



Birchanger Village Magazine

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BRACE YOURSELF



"What the new year brings to you will depend a great deal on what you bring to the new year" Vern McLellan

Still Time To Make Your Voice Heard Object to 180 New Homes in Birchanger

The official deadline for submitting objections to plans for 180 new homes on Green Belt land in Birchanger and 300 more in Stansted has now passed, but it is not too late to make your voice heard. Late letters and comments can still be considered with every additional objection helping to strengthen the community's opposition.

This development would affect every single one of us living in Birchanger. It means years of disruption, noise, dirt and pollution on our doorstep. Birchanger Lane will become dangerously congested putting pedestrians, children and drivers at risk. December's public meeting, hosted by the Parish Council and a small team of volunteers at the Three Willows was extremely well attended. The event gave people the chance to learn more about how the development would affect our village, ask questions and receive support in drafting objections. The large turnout shows the depth of local concern and a determination to protect our villages.

It has been encouraging to see the strength of feeling from the hundreds of villagers who have already submitted objections, but there are many more that still haven't as of going to print. Don't rely on others to put a stop to this. Decisions are influenced by the scale, quality and persistence of local community feedback, so every one of us in the village needs to stand up and be counted.

Posters, estate agent style boards and banners have been put up throughout Birchanger and Forest Hall in recent weeks to mobilise the community and take action. The displays include QR codes which can be scanned to access a template-letter generator on the website www.saveourvillages.co.uk.

The tool allows people to tailor their letters based on the issues that matter most such as traffic, schooling, GP services, loss of Green Belt, infrastructure strain and environmental impact. If you haven't already done so, please submit your objection today and urge your friends, family and neighbours to do the same! [Here's how you can object:](#)

- Via Uttlesford District Council website: Uttlesford.gov.uk/planning-applications
- By emailing planning@uttlesford.gov.uk
- By writing to Planning, Uttlesford District Council, London Road, Saffron Walden CB11 4ER

Remember to include your full name and address along with the below planning reference numbers.

- Birchanger: UTT/25/3011/OP
- Stansted: UTT/25/3012/OP

Every adult in your household should send separate objections to each of the two planning applications.

Let's collectively show City & Country that Birchanger and Stansted will not be silenced or ignored, nor will we accept this proposal without challenge! [Continued Page 5](#)



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when the new year is over and it's "back to school" for everyone:



Dear Villagers,

Happy New Year to everyone in the village, I hope 2026 brings you everything you wish and dream for!

This year could be a very important year for the future of our village - at least as we currently know it. I know many of you have seen and engaged in objecting to the devastating plans for development around Birchanger and Stansted. But many still have not. Please spend the few minutes it takes to lodge an objection even at this stage, and check your neighbours have too!

The planning application will be considered in early 2026 by Uttlesford District Council and every single objection counts.

Please make sure yours is one of them. The_Ed

I asked my next door neighbour to take my bin out as I wouldn't be home... He definitely went above and beyond.



Memories with me and Mum jogging together

Dear The_Ed,

Identity theft is a crime that many people seem to be worried about lately. Not me though. I hate my life, so I'd be only too happy to let some other poor b***** have a go at it. A week walking in my shoes with the s*** I put up with and he'll be giving up his fraudulent ways for good I can tell you!

I've left my passport, bank account details, passwords and national insurance number pinned to the notice board in the village. Pick that out you rotten thieves!

Yours, Mrs Troubled, Highview



"ID theft would be a blessing" Mrs T



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Liz Godwin's News & Views



Memories of Frank Pritchard

This is an item about a friend of mine who has died. He was an original occupant of Birchwood. Frank Pritchard was born in Birchwood on 9th February 1957. He was the oldest son of "Dai" Pritchard and Molly Player. Dai came from Shrewsbury and Molly was a local girl. They were the first occupants of 9 Birchwood. They had four children:- 2 Girls Druscilla and Lynne and two sons Frank and Jimmy. Dai worked in the building industry and owned one of only three motor vehicles in the road. It was a grey Anglia van.

Happy New Year Everyone!

Hopefully your Christmas is a good one and you received the presents you wanted and not too many pairs of socks Jumpers, shirts and T-shirts with embarrassing logos that you could not even give to a charity shop. I hope you weren't lonely and had time to reminisce with old friends. For some there is no magic at Christmas. Perhaps for them there never was. If you know someone who may be lonely spare a little time for a quick hallo if you can.

January Resolutions?

Not for me. I know that I should but why commit yourself to something no matter how worthy which you know you will never carry through? Most New Year's Resolutions are toast by the end of January.

What I could try to do is to make sure I remain open to new ideas, new projects and any opportunities life chooses to throw my way. New holiday ideas, events I have never visited as well as remembering to keep contact with old friends.



The magic that Christmas brings should stay with us longer and not disappear as the baubles are packed away.

Hare Coursers Arrested!

Two men were followed across the countryside by police officers as they attempted to engage in hare coursing. Luckily these men were not terribly good at catching hares and their day turned even worse when they were arrested. The men were Londoners but unfortunately they are likely to try again...

A big thank you to everyone who came to the Christmas Coffee Morning at Moorswood. £165 was raised for St Clare's Hospice. There will be more fundraising events later in the New Year!



All of the children attended the old Birchanger Primary school. As was the tradition then kids played in the street in the 1950s and 60s, and stayed indoors when it was wet.

My mates in the period were Chris Kadwill, John Banks, Graham Cox and Frank. We all spent most of our free time exploring the local fields (the ones they're planning to build many houses on!) and woodland. In those days Birchanger wood didn't have a road through it! We would walk into Stansted or over to the airport. There was no Motorway then either.

Otherwise we spent our time kicking a football around either in Birchwood, (there were no cars) or we went "down the rec" especially on Sunday afternoons. Football became an obsession for the boys in the village after England won the World cup in 1966 and Frank was particularly good at it!

When we eventually left school and entered the world of work, Frank followed his Dad into the building game. By this time he was playing football for Birchanger and he also joined the Club as we did. He liked a drink, Light and Bitter being his favourite. Frank played for the next 12 years or so in either the Saturday or Sunday football teams. And we went to Spurs together.



Fate intervened and Frank's Father passed away at home unexpectedly. A few short years later the same thing happened to his Mum.

Council house tenancy rules now came into play as a tenant can only pass on their tenancy once, usually to a spouse. And so Frank was compelled to leave Birchanger. He was eventually able to take up a tenancy in Harlow and made a home with "Mandy" someone he had met while in rehab.

He passed away on Sunday November 23rd.

The Frank I remember was a sensitive soul with a cheeky smile and wicked sense of humour.

Ed Gilbey

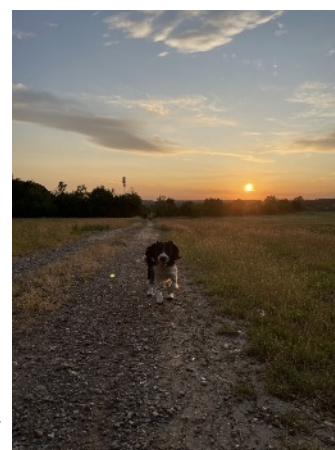
Birchanger Lights Up! Amazing December around the village



For the Love of Dog "Jerry" from Sophie Wellard

This month's treasured pet is Jerry who is 7. He is a springer spaniel and lives with Maisy, a cocker spaniel. He loves long walks around Birchanger and Hatfield Forest and playing with his ball. He likes learning new tricks as he is very intelligent. He also is an expert at sticking his head out the window on car rides :) He enjoys walks in the rain and getting muddy too.

Like most spaniels, he's an absolute live wire but also looks forward to a cuddle in the evening.



Tot Lane Closure

Temporary Traffic Regulation Order of Birchanger Lane/Tot Lane, due to commence on 11th January 2026 for 1 day. The closure is required for the safety of the public and workforce while Openreach undertakes duct laying.

Fly Tippers take note: A reliable source informed The_Ed that covert camera's are being considered to catch you as you deposit your rubbish on the lane. Maybe you will consider others and take it to the skip or dispose of it more responsibly.

Reminder: key areas of concern

- **Loss of Green Belt:** The entire site lies within the Metropolitan Green Belt that has been classed as strongly contributing to the Green Belt in Uttlesford's 2024 Green Belt Study Update, rated highly for preventing urban sprawl and preserving rural character. This land has not been reclassified as 'grey belt.'
- **Urban sprawl risk:** The scale and density could merge Stansted Mountfitchet and Birchanger with Bishop's Stortford, eroding village identities and accelerating unchecked expansion.
- **Years of disruption:** Construction is expected to last eight years, bringing noise, dust, traffic and health risks.
- **Traffic and pollution:** Thousands of extra daily car journeys would worsen congestion on Stansted Road and increase CO2 emissions.
- **Infrastructure strain:** Roads, schools, GP surgeries and utilities are overstretched, with no credible upgrades proposed. Combined with other large-scale developments, this could lead to severe congestion and service breakdown.
- **Safety issues:** Plans include closing Tot Lane and narrowing Birchanger Lane, already unsuitable for heavy traffic, posing serious safety concerns for drivers and pedestrians. Modelling suggests junction failures and unsafe turning movements.
- **Environmental damage:** Wildlife habitats used by birds, bats, deer and pollinators along with hedgerows and open countryside would be permanently lost. Landscaping cannot replace natural green space.
- **Flood risk:** These fields form part of the natural attenuation basin run-off from Birchanger Woods and higher ground down towards Stansted Road, already prone to flooding.
- **Sewage and drainage problems:** Thames Water says the sewer network has no spare capacity. The recent burst sewage pipe leading to a 2-week closure of Birchanger Lane is proof of that
- **Limited local benefit:** No clear evidence of meaningful amenities for residents. Section 106 funds will be absorbed into Essex County Council's structure, echoing past failures.



**SAY NO!
OBJECT!**

Birchanger planning ref: UTT/25/3011/OP

Scan QR code for instructions
or go to www.saveourvillages.co.uk

**ONCE IT'S BUILT ON,
IT'S GONE FOREVER**



"Welcome to the Village" Burglary - Secure your home!

New Year Puzzle

Dear Villagers

I got the keys to my new home in Birchwood on 25th November 2024 and after all renovations were completed, moved in around early September 2025.

I was away from the late evening of Wed 3rd Dec and came home on Monday night, 8th Dec around 23.30 and saw that the kitchen door that leads to the garden had been smashed in, a sort of very large cat flap had been created if you will.

They had ransacked my bedroom and taken the entirety of my jewellery box (containing many real gold pieces and sentimental items) as well as about 6 or 7 luxury bags and my coin collection (50ps, £1s, £2s, £5s, special £20, £100 etc).

If I could kindly ask that a notice be put in the magazine to remind everyone to check the security of their house. Get cameras, motion sensors, alarms etc, anything to enhance the security of their home.

I thought this was a quiet and nice village, as coming from London I am used to all sorts of chaos and wrongdoings, but nothing like this where my personal belongings have been taken from me and my privacy invaded. I am very shaken up by this incident and would not wish it on anyone. I am already considering moving!

Kind regards,

Name & Address Supplied

Find the TWENTY words linked to New Year!



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Birchanger All Girls Society

The 'BAGS' welcome women to join them on the last Wednesday of the month at 8:00 pm in the village hall.

Next Meeting:
Wednesday January 28th 7.45pm

bags@birchanger.com
Rosemary: 01279 814 678
Liz: 07473 508 056



BIRCHANGER SPORTS
AND SOCIAL CLUB

CLUB NEWS & EVENTS



Happy New Year!

A huge thank you for all the love and support throughout 2025 – we couldn't have done it without you! As we roll into 2026, we're bringing you our biggest and most exciting events calendar yet, packed with live bands, incredible entertainment, themed party nights, and our world-famous Ale & Gin Festival. And that's not all... keep your eyes peeled for our main summer event – it's going to be something special!

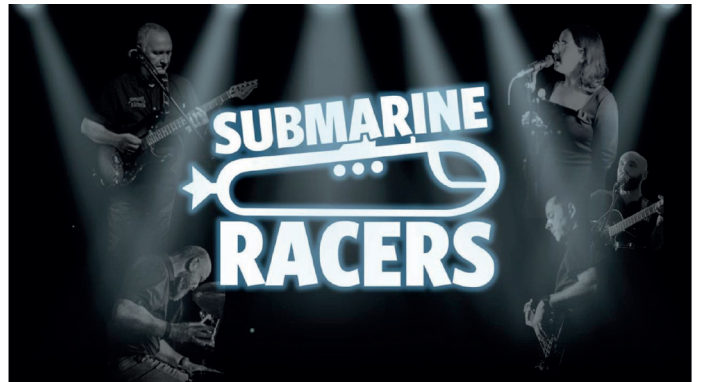
BURNS NIGHT

*"Fair fa' your honest, sonsie face,
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JANUARY SATURDAY 31ST



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



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Membership Renewals It's That Time of Year Again!

It's time to renew your membership, with fees due in January. Being a member gives you access to fantastic benefits, including an exciting calendar of FREE events, along with discounted food and drinks throughout the year.

Enjoy a friendly, fun atmosphere with regular weekly entertainment, including meat and prize raffles, bingo, quiz nights, and poker. Catch all the action with live sporting events on our big screens, including the World Cup in June.

We're proud to offer a great drinks selection, including real ales and regularly changing guest ales, a wide range of popular lagers, crisp ciders, premium gins, and much more.

Renew your membership and don't miss out on another great year at the club!



**Membership renewals: £25.00 a year
New members: £30.00**

Interested in Joining the Committee?

The Birchanger Sports and Social Club is run by volunteers who give their time to support and improve the club. They help organise events, activities and the day-to-day running of the club.

Members are always welcome to get involved by helping with events, setup and general support. All support is appreciated. If you'd like a bigger role in shaping the club's future, you're welcome to join the committee. For more information or to get involved, please get in touch!



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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!



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A Christmas Tradition

By Eddie Gilbey

One of the age old Christmas traditions at the Club is the Christmas Draw. I can only state that in my 55 years of membership there has always been festive raffle that begins selling tickets after the AGM which is always held in October.

Every year event specific tickets are printed and sold right up to the grand draw night which was usually held on the last Saturday before Christmas. This year its on a Friday.

The draw itself is always performed by current Chairman ably assisted by officers or Committee members. It has sometimes been co-ordinated with other club events like the now defunct "Social Night" which saw free buffet type food distributed. This year the draw will take around two hours to get through assuming all goes well.

The prizes originally featured poultry, butchery, bottles of spirits

and Christmas hamper type comestibles. More recently that has changed, and we now see a large cash prize and High St shopping vouchers or desirable high tech items as well as some of the old favourites and some aimed at children.

The draw only works economically if large numbers of tickets are sold. And ours historically have not been the only ones available. So there was an expectation that Club committee members and officers should actively push the tickets everywhere we could. I remember selling wads of them at my various places of work. Some ordinary

members also took tickets to sell in their social circles.

During the seventies and eighties the ticket prices were low between 5 for 25p per book up to 10p each or 50p per book in 2003 they sold for 20p or £1 per book. (see the example), Today they sell at a princely £2 per ticket. And a team of volunteers led by Club Steward Terry balance the budget and purchase prizes in bulk! The draw is only as good as the prizes available. So keep buying the tickets, cross your fingers and win a memorable prize!

Note in 2003 the top prize was £150 High St Vouchers, there were 70 prizes in total and the draw was held on Saturday 13th December.



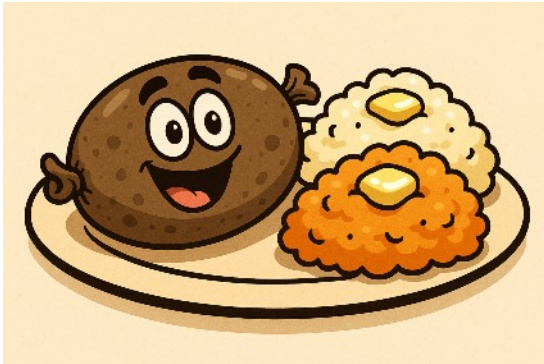
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Village Recipe "Tatties & Neeps"

January brings Burns Night (See Page 13) so this month a Scottish villager has provided a cracking and easy run down of how to assemble the famous Tatties & Neeps dish to accompany any Haggis eating - or to have with anything else as a wonderful side dish.



Tatties and Neeps is Scotland's way of proving that greatness can come from vegetables with excellent PR.

- Start by peeling and chopping floury potatoes (the tatties) and a noble swede or turnip (the neeps) into chunks that look roughly the same size—this is a dish of harmony, not chaos.
- Boil them in well-salted water until tender, then drain and mash separately: potatoes with butter and a splash of milk until fluffy and cloud-like; neeps with butter, salt, pepper, and a pinch of nutmeg until they're smooth and gently sweet, like they've just been complimented.
- To serve, pile the tatties and neeps side by side on a plate, as if they're old friends politely sharing a bench, and add an extra knob of butter because Scotland said so. Traditionally they're paired with haggis, but they're just as happy stealing the spotlight on their own. Eat while hot, ideally while pretending you're on a windswept hillside reciting poetry, or at least while wearing thick socks and feeling smug about how comforting dinner has become.

THE GARDENS OF EASTON LODGE

Happy new year greetings from the Gardens! Before Christmas we had some mild, soggy days of work at the Gardens – unbelievably the wildflower spiral and the roses in the walled kitchen garden were still flowering! Hopefully into January we will have had some really cold weather to kill off the bugs and keep the snowdrops from flowering too early!



January is a month for doing more winter jobs.

Before Christmas we planted new hedging and trees in Warwick Corner and Laburnum Walk; and set up a new animal trail. But there is a lot more to do: Philadelphus and more trees to plant, as well as the pruning of all the apples, pears, quince and fig tree and the soft fruit. This will be a chance to continue our gradual training of the apples and pears on the walls and on their espalier wires. We hope your seasonal reminiscences have included happy memories of visiting our Gardens and that we feature in your new year's resolutions! Might you also want to organise a Group Visit for one of the Clubs you belong to? These are good value, including a guided tour and refreshments and can involve our Guides and Archivists pulling out particular exhibits and stories if your group has a particular interest. To arrange a Group Visit email us on Enquiries@eastonlodge.co.uk or leave a message on 01371 876979. Jill Goldsmith

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BSSC 13:00 Meat Draw
BSSC Submarine Racers Live

*Bradley Common waste collection 1 day after green/black bin dates above

Church Hall - Weekly Classes & Activities (holiday period may vary)

SATURDAY SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY

09:00 - Apton Mini 09:45 - Kids Latin 2 10:30 - Kids Latin 1		16:00-18:45 - Ellouise Dance 19:00-20:30 - Apton Latin/Ballroom	09:45-10:45 - Apton Dance Ballet 17:30 - Teen Latin 18:45 - Teen Street 19:30 - Adult Street 20:15 - Rock & Roll	10:00 - Tai Chi 16:15-17:15 - Ellouise Dance 18:30-21:15 - Apton Dance	12:00 - Line Dance 16:45-20:30 - Ellouise Dance	09:30-11:00 - Apton Dance Private 15:30 - Ellouise Dance
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The Way We Woz

The Parish Room in Birchanger

The Parish room was built in Birchanger Lane next to The Three Horseshoes Pub. It was a simple structure probably using bricks from the brickyard where Highview now stands.

It was never really intended as a habitation it was built to give the people of the village somewhere to meet. In the 1881 census it is listed as "Uninhabited", the parish magazine of 1894 tells us that the building was being used for Mothers Union meetings, for church meetings and for a Boy's club. It is certain that the Working Men's Club (now the Sports and Social Club) was also conceived and planned here.

When the Church Hall was built in 1935, the Parish room found itself without a use and it was sold as a small house, acquiring a white rendered finish that was removed in the 1990's to reveal the original brickwork again. It was really too small a building for human habitation in the 21st century and was scheduled for demolition in 2004.

View from the South showing the last remnants of the white rendering that the house wore in the 1950's until the 1990's.



What's that all about then?

Burns Night

Burns Night began, as many great traditions do, with people missing a very talented friend and deciding that the correct response was poetry, food, and a heroic amount of ceremony.

Robert Burns—

Scotland's

national bard,

part-time farmer,

full-time

wordsmith—died

in 1796, leaving behind love poems, political satire,

and enough quotable lines to power greeting

cards for centuries. A few years later, his pals

gathered to mark the anniversary of his death with

a memorial supper. It went so well (there were

speeches, readings, and probably someone

getting overexcited about verse) that they decided

to do it again.



Soon everyone realised that celebrating Burns while he was dead was slightly gloomy, so the focus shifted to his birthday instead—which is on 25 January, a date now permanently reserved for passionate recitals and dangerously confident singing. Over time, Burns Night evolved into a ritualised explosion of Scottish pride. There's a formal meal, starring haggis—an enthusiastic pudding with opinions—piped in like royalty, addressed directly in verse, and bravely eaten. There are toasts "to the lassies," witty responses "to the lads," and copious interpretations of Burns's poetry, ranging from profoundly moving to boldly inaccurate. Whether held in a grand hall or someone's kitchen with the smoke alarm disabled, Burns Night is less about knowing the poems by heart and more about celebrating language, laughter, and the idea that if you're going to honour a poet, you should absolutely do it with ceremony, whisky, and several people speaking much louder than necessary.



The Village People. This month: Lynn Maddison

1. Tell us about yourself and what was 'life before Birchanger'? I'm a proud Scot and lived in Edinburgh until I was 10 when I moved down to Bishop's Stortford with my family. I went to school in Sawbridgeworth then took a year out before uni to work and travel in Australia. After studying journalism at Cardiff, I lived for a while in London, before moving back to Bishop's Stortford. I married Chris in 2011, who I'd met a few years earlier on holiday in Greece! I spent many years working in public relations before having our son Callum seven and a half years ago. These days, I work for the NHS, bringing Trusts across the country together through best-practice groups and events which is really rewarding.



2. When did you first come to Birchanger and what were your first experiences? Chris and I moved to Birchanger in 2013 and it's very much home for us. We have become much more involved in village life since having Callum, spending lots of time out and about at the park, on walks and meeting people through the primary school where Callum is now in Year 3.

3. What do you most like about the village? One of the things I love most about Birchanger is the amount of open space. We have woods, countryside and lovely walks right on our doorstep. It's a fun village too - things like the Christmas light competition show Birchanger at its best.

4. What would you change about the village? Like many others I'm sure, I'd like to see a village or community-run shop in Birchanger. I'm always running out of something last minute!

5. What is your best memory of the village so far? Most recently, I've come together with others in the village to help drive opposition to the proposed new housing estates in Birchanger and Stansted. It's been great to meet new people and work together to protect what makes our village special.

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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
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Garden Services	Will Grange	07516 783138
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Speed Watch	Peter Sampson	07817 904333
St. Mary's Church	Pam Lee	07702 171744
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Birchanger C of E Primary School
Celebrating Belonging!



Our Carols and Cakes afternoon before Christmas was truly wonderful and a real celebration of our value of belonging. The children baked a range of delicious cakes to share with our Birchanger community, and filled the village hall with joyful Christmas carols for

our older residents of the village. It was such a lovely afternoon and their feedback was overwhelmingly positive - guests commented on how beautifully the children sang, how delicious the cakes were, and how polite and welcoming our children were. Year 6 shone as they waited on tables with great care, ensuring everyone felt included and cared for. Very well done to our Head Boy and Girl (and their deputies) who were in charge of the idea and organising the event. It was a heart-warming celebration of belonging and life in all its fullness!



St. Mary's Church



Services at 11.15am unless otherwise stated.

4th January Family Service

11th January Revd Colins leaving service at 11am St Mary's Farnham – if you wish to attend and need a lift please contact Pam Lee on 07702171744

18th January Family Service

25th January Mattins

(One of the above services will be replaced with Holy Communion)

During the second week of December, Revd Colin led 5 Christingle services around the benefice so as you can imagine it has been a busy but enjoyable time for him. Their Christingle service, the children from Birchanger Primary school gave him a gift of a memory book that they have made. It was a lovely gift which Revd Colins really appreciated. His last service here in Birchanger was on Christmas Day and we are so sorry that he is having to move on but we wish him well in his new post. He will be sorely missed.

Over the coming months clergy attendance at our Sunday services will be a bit hit and miss but we will do our best to continue the usual pattern of services so please do join us when you can.

Forthcoming Events - There are none fixed yet but watch this space for future announcements.

May the Lord hold you and your family members safely in His hands, secure from harm, throughout the festive season and into the New Year and may you all grow in faith acting with love and kindness towards all God's people. **Amen**



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