

April 2022

Village View

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PAROCHIAL INFORMATION: BRADWELL-ON-SEA

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Churchwardens	Theresa Reed	776247
	David Thorpe	776846
School head teacher	Mrs L Wood	776219

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Parish Magazine M	_	St Cedd's School Parent-		Youth Club	
Roger Scurrell	776341	Teacher Association		Fridays	
Church Flowers		Secretary: Contact Sc		5-11 years 6:00 to 7:30pm	
David Thorpe	776846		776219	11 years—up, 7:30 to 9:00pm	
Flowers at St Peter	's Chapel	Maldon & Burnham S	Standard	information tel:	
David Thorpe	776846	Correspondent		Lynn Roughley 776555	
Bell Ringing - Towe	r Captains:	Mrs Jean Allen	776547	Cherie Archer 776443	
Laurie Main	776438	Clerk to the Parish Co	ouncil	Bradwell Bay Football Club	
John Prvke	776260	Emma Smith 07585	445307	Youth Football Team Contact	
Tower practice Frid	avs 7:45	4 Buttercup Way,		Krysta Collins Practice Village	
Sunday ringing as a		Southminster, CM0 7	RZ	Hall Field Saturday 10am	
Thursday Club		Parish Council meetin	igs	Dengie Singing Group	
St Thomas' Chapma	- Dann	Village Hall, 3rd Mone	day	Tuesdays 10:00—11:30	
1st Thursday of mor		•	8:00pm	Village Hall Committee Room.	
2:30-4:00	iui	P.C.C. Secretary		Contact Ella at	
		Mrs Jayne Hill	776317	dengiewomenssing@gmail.com	
Rainbows	5-7 yrs	Othona Community		Mobile Library	
Brownies	7-10 yrs	Warden Tim Fox	776564	Every three weeks Thursdays	
Guides	10-14 yrs			East End Rd. Bradwell	
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Dear Friends,

We have to wait until Sunday 17th April to celebrate Easter, so in the build up to our celebrations and Easter Eggs on this day, we remain in preparation to celebrate this great feast in the Christian Calendar. As part of these preparations, we continue to pray for peace in Ukraine and other parts of the world where there is conflict, bringing all that we can do in our Lenten journey to help.

As we also enter into the Spring season, we can begin to enjoy some of the sunshine weather and take breaks over Easter. We hope that you can join us on Good Friday, the 15th April at St Thomas' Church in Bradwell on Sea at 12.45, as we make the walk of witness down to the Chapel for a service from 2-3pm. And then on Easter Sunday, please join us again for the Easter dawn service at the Chapel with the new Bishop of Chelmsford, Bishop Guli or at one of our Churches in the Benefice to celebrate Christ being raised from the dead, where he overcame sin and death.

Alleluia, he is risen, he is risen indeed Alleluia! Happy Easter!

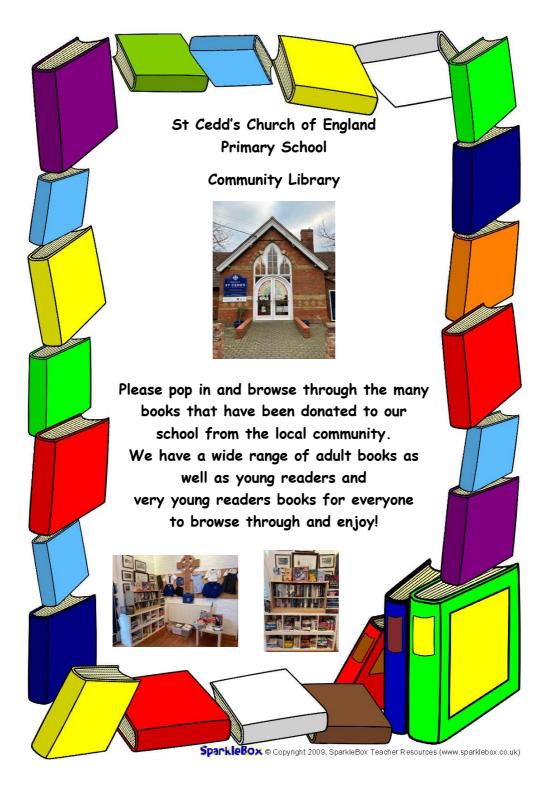
God bless, Reverend Steven



Have you ever thought about Confirmation?

The next service is at 7pm on Saturday 16th April at Chelmsford Cathedral

For more information contact Revd Steven on 01621 779620 or email stevenposs@hotmail.com



Bradwell WI - Wednesday 9 March at the Village Hall An evening spent with two faithful friends

Fifteen WI members got together for a natter, a cuppa and to give lots of attention to Sapphire and Steel.

Helen Beard of Pets as Therapy joined us all the way from Braintree tonight along with her labradors Sapphire and Steel. Helen explained the workings of Pets as Therapy – pets can bring comfort and companionship to people living in residential care who may feel isolated, confused and lonely. Pets as Therapy support schools to help young people improve their literacy skills and encourage confidence and concentration in the classroom. Their hospital visits can aid a patient's recovery and rehabilitation and help improve mental health and well-being. I'm sure everyone would agree a very worthwhile thing to be doing.

Helen was thanked for sharing her faithful companions with us ... then time for refreshments – ably provided by Alice and Julie.

Everyone was reminded about our fund-raiser Coffee Morning on Thursday 17 March (10.30-12.30) at the Village Hall to raise money for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee mugs for children of the village – lots of members were keen to help out with home-made cakes.

Linda Barnes spoke to the members about the Queen's Green Canopy and donations for the plaque – the trees have been planted along the road from Down Hall.

Julie sent a board round for members to volunteer to be hosts for our Progressive Dinner Party being held on Wednesday 27 April.

Dates for diaries:

Craft Group - Monday 28 March - 7.30 pm Village Hall (Linda Sibley)

Walking Group – first Wednesday in the month. Typically a five mile walk – starting and ending at a pub. Next month the walk will be in Danbury. (Linda Barnes)

Photo Club - Monday 14 March - 7.30 pm at St Lawrence Church annex (Linda Barnes)

Lunch Club at the Green Man – in May date to be confirmed (Jeanne Meehan)

The competition this month was a poem/ode/limerick to the majestic Hare. The winners were Christine, Pam Dorrington and Alice – very well done! Well done also to Margaret for winning tonight's raffle prize.

Next meeting will be on Wednesday 13 April – 7.30 pm at Bradwell Village Hall.

If you care for a toddler and want company, coffee and a chat, come along to



carer and toddler group on Monday mornings during term time from 10am to 12 at the Church centre, 30 Main Road, St Lawrence

QUIZ NIGHT IN AID OF THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Bradwell Marina Bar and Restaurant will host a Quiz Night on Tuesday 29 March 2022.

Doors open at 7.00pm for drinks and pre-ordered stone-baked pizza:

Margherita £10.00 Thin crust pizza, tomato sauce, melted mozzarella, basil Pepperoni Pizza £11.50 Thin crust pizza, tomato sauce, pepperoni, melted mozzarella, basil

Neptune Pizza £11.75 Thin crust pizza, tomato sauce, tuna, red onion, capers, black olives, anchovies, melted mozzarella, basil

Vegetarian Pizza £11.50 Thin crust pizza, tomato sauce, peppers, red onions, mushrooms, melted mozzarella, basil

Meat Feast £11.75 Thin crust pizza, tomato sauce, pepperoni, meat balls, chicken, melted mozzarella, basil

The quiz starts at 7.30pm. Teams are 4 people with a cost of £10 per team (£2.50 per person) to enter the quiz.

Please let Christine know if you are entering a team as soon as possible on 01621 776104 or by email to: christine.gould17@aol.com.

She will book in teams and take your orders for pizzas.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Committee wish to publicly thank John Grima for hosting this event.

Farewells and New Beginnings at the Othona Community.

The Othona Community wish a Very Happy and Joyful Easter to all our members, friends, neighbours and all of you who read Village View.

At Easter we are offered a new beginning and, at Othona, we too have some endings and beginnings. Tim Fox, our Manager/Warden for many years is leaving after Easter to start the next adventures in his life. From 1st May our Manager/Wardens will be two people well known to you, Debbie and Richard Sanders. I, Ruth Bull, also step down as Trustee/Director of the Othona Community and Chair of our Bradwell Centre Committee and am happy to tell you that Paul Coleman is filling this position. Paul is committed to the Christian fellowship of the Community, and is looking forward to meeting you and supporting Othona.

When Tim first managed Othona he established our school groups and continued to welcome and increase the number of people finding Othona through many and various groups. As well as keeping up our open programmed events for all-comers, we have seen family celebrations, weddings and memorials. Throughout this time, Tim has increased the number of volunteers we see at Othona, cooking, cleaning, gardening, painting and repairing, and always welcoming with a smile and a cuppa. Under Tim's watch Othona has seen practical developments too. First the yurts to add cosy accommodation, then the additions: disability access and bus stop, pond-dipping and bird-watching improvements; the refurbishment of the Education Building for study and art space, and the sustaining of Othona Bradwell during the hardships of Covid closure times. New partnerships have been formed, including Essex Wildlife Trust, Bradwell Bay Society, and the Diocese of Chelmsford. During much of this time Debbie and Richard have worked alongside Tim, and we wish them well as Tim moves on, and Debbie and Richard continue and develop the Work, Worship, Study and Play started here at Bradwell-on-Sea 76 years ago by our Founder Norman Motley, who gave us this message at Easter 1980: "Life is meaningful. Life is eternal. Love is eternal. The anti-hero is vanguished. Worthy is the Lamb that was slain. He – and we – shall reign for ever and ever."

Look on the Website for news, and for the 2022 Programme, including Easter. Email: bradwell@othona.org. Website: www.othonaessex.org.uk. Telephone: 01621 776564.

Can you help distribute Village View?

Can you spare 30 minutes each month to distribute Village View to our readers in the following areas of the village: -

Maldon Rd, Bradwell Hall to St Peter's Court (not including St Peter's Court)

If you are able, or would like further information, please contact Roger 01621 776341





Essex Green Weekend: THE climate action event of 2022

A unique partnership has resulted in the first-ever Essex Green Weekend this coming April, aimed at empowering and enthusing practical responses to the Climate Emergency.

The Essex Green Weekend is a new and exciting festival to engage communities, faith groups and anyone interested in climate change action. Taking place at Othona Bradwell, on the shores of the Blackwater Estuary between 29th April to 2nd May, the Essex Green Weekend is an amazing opportunity to gain a better understanding of how to take climate action, celebrate action taken, and connect with like-minded people and organisations through networking and a range of activities, workshops and entertainment.

The weekend event is being run by Othona Bradwell in partnership with fellow environmental charities that are also taking steps to improve climate action and awareness. Local environment and mental health charity Trust Links, Diocese of Chelmsford, and Southend in Transition have teamed with Othona to deliver a schedule of engaging talks, activities, debates, art workshops, and entertainment, offering something for both adults and children.

Tickets are available for adults at £25 per day or £70 for the weekend. People are also welcomed to bring their own tent or campervan for a reduced price of £20 per adult per day, or £50 for the weekend. Ticket prices include all meals, which will be vegetarian. Please see the Othona website for further information.

Church services for April

Time	Service	Church	Readings	
	3rd April - Lent 5			
10:00	Parish Communion	St Thomas Bradwell		
10:00	All Age Service	St Nicholas Tillingham	Isaiah 43.16-21 Psalm 126	
10:00	Centre and Church All Age Service	St Lawrence Centre	Philippians 3.4b-14 John 12 1-8	
15:00	Evening Service	St James Dengie	•••••	
10th Ap	ril - Palm Sunday			
10:00	Parish Communion	St Nicholas Tillingham		
10:00	All Age worship	St Thomas Bradwell	Liturgy of the Palms:	
10:00	Holy Communion	St Lawrence Centre	Luke 19.28-40	
15:00	Easter Praise	St James Dengie	Psalm 118.1-2,19-29*	
18:00	Evening Service	St Lawrence Church		
14th Ap	ril - Maundy Thursday	Service		
10:00	Maundy Thursday Service	St Nicholas Tillingham	Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13.1-17, 31-35	
15th Ap	ril - Good Friday			
10:00	Good Friday Service with Hot Cross Buns	St Thomas Bradwell	Isaiah 52:13-53end	
12:45	Walk with the Cross	Walk to St Peters Chapel from St Thomas	Hebrews 4: 14-16; 5: 7-9 John 18.1-19end	
14:00	Good Friday Service till 3pm	St Peters Chapel	70/III 20.2 270/III	
17th April - Easter Day				
06:00	Easter Dawn Service	St Peters Chapel with Bishop Guli		
10:00	Parish Communion	St Lawrence Church	Acts 10.34-43	
10:00	Parish Communion	St Thomas Bradwell	1 Corinthians 15.1-11	
10:00	All Age Service	The Centre St Lawrence	John 20.1-18	
10:00	All Age Service	St Nicholas Tillingham		
10:00	Café Church	Dengie Village Hall		

24th April - Easter 2				
09:00	Said Communion	St Nicholas Tillingham		
10:00	Parish Communion	St James Dengie	Acts 5.27-32	
10:00	Café Church	St Thomas Bradwell	Psalm 150 Revelation 1.4-8	
10:00	All Age Service	St Lawrence Centre	John 20.19-31	
10:00	Morning Prayer	St Lawrence Church		
1st May - Easter 3				
10:00	Parish Communion	St Thomas Bradwell	Acts 9.1-6 [7-20]	
10:00	All Age Service	St Nicholas Tillingham	Psalm 30	
10:00	All Age Service	St Lawrence Centre	Revelation 5.11-14	
15:00	Evening Service	St James Dengie	John 21.1-19	

Other April dates

Day	Date	Time	Event	Place
Friday	1st April	12:00	Friday Communion and Lunch	St Lawrence Church
Friday	1st April	14:00	Service at the Home	Down Hall Bradwell
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Thursday	7th April	09:00	Communion	St Peters Chapel
3				
Thursday	21st April	13:00	Thursday Club	St Thomas Bradwell
4				
Monday	25th April	10:00	Pebbles	The Centre St Lawrence

The Fascination of Birds

What is it that makes birds such a fascinating study – or even just a passing acquaintance? One thing of course is their immediate availability. Just look out of the window, take a walk anywhere, just listen – and there will be birds. Mammals tend to keep out of sight - at night, underground, hiding up somewhere – and some are not very nice to know – think of those with long

tails trying to steal our food. And insects? Well, they're small, make buzzing noises, some bite or sting, and anyway are nothing like as pretty as birds.

Birds make a wonderful excuse for a bracing walk, through a whole variety of scenery. Woodland, wetlands, farmland, moorlands, mountains – or even just stay at home and sit in the garden. It's surprising how much bird watching can be done by just remaining quiet and still – let the birds come to you. Some are just so friendly – take a spade to the vegetable patch and within a minute a robin will appear just yards away to see what you might unearth.

I find one other fascination. Birds have been on this planet for so long. Archeopteryx (ancient bird) was first identified from an imprint of a feather found in the 19th century. At present this is the earliest evidence of a very bird-like creature. More fossils have now been found, dating this species to about 150 million years ago. Birds coexisted with the dinosaurs. Dinosaurs didn't survive the mass extinction of species blamed on the collision with earth of a meteor, some 65 million years ago – but at least some birds did. The cormorant, for instance, may date back to 100 million years or more – does a cormorant not look primitive? Then think of a blue tit – a much later arrival on the scene, though evolution still took many millions of years for it to reach its present state of perfection.





Returning to mammals, what about our own species? Homo sapiens has been around for something like 300,000 years. We're the new comers. Does not that place a huge responsibility on ourselves to do all we can to conserve our delightful avian friends?

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If any of the above information is incorrect or you wish to publicise your organisation then please contact Roger Scurrell on 01621 776341

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