

Saturday 28th June 1.00-5.00pm

Please come and join us for an afternoon of music, drinks, food and stalls along with a performance from the children. Fun for the whole family, friends & the village community – all welcome!

Tickets available from the school office from 3rd June, please drop in or email Mrs. Field at admin@birchanger.essex.sch.uk.

Please also contact us if you would like to be involved – we welcome local artisan stalls.

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What's on in the village...



June 2025



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: 21/6, 19/7, 16/8, 13/9, 11/10, 8/11.

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.**

30

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

1

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

2

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

3

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

4

Church hall:
10.00 Tai Chi
13.00 Takeley Art
16.15-17.15
Ellouise Dance
18.30-21.15 Apton Dance

5

Green Bin

Church hall:
12.00 Line dance
16.45-20.30
Ellouise Dance
BSSC:
20.00 Bingo

6

Church Hall:
09.30 - 11.00
Apton Dance
private lessons
11.00 Pilates
15.30 Ellouise Dance
BSSC Beer Fest.

7

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

8

St Mary's Church:
10.45 Morning prayer
BSSC:
Sunday Roast
BSSC Beer Fest.

9

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

10

Garden Bin

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

11

Church hall:
10.00 Tai Chi
13.00 Takeley Art
16.15-17.15
Ellouise Dance
18.30-21.15 Apton Dance

12

Black Bin

Church hall:
12.00 Line dance
16.45-20.30
Ellouise Dance
BSSC:
20.00 Bingo

13

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

14

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

15

St Mary's Church:
11.15 Matins Service
BSSC:
Fathers Day Feast & Sunday Lunch

16

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

17

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

18

Church hall:
10.00 Tai Chi
13.00 Takeley Art
16.15-17.15
Ellouise Dance
18.30-21.15 Apton Dance

19

Green Bin

Church hall:
12.00 Line dance
16.45-20.30
Ellouise Dance
BSSC:
20.00 Bingo

20

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

21

Church Hall:
Apton Dance:
09.00 Apton Mini
09.45 Kids Latin2
10.30 kids Latin 1
BSSC:
13.00 Meat Draw

22

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

23

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

24

Garden Bin

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

25

Church hall:
10.00 Tai Chi
13.00 Takeley Art
16.15-17.15
Ellouise Dance
18.30-21.15 Apton Dance
18.30 **BAGS**

26

Black Bin

Church hall:
12.00 Line dance
16.45-20.30
Ellouise Dance
BSSC:
20.00 Bingo

27

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

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Church Hall:
Apton Dance:
09.00 Apton Mini
09.45 Kids Latin2
10.30 kids Latin 1
BSSC:
13.00 Meat Draw
20.00 Quiz Night

29

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



BIRCHANGER SPORTS
AND SOCIAL CLUB

WHAT'S ON AT THE CLUB

Sunday 13th July
CM23 5QJ

Summer CAR BOOT SALE

FREE ENTRY

9am until 1pm
(Sellers from 8:00am - Buyers NOT BEFORE 9:00 am)

Pitch Prices
Cars £10
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PROTECT OUR VILLAGE

A proposal to build 9 houses on protected Green Belt land using public footpaths as access routes, crossing the village green and running alongside an historic heritage building is back on appeal. You can help stop it!

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF OBJECTIONS FRIDAY 6th JUNE.

HOW CAN I OBJECT?

1. Go to <https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk>
2. Insert the number 3364102

OR write to: The Planning Inspectorate, Room 3B, Eagle Wing, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Bristol, BS16PN (

Please ensure to include your name and address

Application reference: UTT/24/0642/FUL Land South of Birchanger Lane, proposed erection of 9 new dwellings Reference APP/C1570/W/25/3364102 Ms Christine Dobbs Appeal

WHAT ARE THE KEY POINTS TO MAKE?

Green Belt

The development constitutes inappropriate building within the Green Belt with no special circumstances to justify it. The development harms the openness and rural character of the area contrary to ULP Policy S6 and the National Planning Policy Framework.

Heritage

The proposal will damage the setting of a listed barn and lose an undeveloped area that allows the architectural interest of the barn as a historic rural agricultural building to be appreciated. The Local Planning Authority has a legal duty to protect such heritage assets and the application is contrary to ULP Policy ENV2 and the statutory obligations under the Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990.

Access

The vehicular access routes will use public footpaths 15 and 16/26, impacting on the safe and accessible use of these pathways by the public and destroying trees and hedgerows. The appellant cannot demonstrate legal access rights over the Village Green or necessary visibility splays for safe vehicle use. The Pre-Application Inspectorate report that noted only light road traffic was undertaken at a time when Birchanger Lane was closed due to roadworks underway at the A120 junction. Traffic surveys carried out in May 2025 show 120-300 cars per hour. Regular bus and school transport use also makes the two proposed access points extremely dangerous.

If you wish to copy and paste the key points to the online portal these will be posted on the Birchanger Residents Facebook page

Numbers count! Every member of your household can submit an objection!



Summer is Upon Us

We are now fully into the summer term, and this is when Preschool is at its busiest. This is the time when our older butterfly children are getting ready to move on to primary school and our amazing staffing team help by encouraging lots more independence, making the right choices, help the children to regulate their emotions, engage in more phonic activities and encouraging lots of drawing activities for them to gain strength in their fingers. The children

are doing so well and are all going to be super ready for school in a few months' time.

We have welcomed the sunshine at Preschool these last couple of weeks and have had great fun rearranging the Preschool Garden to make the learning provision the best it can be for the children. We have been able to purchase some new garden resources and



have had a new garden fence put up thanks to our amazing fundraising events. We have also had lots of tyres donated to Preschool which we have put to good use. The children have all helped to line the tyres, fill them with soil, and plant a range of different types of plants. The children were all hands on and had the best time. We talked about what we were planting and how we needed to look after them to help them grow. Each day the children take turns to water the plants, it's so wonderful to see them wanting to take care of the plants they have grown.



Our next project is going to be finding natural resources in the environment to fill our bug hotel up with, we will do this and post some pictures in the next village magazine.

Preschool is currently full now, but we do have spaces available from September and do accept 2-year funding. Please call us on 01279 810800 or email us at: admin@birchangerbutterflies.org.uk and ask for Carly or Emma to discuss availability.

Carly Richards ~ Preschool Manager

THE FORGOTTEN GARDENS OF EASTON LODGE

NEWS FROM THE GARDENS OF EASTON LODGE

June is another special month at the Gardens. Last year was the first for our wildflower spiral in the walled kitchen garden and it was a mass of colour, changing through June from orange to red. We are looking forward to seeing how it will flower this year. It has successfully self-seeded into the path, so hopefully the seedlings in the bed will also do well!

We also enjoy the wildflowers elsewhere, the orchids, yellow flag irises and my favourite, the grass vetchling on the bank in the Glade, followed by the foxgloves then the poppies.



There are more lovely trees to enjoy – the false acacia and the Judas tree. The waterlilies open in the Italian Garden and if you are lucky, you might catch the voodoo lily with its fascinatingly vulgar shape (and unique smell). The roses start to look really spectacular (and need deadheading regularly), the courgettes come on stream, and we have the first soft fruit pickings – so jamming starts!

Except for June 26th, when we are closed for our Annual General Meeting, we are open every Thursday from 11.00 to 3.00pm. Visitors enjoy chatting to our volunteers while they work and can buy our plants, fruit and veg for their supper!

On Sunday 15th June we will have our Nature Day, with a range of activities for all the family including bug hunting and pond dipping. Essex Bat Group, Essex Wildlife Trust and the RSPB will be with us. There will be facepainting, stalls and of course our volunteers will be providing refreshments.

Jill Goldsmith



The Hundred Parishes Society

The Best of Parks And Gardens

We know that being outside is good for our wellbeing, both mental and physical. Besides the open countryside, we are fortunate in The Hundred Parishes to have parks and gardens where we can walk, sit and enjoy nature. I will mention just a few.

Bridge End Gardens in Saffron Walden was created by a local businessman and Quaker, Francis Gibson, in the 1840s. It is now managed by Saffron Walden Town Council. Delights to explore include the hedge maze, rose garden and Dutch garden.



The Gardens of Easton Lodge in Little Easton have limited opening hours which can be found on our website: www.hundredparishes.org.uk. They were designed by Harold Peto in 1902 for the Countess of Warwick who lived at Easton Lodge.



Birchanger Wood comprises 69 acres of ancient coppiced woodland, managed and owned by the Birchanger Wood Trust. Three miles of all-weather, wheelchair-friendly paths make it easy to explore.

In Sawbridgeworth, Pishiobury Park was redesigned by Capability Brown in the 18th century as an enclosed park. It is a registered historic park and includes wet woodland, grazed fields, an oak walk, meadows and part of the River Stort.



In Stansted Mountfitchet, the Aubrey Buxton Nature Reserve is a 25-acre woodland with six man-made ponds. It was originally part of the park and garden of Aubrey Buxton's house. He was a co-founder of the World Wildlife Trust and donated the land to Essex Wildlife Trust.

Today you can enjoy circular walks passing the ponds through the wood. June is the month when many private gardens open to the public, even groups of gardens in Duxford and Ickleton – details appear on the What's On section of our website.



We hope you enjoy the summer and explore some of our wonderful parks and gardens.

Ken McDonald, Secretary www.hundredparishes.org.uk



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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	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
Handyman	Charlie Grange	07514 783239
Holistic therapy/Reflexology	Shelley Williams	07476 279262
Landscaping Services	Mark Taylor	07941 357934
Launderette	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
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

1 st June	Family with Pam Lee
8 th June	Morning Prayer with Hugh Mascetti
15 th June	Matins with Pam Lee
22 nd June	Holy Communion with Revd Colin Fairweather
29 th June	Matins with Pam Lee

Church News

On the 27th of April we held our Annual Parish Meeting in the church. At that meeting Pamela Lee was again appointed to be our Churchwarden.

Some of you may have noticed that over the past few months there has been only one Holy Communion service in church rather than the two that we previously had. Unfortunately, taking regular services has put a strain on Revd Helen's health so she is cutting back a little. Revd Colin will continue to visit us as often as he can whilst also supporting the other 4 churches in our Benefice and we will still maintain our regular Sunday morning services.

In last month's magazine issue, we told you about the history talks that we are holding in church. The first was on the 27th of May (if there is interest shown we will continue and allocate other dates). If you enjoyed it then please let us know. The second one is set for the 24th of June at 10.30am. Come along if you can.

Our church is always ready to be the venue for special occasions in your life such as weddings, baptisms, and blessings. Just contact us and we will see what we can do to help.

Contact details are: -

Priest in Charge revdcolinfairweather@gmail.com

Churchwarden – pam.mark2@btinternet.com

Dates for the diary

24 th June at 10.30 am	Second history talk.
14 th July at 10.30 am	U3A visit.
27 th October at 11.30 am	Essex Organ Association visit.
19 th December at 7.00 pm	Evening Carol service.

Prayer for the month

Loving Lord, we are living in a troubled world where many of your people are crying out for help, for relief from oppression, for the essential things that maintain life. Hear their cries and relieve their suffering, end all conflict, and grant your world peace.

Amen

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