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Village View

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From the Rector

Dear Friends,

As we enter into the summer month of August, it is a summer like no other.

Whilst some of us may take this opportunity to go on holiday in this country, and for those who will not, we can hopefully find sometime to unwind and rest after the previous 3 months of lockdown and switch off from the barrage of news about the Coronovirus.

As we switch off, we can find rest, as we were recently encouraged by our Area Bishop to take a break before our churches fully re-open. Here we can find nurture and things we enjoy with our loved ones as we slowly start to live our lives again.

However, if you are around in August, do please free to join us at any one of our services and find your rest in God. Our churches in the Benefice will be holding Holy Communion services on a weekly basis in August. Further details of these can be found in this magazine.

May God's love, peace and joy be always with you.

God bless,

Reverend Steven

Village View

All copy for the September Village View should be sent to Roger Scurrell by phone (776341), posted through the letterbox of 6 St Thomas' Row, Bradwell, or by email to the address below, all by August 16th.

Those living in St Lawrence may give copy to Shirley Lea at 51 Main Road (779403) or email to bron-

wen.cook@btinternet.com by this date. Copy may also be submitted as a text or Microsoft Word or Publisher file, either on CD or, better still, by email to stthomaspcc@btinternet.com. We ask you to limit your article to 300-350 words and please include a picture

We apologise but no articles will be accepted after August 16th.

If you belong to an organisation that does not yet submit articles for the magazine we would like to hear from you even in longhand if you do not have access to a computer. Any news you have is always very welcome.

It's an ill wind.....

How magnificent our road verges have been this year. Yes of course none of us could have foreseen that a worldwide event could mean that limited resources of money or manpower could result in the verges alongside our roads being virtually uncut. But to look at these gems in detail has been a true wonder. So

many wild flowers, so much long grass, so many insects using them, breeding in them, feeding on the nectar; banks of nettles providing food for the caterpillars of butterflies. Have we really experienced a problem driving along the roads? We hear frequently 'when we get back to normal, so many things will change'. It would be lovely to think that when normality returns, whatever that is and whenever it happens, less will be spent in time and money on losing such a valuable resource, year in year out.

And where do the birds come in? They are at the top of the food chain. Earlier in the year I mentioned the Song Thrush and the Blackcap claiming territory, confident that invertebrates



and insects will be available to provide for offspring. Swallows have flown over 8000 miles, knowing that when they arrive a veritable bonanza of insects awaits them. Study after study shows that the number of insects in Europe has decreased by some 50% over the past 50 years. OK, Essex verges and St Thomas' churchyard won't save our birds, but, as the supermarkets say, 'every little helps'.

Brian Clayden

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Plant of the Month

Dahlias

Dahlias are another wonderful cut flower this time in mid-summer. A native of Mexico and declared their national *flower* in 1963, it brings to our summer gardens a splash of South American bright hot colours. For several years our garden flowers have been dull, some considered refined, colours and the bright Dahlias had been out of fashion being considered too brash, but now they are back to cheer us up. Large displays are very popular in National Trust



heritage gardens like Blickling and Felbrigg Halls in Norfolk, well worth a visit in summer.

Dahlias can be grown from tubers, cuttings or from seeds. They are tender plants which die down as soon as we get a frost, when the tubers are lifted and stored in a cool frost-free environment, then they are usually planted out after frosts have finished. But I find in this part of the country that I am able to leave them in the garden through the winter and they still come up every year.

They like a sunny area with a fertile and well drained but well-watered soil. To get the large show flowers it is best to take cuttings in the spring, then take out the side shoots from each flower. Also restrict the number of stems emerging from the ground to 5 for older plants, otherwise they get too prolific and need lots of staking. Dahlias from seed are great bedding plants, the flowers are often singles, which are better for bees.

The most common types of flowers are;

Decorative – Large double magnificent flowers

Cactus – spiky fully double with outward curled petals

Semi Cactus – these have a broader base and the petals rolled for half their length.

Ball – double with curved petals that form a ball

Pompom – as above but smaller

Waterlily – broad shallow double flowers that resemble a waterlily.

Single – a single ring of petals

D. Thorpe

St Lawrence Heritage Discovery Church

Whilst all has been quiet, squatters took possession of the St Lawrence Church

owl



When one of the Friends of the Church, Roy Hall, made the Des Res for owls he didn't think about other potential tenants, but a family of kestrels made good use of it raising 4 healthy chicks, all of which successfully fledged.

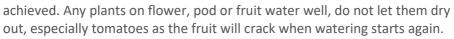
Gardening tips for August:

Keep your greenhouse well ventilated in the day and shaded in sunny weather.

Feed and water plants in containers regularly.

When the weather is dry and hot, ideally the grass should be kept slightly longer.

Continue removing side shoots from tomatoes, and pick out the top when full height has been



Still time to sow spring cabbage for planting out in the autumn.

Continue to pick runner beans, French beans and courgettes to encourage further crops

Keep bird baths topped up with water.

If you do manage to go on holiday try moving pots and tubs to a shaded area and watering well. Indoor plants can be watered and put in the bath on a damp cloth.



All nature has a feeling

All nature has a feeling: woods, fields, brooks
Are life eternal: and in silence they
Speak happiness beyond the reach of books;
There's nothing mortal in them; their decay
Is the green life of change; to pass away
And come again in blooms revivified.
Its birth was heaven, eternal in its stay,
And with the sun and moon shall still abide
Beneath their day and night and heaven wide,

The unusual circumstances we have all experienced in recent months have resulted in a resurgence of awareness of, and interest in, the nature all around us. Millions of country folk lost this element in their lives as a result of the Industrial Revolution and all that it entailed while famous poets recorded something of the beauty and power of nature.

Among these was John Clare, whose work shows such a vivid picture of life in the countryside of pre-industrial Britain, not perhaps the spectacular like 'a host of dancing daffodils' or the majestic power of the tiger, but the everyday details of rural life so soon to be lost to mechanization, with hedges and trees uprooted, common land enclosed, fenland drained and the mass movement from the country to the towns.

John Clare was born in 1793 in a village near Peterborough in part of a cottage which still stands, much modernised and recently turned into a museum in the poet's memory.

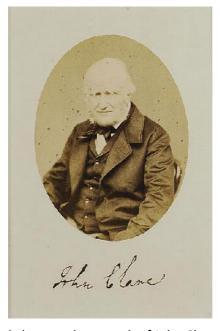


Clare's early years were spent in circumstances of extreme poverty as his father's wages were the erratic variety suffered by casual labourers of the time and he was taken from school at the age of seven to tend sheep and geese, and then to work on a farm. In this period he was able to attend a school on winter evenings. He then became a pot-boy in a public house, a gardener at Burghley Park, a militia man, joined a gipsy camp, worked as a lime-burner and finally in 1818 he was obliged to accept parish relief. His inability to secure steady employment may well have been because he lacked the strength required to do the work satisfactorily. His height of 5 feet and his illnesses in later years may well have been caused by early severe ill-nourishment

Although his earnings were scanty he managed to buy a copy of *Seasons* by Scottish poet James Thompson and this inspired him to write poems and sonnets. In an attempt to hold off his parents' eviction from their home, Clare offered his poems to a local bookseller named Edward Drury, who sent them to his cousin, of the publishing firm of Taylor & Hessey, who published Clare's *Poems Descriptive of Rural Life and Scenery* in 1820. This book was highly praised, and the next year his *Village Minstrel and Other Poems* was published.



Clare visited London, where he enjoyed a brief spell of celebrity in fashionable circles and made some lasting friends. Admirers raised an annuity for him, while that same year he married. His fame was sufficient for the commission of the painting of his portrait in 1820 by William Hilton , which now hangs in the National Portrait Gallery. From then on he encountered increasing misfortune. His poems, *The Village Minstrel* (1821), attracted little attention and *The Shepherd's Calendar; with Village Stories, and Other Poems* (1827), met with the same fate. His annuity was not enough to support his family of seven children and his dependent father, so he supplemented his income as a field labourer and tenant farmer. Poverty and drink took their toll on his health.



The only known photograph of John Clare, 1862

Clare's middle years and later life were far from happy. He suffered severe bouts of depression and was troubled by delusions. Sadly he spent time in a private asylum in Epping from which he absconded and he spent the last 23 years of his life in an asylum in Northamptonshire.

Clare was relatively forgotten during the later 19th century, but interest in his work was revived from 1908, and several new editions of his work were published while Benjamin Britten set some of "May" from A Shepherd's Calendar in his Spring Symphony of 1948, and included a setting of The Evening Primrose in his Five Flower Songs.

AUGUST

From the Shepherd's calendar

Harvest approaches with its bustling day
The wheat tans brown and barley bleaches grey
In yellow garb the oat land intervenes
And tawney glooms the valley thronged with beans
Silent the village grows, wood wandering dreams
Seem not so lovely as its quiet seems



The Othona Community, Bradwell – August and Beyond.

The Othona Community is open for you, our good friends who are happy to book for pop-in visits, meals or stays. Yes, we can hardly believe it ourselves, having had the "Locked Down 10" for over 3 months. Look at our Website www.othonaessex.org.uk.

Safety first! Tim and the team have worked tirelessly to spruce things up after the completion of our big Energy Project, and to deep clean, work out social distancing schemes and floor markings, ensure everything is in place for safe practices, and

prepare to greet those who enter the building - with a quick temperature check.

Now we need your help and support as never before

The reality is that Othona needs, in order simply to survive, more money than any reopening plans could bring in. People come first - but places to stay together in Community, and communications, are essential to us - and come with a price tag. The Charity needs money to run, currently £171,000 per year to keep both Centres running: heating, lighting, cooking, insurances, food, water, staff costs etc. We do have some reserves but at the current rate with very little income and staff mainly on furlough these will only provide us full cover for this financial year ending 31/3/21 and leave a little to support the following year. Othona's survival comes first - later, if Othona Bradwell is to complete the Energy Project we still need the second Wind Turbine, which requires an additional sum of some £110,000. Without that, we waste money on diesel, produce CO2 and damage our green credentials

This article is about Bradwell – but our Centre in Dorset is reaching out now, too. If you are able to make a financial donation to Othona, this is the time – see the Othona Essex Website. Your gift now will mean that future generations will benefit from the Community we all know and love. Seeking a Greener Bradwell?

With our Green Credentials Othona is an ideal place for your Carbon Offsetting. Information is available through various Websites, for example Carbonfoot-print.com or Climatecare.org.

When Norman Motley established The Othona Community in 1946, what would he have made of phrases like "Virtual Community" and "It's in the Cloud?" "Zoom" would have suggested a fast motor car —a "Tablet" was a stone to engrave 10 Commandments on.

Now we have this amazing opportunity to include all the members and friends of Othona in all sorts of electronic ways. If you would like to chat, join the Virtual Stoep on Sunday evenings. Our Dedication service, held each week on a Thursday evening at 9pm to dedicate to God the lives of all who had stayed at Othona or are close to our hearts in Bradwell or Dorset, is now both real at Othona and Virtual through Zoom – you are all welcome just ask Othona for joining details. An interesting Summer Programme? Follow the Website for our developing 2020 Programme of Virtual sessions, which are likely to be the themes for these times down at Othona, too. Provisionally we have: August 5th Meet the Team, with our European Volunteers;

Saturday August 8th Othona Flower and Produce Show – Virtual, watch for details.

August 9-14 Art week; 17-21 Permaculture Week; 24-28 Astronomy, August Bank Holiday "Greenbelt" All are Virtual, sessions likely to be 7.30pm, donations requested.

Tim Fox is Warden/Manager, with Debbie and Richard Sanders. Want to visit?

-See Website www.othonaessex.org.uk then ring Othona at Bradwell (it's down East End Rd and through East Hall Farm) on 01621 776564 Free Parking for all visitors to Othona – just ask for an exit token to leave through our wind-powered gate.



St Aidan's Day

On the 31st August is the feast of St Aidan, who brought Christianity to northern England. He is a strong contender for the title of the first English bishop. Not that honours meant a great deal to this austere but captivating character.

In 635 he came to Northumbria at the invitation of the local ruler, Oswald. Oswald had spent several years of his childhood on lona, and when he succeeded to the throne of his northern kingdom he was shrewd enough to realise that the Christian faith would be an ideal unifying force to pacify rival tribes of warlords.

Oswald's invitation was not immediately successful. The first missionary from lona returned in despair, claiming that the barbarity of the Northumbrians made them unconvertible. But as Aidan listened, he felt the unmistakable call of God to try again.

"Perhaps you were too harsh on them," he found himself suggesting to the travel-stained missionary. Shortly afterwards, Aidan found himself at the head of a party of brothers heading for Northumbria. He was never to see his beloved Iona again.

The monks made the long journey to Northumbria on foot, singing psalms as they went. Their need to ward off the powers of evil with prayer was genuine, for these were dangerous times to travel through remote country unarmed. They arrived safely at Oswald's castle in Bamburgh, where he offered them lavish hospitality and assumed that they would found their community there.

However, the brothers realised that to live under the king's protection would make it difficult to avoid the world's temptations and establish a rapport with the local people. They saw the tidal island of Lindisfarne on the horizon and chose it as their base. The rest, as the saying goes, is history.

Aidan was much loved as a teacher and evangelist; though stern in his own selfdiscipline, he was prepared to travel to the most inaccessible villages, where he cared for the local people with compassion and gentleness. In time, his influence grew and noble people joined the stream of visitors to Lindisfarne.

After Oswald's death in 642, his brother Oswin succeeded him as king. Oswin was concerned about Aidan's habit of walking everywhere. The saint was ageing rapidly, his body weakened by years of harsh fasting and exposure to the elements. Oswin wondered what would happen to him one day on the road, and also he felt that such a lowly means of travel was not appropriate for a bishop. So he gave Aidan one of his finest horses, complete with a beautifully worked saddle and bridle.

The king had intended to give him comfort, but his gesture had had the opposite effect. Aidan had learnt that possessions, and the need to protect them, make it more difficult to follow God with an undivided heart. The story goes that he gave the horse, complete with saddle, to the first beggar he met outside the palace gates.

A more pragmatic Christian might have reasoned that keeping on the right side of Oswin would lead to opportunities that were too valuable to risk. Indeed, the king was angry when he heard what Aidan had done. "That horse was fit for a king, not for some vagabond," he protested. "I could have found you an old nag if you wanted to give it away." Aidan's reply was simply,

"What do you think, O King? Is the son of a mare worth more in your eyes than that the Son of God?"

There was an awkward silence; then the King removed his sword, knelt at Aidan's feet and asked his forgiveness. When he returned to the banqueting ta-



ble, it was with a beaming smile. Sadly, he too was to perish in battle shortly afterwards; these were violent times. Yet Oswin, whose culture demanded that he should appear all-powerful in the eyes of his followers, had been publicly humbled by the integrity of a simple monk who had challenged his values.

SERVICES FOR AUGUST

Time	Service	Place	Readings
2 nd	Trinity 8		
9.00	Communion Service	Zoom Service	Genesis 32; 22-31 Romans 9; 1-5 Matthew 14; 13-21
10.30	Parish Communion	St Lawrence Church Centre	
9 th	Trinity 9		
9.00	Communion Service	Zoom Service	Genesis 37; 1-4, 12-28 Romans 10; 5-15 Matthew 14; 22-33
10.30	Parish Communion	St Lawrence Church	
16 th	Trinity 10		
9.00	Communion Service	Zoom Service	Genesis 45; 1-15 Romans 11; 1-2, 29-32 Matthew 15; 21-28
10.30	Parish Communion	St Thomas Bradwell	
23 rd	Trinity 11		
	Parish Communion	On Line Service	Exodus 1; 8-2; 10 Romans 12; 1-8 Matthew 16; 13-20
30 th	Trinity 12		
9.00	Communion Service	Zoom Service	Exodus 3; 1-15 Romans 12; 1-8
10.30	Parish Communion	St James Dengie	Matthew 16; 21-end

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Church Services

Following the announcement from the Government that Church Services may restart in our churches from the 5th July our service plan will be changed for August and September.

Each Sunday there will be a Zoom service from the Vicarage at 9.00am. For sign in details visit the church website at

https://e-voice.org.uk/bradwellchurch/sunday-services/

At 10.30 am on each Sunday there will also be a Parish Communion Service in one of the five church's / centre for those who normally worship at the church or centre. See service table for details.

In addition to these two services the weekly online service will be available on line and also there will be an evening service to replace the Chapel Evening Service. Details to both of these services will be available on the web site at https://e-voice.org.uk/bradwellchurch/sunday-services/ or contact your Churchwarden for further details.

Colour in Poster

"The world and all that is in it belong



to the Lord, the earth and all who live on it are His."

Psalm 24:1

A short story from the Bible

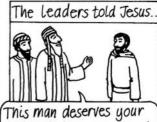
It can be read in the Bible in Luke 7:1-10, Matthew 8:5-13 When the Romans invaded Israel, they used soldiers to keep order. For the centurion in Capernaum it was more than just a job ...

The centurion had a young servant who was in great pain and dying.





When he heard that Jesus was near, he asked the town leaders to ask Jesus for help.



help. He loves our people.







But the centurion knew that, as a l Jew, Jesus could not go into the [houses of non-Jews so as Jesus got near, he sent some friends to him.



he isn't worthy enough for you to come to his house

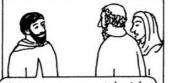
But he says he understands authority and knows you have it. You only have to say so and his servant will be healed



Jesus was amazed!



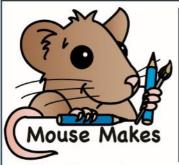
I have never met anyone in Israel with as much faith. He said to the friends ...



You may go now. What he has believed has happened

When the friends got to the house they found the servant completely healed!





The **PSALMS** are hymns of **PRAYER** and **PRAISE** to God.

"I will proclaim your greatness, my God and king; I will **thank you:** I will **praise you** for ever and ever." Psalm 145:1-2



Cut out and colour these cards to help you to **thank** and **praise** God.



"Your word is a lamp to guide me and a light for my path." Psalm 119:105

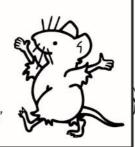
God's World

"The world and all that is in it belong to the Lord: the earth and all who live on it are His." Psalm 24:1



Praise the Lord!

"Let everything that has breath, praise the Lord." Psalm 150:6



Give thanks!

"Your constant love is better than life itself, and so I will **praise** you. I will give You **thanks** as long as I live; I will raise my hands to you in prayer."

Psalm 63:3-4

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The doctor and the ill person



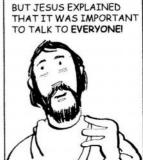


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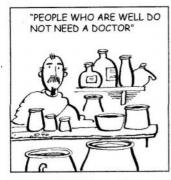








THIS SET PEOPLE'S TONGUES WAGGING. THEY THOUGHT JESUS WAS LETTING THE SIDE DOWN!







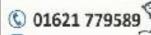


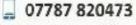
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Monday

Mothers and toddlers get together (Dads welcome) for tea, coffee and

Bridge Club

I.30pm & Friday 7.30

1st Wednesday of the month St Lawrence Social Club

Secretary Gwen Adams 778386

Rainbow Guides

5-7 years for information phone 07757636446 or email enauir-

ies@girlguidingessexne.org.uk

Tuesday

II.00am Coffee Morning

Maureen Storey

Wednesday Women's Institute

2nd Wednesday 7.30pm **President: Cathie Bomich**

Secretary: Carol Kelleher 778370

Thursday

St. Lawrence Art Group 10 - 12noon Stone Sailing Club

Bob Dorks 778392

The Friends of St Lawrence Newland Church

Carole Taylor 778523 John Barnes 779267

Church Centre Activities

All Church Centre bookings: 779403 Shirley Lea

St Lawrence Village Hall Fund

Contact: K. Terkelsen 778742 779063 Tara Pringle

Mobile Library

Fridays 11.45am to 12.30pm South Woodham Library (01245) 29555

The Medical Centre Tillingham 778383

William Fisher Medical

772360 Centre

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