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From the Rector

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year!

As we enter a new year together with the introduction of the vaccine, there is much hope for us to return to some kind of normality in the coming months, to go where we wish and to see who we would like. 2020 has been challenging for us all, but a new year brings us a fresh start and fresh way of looking ahead to enjoy the warmer months of the year and we look forward very much to beginning to plan to have our services and wider social activities start again as soon as we are able to do so.

So, what new fresh ways would you like to begin with this new year?

God bless,

Reverend Steven

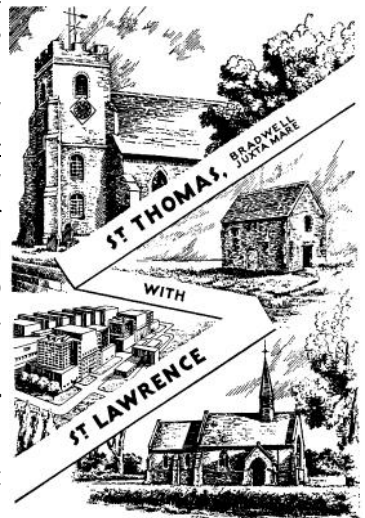
Village View

All copy for the February 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 **January 12th**.

Those living in St Lawrence may give copy to Shirley Lea at 51 Main Road (779403) or email to bronwen.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 stthomaspc@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 January 12th.

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.



A Slow Learner

The Lammergeyer is a vulture whose diet consists largely of bone marrow, foregoing the flesh on a carcass – just the bones, please. It uses its beak to break quite large bones, but some defeat it. So it carries them up to a height of maybe 100 m and drops them onto rocks below, so exposing a meal. I had come across this unusual bird many years ago during my time in East Africa, although they are also found in mountainous areas of Europe and Asia.



But what has this to do with my bird piece – shouldn't that deal with birds any of us might see?

Please read on. Earlier in December I spent a few days with a friend on the North Norfolk coast, whence we had travelled specifically for a spot of bird watching on new territory. As we walked along the channel which leads to the harbour of Wells -next-the-Sea there was a Herring Gull with a shell fish – perhaps a mussel – in its bill. It was carrying it into the air and dropping it. Down the bird went and repeated the exercise many times. Alas, without success, if the intention was to break

open the shell. It took the hoped-for meal to a height of about 20 ft. and dropped it – into mud! We realised we were standing on the only hard surface, so moved away. But the bird didn't take the hint.



On my return to Bradwell, and dragging my dim memory of the Lammergeyer to the surface, I carried out a little research on the vulture. The species was recorded in Wales in 2016, and also at several locations

around the UK earlier this year. Had the slow-learning Herring Gull somewhere observed the expert at work and thought "What a good idea", but hadn't quite got it right? Who knows?

Brian Clayden

News from the Parish Council

2020 Winner of the Class 7 new project award in the Best Kept Playing Field competition.

The Essex Playing Fields Association (EPFA) awarded Bradwell on Sea Parish Council this award for all the hard work that has gone into refurbishing the children's play area. They ran a story in their Autumn newsletter, which included the following information.

After the yearly play inspection, the Parish Council were faced with a long 'to do' list. After speaking with lots of residents and obtaining funding the following work began.



-) The bolts were replaced on the slide and the chains and seats replaced on the swings.
-) The football and rugby posts were removed and replaced with new football posts.
-) Broken equipment was removed and a new wheelchair trampoline and toddler climbing frame were installed.
-) The youth shelter roof was repaired.
-) Lots of painting has been completed, with more still to do.
-) Work is under way to remove the nettles and prevent them from growing.
-) The old benches were removed and new ones about to be installed.
-) The broken BMX track was removed and will hopefully be replaced with a zip wire, once funding has been found.

Other news

Rendering work is starting on the village hall again on the park side. Tiles have been replaced on the main roof and works carried out to the flat roofs; guttering and fascias replaced.

Repair work to the war memorial will also be completed very soon, special supports have been made to stop the commemorative slabs from slipping.

On behalf of the Parish Council I would like to wish you all a very happy, healthy and safe Christmas and New Year.

Emma Smith, Parish Clerk.

The Othona Community in December 2020.

Festive greetings from all at Othona. We are approaching the end of a very strange and difficult year for everyone and our hopes and prayers during this advent period are that 2021 will be a much better year.

We have had the pleasure of hosting four young volunteers funded by the European Solidarity Corps for the past year. It did not turn out to be the experience they were expecting but as you will see from their insights below, they have gained a lot from this time.

They arrived in February to find the Centre closed for visitors and in the middle of a major overhaul of our energy system, as our Spanish volunteer, Maria, describes it “We started in February with a lot of cold and a complicated situation, for example we didn’t have a kitchen for cooking, or heating, and we didn’t understand our managers.” Just as we were finally about to reopen in March the covid-19 pandemic really took off and we were shut for the lockdown but fortunately were able to open in the summer albeit with drastically reduced numbers. However, as Laïd, our French volunteer, describes it, “Despite the covid-19 we all had a great time especially this summer with so many people, I enjoyed meeting and working with different people and learned to know them.”

Our volunteer from the Czech Republic, Jana, said, “It has been an enriching experience, I met many interesting people and have made good friendships in this year.”

Our volunteers have worked hard during their time here and you can see the evidence of this all around the site as well as their time taking care of visitors coming here. Our Italian volunteer, Stefano, said, “This Community gave us a lot of different experiences and feelings. This year I learnt many different skills such as painting, wood chopping, a lot of maintenance and language skills. I have also improved my cooking skills, and this is my passion and I hope that with my food I could give pleasure to the members of the Community.” Maria described the rhythm of life here at Othona during the lockdown, “Our days during the pandemic were very busy. We worked in the mornings in the gardens, tidying and cleaning up the buildings, painted the new Education building, studied English.... and in the afternoons, we had time for sport, reading, studying and art. In the summer we enjoyed time with members of Othona and had a little ‘normality’.” Jana said, “When it comes to my work most of all I enjoy time in the kitchen, improving my cooking skills, discovering new recipes, learning from the others and sharing a bit from my culture. During the lockdowns I had more time for working outside, I learnt about permaculture and about animal care.”

During this challenging year our lovely volunteers have been a very positive presence to have at Othona and the Community has benefitted immensely from

their time here. They have also gained from this experience, as Laïd described, “Even during this hard period, I’m really happy to have chosen this volunteering at Othona and I especially found out a lot about myself, learned new skills and enjoyed chatting with different sorts of people. I’m so grateful towards everyone here and I really advocate others to come to Othona to appreciate having time alone with yourself and also with others.” Stefano said, “I will never forget Othona in my life, I feel part of the Community and would not change this. I hope to come back as soon as possible to see the real Othona life without the pandemic.” Jana said of her time here, “I enjoy Community life with regular Chapel meetings as well as spending time in nature.” Also, for Maria this was a memorable year, “This



year I learned a lot of new skills, about gardening, using power tools.... But most important of all I learnt about myself. This Community for me has meant peacefulness, family, studying and spirituality and I hope I can return.”

I hope you had a chance to meet our volunteers whilst they were here, sadly they are leaving us in the next few weeks and will be much missed. The Centre is closed now due to the tier 2 /3 regulations and we plan to open again in February 2021. I hope you can come and visit us next year and we wish you all a peaceful and happy Christmas.

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.

Where did the Wisemen come from

Magi from the East – it isn't a lot to go on. The Magi had originally been a religious caste among the Persians. Their devotion to astrology, divination and the interpretation of dreams led to an extension in the meaning of the word, and by the first century the Magi in Matthew's gospel could have been astrologers from outside of Persia. Some scholars believe they might have come from what was then Arabia Felix, or as we would say today, southern Arabia.

It is true that in the first century astrology was practised there, and it was the region where the

Queen of Sheba had lived. She of course had visited Solomon and would have heard the prophecies about how one day a Messiah would be born to the Israelites and become their king.

Matthew's gospel (chapter 2) is clear that the Magi asked Herod: 'Where is the One who has been born king of the Jews? We saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him.' So it is possible that in southern Arabia the Queen of Sheba's story of how a Messiah would one day be sent to the Israelites had survived. Certainly, there are a number of other early legends that connect southern Arabia with Solomon's Israel.

To many people this makes sense: that the ancient stories of a Messiah, linked to later astrological study, prompted these alert and god-fearing men to the realisation that something very stupendous was happening in Israel. They realised that after all these centuries, the King of the Jews, the Messiah, was about to be born.

One more interesting thing that gives weight to the theory that the Magi came from southern Arabia is this: if you study any map of Palestine as it was during biblical times, you will find that the old Arabian caravan routes all entered Palestine 'from the East'.



Epiphany

On 6th January we celebrate Epiphany – the visit of the Wise Men to the baby Jesus. But who were these Wise Men? No one knows for sure. Matthew calls them ‘Magi’, and that was the name of an ancient caste of a priestly kind from Persia. It wasn’t until the third century that they were called kings – by a church father, Tertullian.

Another church father, Origin, assumed there were three – to correspond with the gifts given. Later Christian interpretation came to understand gold as a symbol of wisdom and wealth, incense as a symbol of worship and sacrifice, and myrrh as a symbol of healing – and even embalming. Certainly Jesus challenged and set aright the way in which the world handled all three of these things. Since the 8th century, the Magi have had the names Balthasar, Caspar and Melchior.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

(An acrostic poem where the first letter of each line spells out the title of the poem)

Heaven’s gift of another year
As the old departs and the new is born,
Plans for a future and a hope
Preparing us for each new dawn.

Yesterday has gone forever,
New days and ventures lie ahead,
Even darkness turns to light
When we make the Lord our head.

Yielding to the Holy Spirit
Ever mindful that He’s there,
As we live our lives before Him
Rejoicing in His loving care.

By Megan Carter

.SERVICES FOR JANUARY 2021

Time	Service	Place	Readings
3rd Christmas 2			
9.00	Joint Benefice Communion Service	Zoom Service	Isaiah 60; 1-6 Ephesians 3; 1-12 Matthew 2; 1-12
10.30	Joint Benefice Communion	Online	
10.30	Communion	St Lawrence Church	
10.30	All Age Worship	St Lawrence Centre	
10.30	Epiphany All Age Worship	St Nicholas Tillingham	
10.30	Epiphany All Age Worship	St Thomas Bradwell	
10th The Baptism of Christ			
9.00	Joint Benefice Communion	Zoom Service	Genesis 1; 1-5 Acts 19; 1-7 Mark 1; 4-11
10.30	Joint Benefice Communion	Online	
10.30	All Age Worship	St Lawrence Centre	
10.30	Communion	St Nicholas Tillingham	
17th Epiphany 2			
9.00	Joint Benefice Communion Service	Zoom Service	1 Samuel 3; 1-20 Revelations 5; 1-10 John 1; 43-51 Genesis 14; 17-20 Revelations 19; 6-10
10.30	Joint Benefice All Age service	Online	
10.30	All Age Worship	St Lawrence Centre	
10.30	Parish Communion	St Thomas Bradwell	
24th Epiphany 3			
9.00	Joint Benefice Communion	Zoom Service	Genesis 14; 17-20 Revelations 19; 6-10 John 2; 1-11

24th	Epiphany 3 Cont'd		
10.30	Joint Benefice Com- munion	Online	Genesis 14; 17-20 Revelations 19; 6-10 John 2; 1-11
10.30	All Age Worship	St Lawrence Church Cen- tre	
10.30	Communion	St Lawrence Church	
10.30	Communion	St James Dengie	
31st	Presentation of Christ to the Temple		
9.00	Joint Benefice Com- munion	Zoom Service	Malachi 3; 1-5 Hebrews 2; 14-18 Luke 2; 22-40
10.30	Joint Benefice All Age Service	Online	
10.30	Communion	St Lawrence Church Cen- tre	
10.30	All age Worship	St Thomas Bradwell	
7th Feb	2nd Sunday before Lent		
9.00	Joint Benefice Com- munion	Zoom Service	Proverbs 8; 1, 22-31 Colossians 1; 15-20 John 1; 1-14
10.30	Joint Benefice Com- munion	Online	
10.30	Communion	St Lawrence Church	
10.30	All Age Worship	St Lawrence Centre	

Details to the online services will be available on the Church web site .
Please note all services are subject to change with any changes to COVID
19 Restrictions. Please see Church Notice Board and website for up to date
information.

Church web site <https://e-voice.org.uk/bradwellchurch/sunday-services/>

Gardening in January

Happy New Year to all. January might be the middle of winter but as the days lengthen the garden starts to grow it is a great time to plan for the coming gardening year and to order seeds and plants. Enjoy the fresh air on dry sunny days, and check that stakes, ties and supports are still working after any severe weather. Also put out food for birds and leave some garden areas uncut a little longer, to provide shelter for wildlife in your garden.

Flowers: Bare-rooted rose bushes can be planted this month.

Fruit and Veg: Dig over any vacant plots that have not been dug already

Prune apple and pear trees. Leave plums, cherries and apricots unpruned until the summer as pruning these fruit trees now will make them susceptible to silver leaf infections. Start forcing rhubarb.

Garden Maintenance: If we have snow, brush off greenhouses and cold frames to prevent the glass being damaged, and off hedges and conifers to prevent the branches from snapping out under its weight.

Plant of the month Norway Spruce

Seems a strange choice as Christmas is over, but consider keeping your tree till next Christmas, it will be a little step to protecting the environment and it's quite satisfying to bring in your own tree next year.

The Norway Spruce shown here is the traditional Christmas tree with short green pointed needles. It is the best value tree with its lovely Christmas rich coniferous fragrance. Needle retention is weaker than the Nordman Fir (*Abies nordmanniana*, Nordmann or Caucasian fir) but this can be minimised by not bringing in your tree till the week before Christmas and placing your tree well away from radiators and keeping it in plenty of fresh water.



Generally, firs don't respond well to being planted out and then dug up and repotted so, if you're hoping to keep your potted Christmas tree and bring it indoors next Christmas, it's best to leave it in the container.

The secret to caring for a Christmas tree in a container is to place the pot in the right spot. Christmas trees prefer cool damp conditions so place it in a sheltered

spot but, particularly during hot summers, not in direct sunlight - and keep it well watered. A feed of fertiliser in the spring will give your tree a boost and it will, hopefully, grow some new shoots for next year.

If you do wish to plant it in the garden it's best to pick a damp shaded area, and consider perhaps leaving it for a couple of years before bringing it in again. The Christmas tree in the Churchyard last month came from our garden, it was a tree planted many years ago. After a few years it was cut down to use indoors leaving a lower branch that was tied up vertically and a new tree grew from this. This year Roger cut this down to use at the church and leaving one lower branch hopefully a new one will grow to be used again in the future.

The picture shows a Goldcrest, our smallest UK bird, feeding in my tree last January. Apparently, Goldcrests love feeding in Firs.

David Thorpe

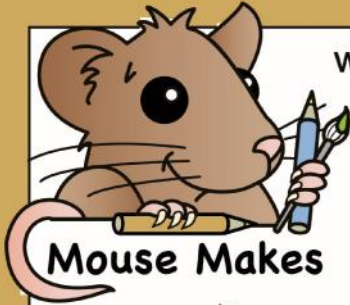


POPPY APPEAL 2020



A big thank you to everyone who donated to the Poppy Appeal this year. Although we were unable to do our usual 'door to door' collection we raised a magnificent £517.

Sue Perrott



What happened after Jesus had been born in Bethlehem?

READ Matthew 2:1-12

Who came from the East? ☆

Why had they come? ☆

What were they following? ☆

Who was alarmed by their arrival?

Who had the prophet written about?

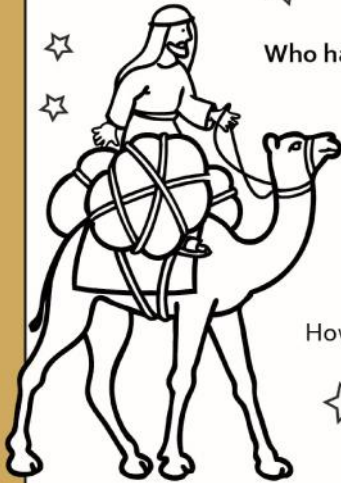
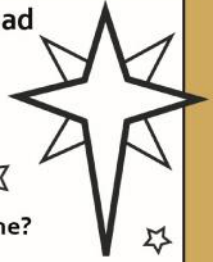
Where were they then sent?

What were they to look for?
..... and why?

Where did the star lead them?

Who did they see? What did they do?

How were they warned to go home another way?



READ Matthew 2:13-23

Who appeared to Joseph?

What was he told? Why? What did he do?

Who then became angry?.... and why? What horrible thing did he then do?

When Herod died where was Joseph told to take his family?

Where did Jesus finally grow up?



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