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## From the Vicarage

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year from myself Kate and Phoebe after our First Christmas!

During Advent, we welcomed the Archdeacon of Chelmsford, The Ven Jonathan Croucher, to lead our Carol Service at St James Church in Dengie, and to dedicate and bless the Asheldham War Memorial, due to the sale of Asheldham Church.

The Asheldham War Memorial commemorates the First World War (1914-1918), and is a brass plate in a wooden frame on the wall in St James Church, Dengie.

Although Asheldham Church has been closed for a number of years and upkeep has not been in the building for some time, the memorial is in good condition.

Advent and Christmas was another special time in Bradwell and St Lawrence. The services were really fitting of the season.

I am now on Sabbatical until the beginning of April, so if you have any queries during this time, please contact the Churchwardens on the contact page of the magazine.

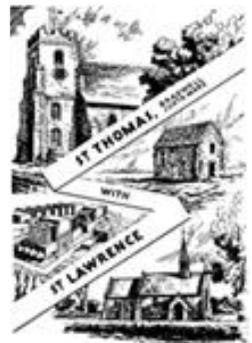
God bless,

*Reverend Steven*

## February Village View

All copy for the February Village View should be sent to Roger Scurrall by phone (776341), posted through the letterbox of 6 St Thomas' Row, Bradwell, or by email to the address below, all by January 15th. We do not accept articles after 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 [stthomasppcc@btinternet.com](mailto:stthomasppcc@btinternet.com). We ask you to limit your article to 300-350 words and please include a picture.



## Village View Distribution

Can you help distribute Village View around the Village. We need distributors in the following areas. Bradwell Wick to St Peters Court, Downhall to Waterside end of Trusses Road. If you can help please contact Roger Scurrall Tel 07710868491

## Bradwell-on-Sea WI meeting

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at the Village Hall



### Our annual Christmas party

Our final meeting of the year was, once again, our much-anticipated Christmas party – and what a lovely evening it was. We were welcomed on arrival with Pat's famous mulled wine, which got us feeling christmassy straight away!

We were delighted to be joined by Brigid and Laurie, who led us in a festive sing-along, with Laurie accompanying on guitar. A particularly special song was Away in a Manger, which Brigid beautifully signed in British Sign Language, with everyone joining in by singing and signing along!



After the music, we enjoyed a buffet with plenty of choice, giving everyone time to chat and catch up. This was followed by a food quiz, which sparked plenty of discussion and competition too! The evening wrapped up with our traditional pass-the-parcel

game, complete with Christmas trivia that had everyone thinking, singing and laughing too!

It was a memorable evening and the perfect way to celebrate another fantastic year with our WI. Here's to more fun and friendship in the year ahead!

Our next meeting is on the 14<sup>th</sup> of January in the village hall for a craft night with Eunice making felt hearts. New members are always welcome; there is just a small fee of £5 for non-members, so please feel free to come along! If you have any questions about what we get up to, you can contact Sue Pirret on 07824696807 or [sue@dailygrindimports.com](mailto:sue@dailygrindimports.com)

*Alice Nightingale*

## News from RAF Bradwell Bay

### Tales from RAF Bradwell Bay

Hope you all had a good Christmas and wish you a Happy New Year.

In January 1946, 80 years ago, there was no RAAF Bradwell Bay. The airfield existed in the hands of the Air Ministry, but the RAF base had closed on 30<sup>th</sup> November 1945. The last use of the airfield had been by No.2 APS (Armament Practice School). They had moved to RAF Spilsby.

This was not the closure of the range, which did not occur until 25th August 1965. Responsibility for the range was initially passed to RAF Hornchurch then to RAF Martlesham Heath and finally on 1st January 1961 to RAF Wattisham. The use of the range was by the RAF and USAF. It is believed that the USAF had a base in East End Road, but I haven't seen documentary evidence of this.

I have heard stories of the Power Station construction making occasional use of the runway at Bradwell, can't verify them. I do know in the late 1970 a light aircraft had problems and planned to do a forced landing. I was working in ambulance control and took a call from the Fire Brigade requesting ambulance attendance at Bradwell as a light aircraft was about to crash near the power station. Caused a bit of commotion but all was OK!

The RAF Bradwell Bay Preservation Group has a Facebook page

RAF Bradwell Bay Preservation Group (Type in whole address) and our website [www.rafbradwellbay.com](http://www.rafbradwellbay.com).

The RAF Bradwell Bay Preservation Group seeks to preserve the history of the RAF in Bradwell on Sea. We are planning for a museum near the memorial.

You can contact us via [rafbradwellbay@gmail.com](mailto:rafbradwellbay@gmail.com)



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## Bradwell-on-Sea Village Hall Trustees 100 Club



Charity Number 803054

The Bradwell Village Hall 100 Club draw results for December 2025 are as follows.

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize, Ticket 100, David Russle, £20.00**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize, Ticket 42, Treaser Schier, £10.00**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize, Ticket 88, Jean Allan, £5.00**

**Christmas Draw**

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize, Ticket 100, Cathy Prout, £20.00**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize, Ticket 42, Kerry Whyte, £10.00**

The next draw takes place on the 1<sup>st</sup> December if you would like to join the 100 Club please fill in form available in the Community Shop of the Village Hall or phone or Text 07710868491.

## **Pebbles**

**Pebbles** is a free play time session for babies, toddlers, and their carers.

From Monday **12 January 2026** we will be open between 10 - 12 at the Church Centre, Main Road St Lawrence when we offer a Coffee and Play time for babies, toddlers and their carers. A range of craft variety of toys, story time & songs are offered, as well as refreshments for adults and little ones alike.

We will also offer a free session in **February half term** for the little ones and their siblings.

We look forward to welcoming you. for more info phone Eunice 01621 778904 or Ann 01621 779630



## The Othona Community, at the start of 2026.



You are now reading what we were imagining back in the middle of December, as of course what you read in “Village View” has to be submitted, checked, prepared, printed and distributed in time for you to enjoy a comfortable catch-up of life in our Parish at the beginning of each month. At Othona the Christmas trees are up and decorated, some of the resident team are having a break to visit their families, while the

others are busy preparing a blend of the magical and the spiritual, to greet those who stay or visit Othona this Christmas. Imagining.....that Christmas 2025 will be remembered as a time that touched people with the wonder of the birth of a Baby who brings new light to the world; a time of fun and friendships renewed or newly formed; a sense of peace that truly sustains the soul, giving fresh hope for personal and world transformation. And of course, Christmas will be remembered for the delicious home-cooked, often home-grown food lovingly prepared by the Community, the exchange of small gifts, and the excitement and laughter of children, young and old.

We are getting lots of interest with regards to next year's programme. We are currently working on the prices for next year and once these have been set next year's programme will start to go live. We will announce on our website and social media when the programme has been published: keep your eyes peeled.

Unsurprisingly, 2026 starts with New Year's Day, when anyone taking their New Year's walk around Bradwell would be welcome to pop in and exchange New Year Greetings, with the chance of a welcoming hot cuppa and maybe even some seasonal leftovers! You are then invited to share in the programme, as far as it has been organised:

### **A Week to Simply Be Mon 12 Jan - Fri 16 Jan 2026**

Time to spend on your own or with friends relaxing in the surroundings of Othona! Finding God, Finding You: Silent prayer through Christian meditation.

**A weekend of silent meditation - Fri 16 Jan — Sun 18 Jan 2026** open to those new and experienced to meditation hosted by Kate Middleton

**Sewing and Craft Weekend - Fri 6 Feb — Sun 8 Feb 2026** a weekend indulging in crafts.

As 2026 unrolls, all of us will be celebrating birthdays, and some people even book Othona as a place to share their special events. Most special to our Community is that we will have existed for 80 years this summer, with just a few people able to look back at the whole of that period of time in Bradwell. Are you one of them? Or if not for the whole 80 years, do you have fond memories of visits to Othona in its earlier days, and times when new Wardens, new team members and new buildings brought fresh life to the ever-evolving miracle of Othona. Do let us know, with your memories, stories and pictures.

**Othona wishes you all a Happy, Healthy Hopeful and Peaceful New Year.** Othona is accessed through East Hall Farm, East End Rd, Bradwell on Sea, through the wind powered gate: exit token from office. Our Manager/Warden is David Jenkins. Website [www.othonaessex.org.uk](http://www.othonaessex.org.uk). Email [bradwell@othona.org](mailto:bradwell@othona.org). Telephone 01621 776564.

## Epiphany January 6th

On 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Epiphany Questions (Mt 2:1-12)

Those men from eastern lands –

Were they kings? ,Were there only men?, Were there only three?,Where *did* they find the child?

So much we don’t know.

But we do know they left their homes and travelled far, searching for truth and meaning. We do know they brought three gifts, fit for a King. We do know that the Star led them to Jesus – that, filled with joy, they worshipped Him, and left Herod to his schemes at the end of their visit. Oh yes, we know that they tuned in to God and rejoiced in the revelation of His Son-King. Some things we do know, then. Certainly, we know they were Wise.

**Saturday 31 January**  
**Coffee Morning**  
**Nearly New Books**  
**Soft toy tombola**

**Church Centre, Main Road,  
St Lawrence**  
**10.30am - 1pm**



**Coffee & Tea**  
**Cakes etc**  
**Raffle**

## JANUARY SERVICES

Time	Service	Church	Readings
<b>Jan 2nd</b>	<b>Friday</b>		
12:00	Communion with Lunch	St Lawrence Church	TBA
<b>4th</b>	<b>Epiphany</b>		
10:00	Communion	St Thomas	Jeremiah 31; 7-14 Ephesians 1; 3-14 John 1; 10-18 Psalm 147; 13-en
10:00	Family Service	St Nicholas Tillingham	
10:00	Morning Worship	St Lawrence Centre	
16:00	Evening Service	St James Dengie	
<b>11th</b>	<b>The Baptism of Christ</b>		
10:00	Communion	St Nicholas Tillingham	Isaiah 42; 1-9 Acts 10; 32-43 Matthew 3; 13-end Psalm 29
10:00	Café Church	St Thomas	
10:00	Communion	St Lawrence Centre	
18:00	Evening Service	St Lawrence Church	
<b>18th</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany</b>		
08:00	Holy Communion	St James Dengie	Isaiah 49; 1-7 1 Corinthians 1; 1-9 John 1; 29-42 Psalm 40; 1-12
10:00	Communion	St Lawrence Church	
10:00	Morning Worship	St Lawrence Centre	
10:00	Morning Worship	St Nicholas Tillingham	
18:00	Evensong	St Thomas	
<b>25th</b>	<b>Conversion of St Paul</b>		
10:00	Communion	St James Dengie	Jeremiah 1; 4-10 Acts 9; 1-22 Matthew 19; 27-end Psalm 67
10:00	Café Church	St Thomas Bradwell	
10:00	Morning Worship	St Lawrence Centre	
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18:00	Evening Service	St Nicholas Tillingham	
<b>Feb 1st</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany, Presentation of Christ in the Temple</b>		
10:00	Communion with Bishop of Bradwell	St Thomas Bradwell	1 Kings 17; 8-16 1 Corinthians 1; 18-end John 2; 1-11 Psalm 36; 5-10
10:00	Morning Worship	St Nicholas Tillingham	
10:00	Morning Worship	St Lawrence Centre	
15:00	Evening Service	St James Dengie	
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Friday</b>		
12:00	Communion with Lunch	St Lawrence Church	TBA

## Diary of 2026 Events

Below are a list of dates of events being held during the first three months of 2026. If you or your organisation have dates that you would like advertised, please email details to [stthomaspc@btinternet.com](mailto:stthomaspc@btinternet.com) for inclusion.

### January

8th Thursday Club St Thomas Church 2pm, 13<sup>th</sup> MDC Winter Talks with Joanna Dale on Bradwell and the Blackwater Estuary in the Early Middle Ages at 7pm in the Village Hall, 14<sup>th</sup> Women's Institute Village Hall Committee Room 7.30pm, 15<sup>th</sup> St Thomas PCC Meeting Church at 7pm,

### February

5th Thursday Club St Thomas Church 2pm, 11<sup>th</sup> Women's Institute Village Hall Committee Room 7.30pm, 16th Parish Council Village Hall Committee Room 7.30pm, 17<sup>th</sup> Shrove Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday.

### March

5th Thursday Club St Thomas Church 2pm, 11<sup>th</sup> Women's Institute Village Hall Committee Room 7.30pm, 16th Parish Council Village Hall Committee Room 7.30pm,

In addition to the above:-

**Mondays** Pebbles 10 to 12 at St Lawrence Centre

**Wednesdays** Rainbows and Brownies. (See Parochial Information for Contact Numbers)

**Fridays** Badminton & Table Tennis 10-12 in Bradwell Village Hall

## Bradwell-on-Sea Village Hall Christmas Fair.

The Village Hall would like to Thank all who supported the Christmas Fair held on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November, especially the Stall Holders and all who supported the Fair itself by coming to the fair and supporting it in giving prizes to the raffle and their time in decorating the hall and arranging for a visit from Father Christmas who gave out free presents to the children.

The total raised for the Village Hall refurbishment Fund was £955.64 which will be used with other money raised and hopefully Grants to improve our hall.

If you had a stall this year and would like to book for 2026 Fair please let Sue Pirett know by emailing her on [sue@dailygrindimports.com](mailto:sue@dailygrindimports.com).

Thank you for your support

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FURTHER INFORMATION: Tim Howson, Principal Conservation and Heritage Officer [tim.howson@maldon.gov.uk](mailto:tim.howson@maldon.gov.uk)

13<sup>th</sup> January 2026: Johanna Dale – Bradwell and the Blackwater Estuary in the Early Middle Ages

VENUE: Bradwell-on-Sea Village Hall, South Street, Bradwell-on-Sea CM0 7QJ

*This talk will consider the remarkable early-medieval history of Bradwell with an emphasis on its coastal setting. Johanna is a medieval historian and local resident who edited the book St Peter-on-the-Wall: Landscape and heritage on the Essex coast, which was published in 2023.*



Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026: Stephen Nunn – Dr SALTER (1841-1932) of TOLLESHUNT D’ARCY – A Larger than Life Character

VENUE: Tolleshunt D’Arcy Village Hall



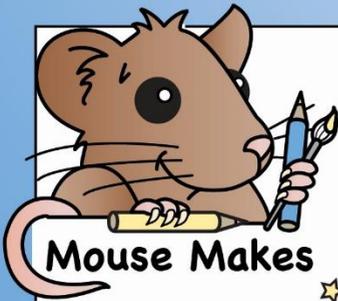
*Dr John Henry Salter was a truly remarkable man – one of England’s last eccentrics. He lived nearly all his life in the village of Tolleshunt D’Arcy and achieved so much. He left his mark in very many sectors and his successes can be measured by some quite staggering, almost unbelievable statistics. Listen to Stephen tell his story.*

3<sup>rd</sup> March 2026: Maria Medlycott – Recent Archaeological Discoveries in Essex

VENUE: Friends Meeting House, Butt Lane, Maldon, CM9 5HD

*Maria will present the results of the more interesting recent archaeological sites in Essex, and will discuss how these fit into our wider understanding of the archaeological evidence for the county. The sites help answer the question of how to fit 197 dead Saxons into one small hut, and the surprise discovery of an Essex Roman villa by a man in Cheshire.*





# Mouse Makes

## DID YOU KNOW ?

Stars shine different colours, the colour we see depends on the temperature of the star. The hottest stars shine blueish-white, then yellowish-white, yellow, orange and the coolest stars shine red.

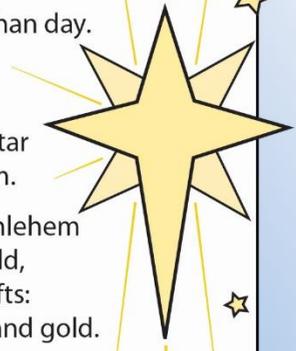
## WISE MEN FROM THE EAST

The Wise Men came from a land far away, they had seen a star that shone brighter than day.

The star was a sign of the birth of a king, so they followed that star to pay homage to him.

They found him in Bethlehem as the prophets foretold, they gave him three gifts: myrrh, frankincense and gold.

The star led to Jesus our saviour and king, let us join with the Wise Men and go worship Him!



Read the story of the Wise Men in **Matthew 2:1-12**

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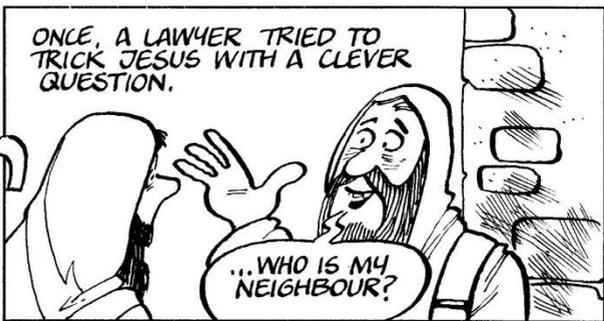
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- CHRIST • KING
- GIFTS • GOLD • MYRRH
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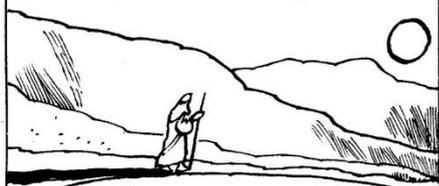
# The Good Samaritan

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ONCE, A LAWYER TRIED TO TRICK JESUS WITH A CLEVER QUESTION.



JESUS REPLIED BY TELLING THE LAWYER A STORY.



A MAN WENT FROM JERUSALEM TO JERICO. ON THE WAY...

HE WAS ATTACKED BY ROBBERS!!



THEY TOOK EVERYTHING HE HAD AND LEFT HIM FOR DEAD!



LATER A PRIEST PASSED BY, BUT DID NOTHING TO HELP - NOR DID THE RELIGIOUS MAN FROM A TEMPLE!

BUT A MAN FROM A FOREIGN COUNTRY STOPPED TO HELP THE INJURED MAN. HE DRESSED THE MAN'S WOUNDS AND EVEN PAID FOR HIM TO STAY AT AN INN.



JESUS THEN ASKED "WHO WAS THE NEIGHBOUR?"

- PRIEST
- TEMPLE MAN
- FOREIGN MAN

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**Children Society**

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**St Lawrence Singers**

Friday at 5.45-7.00pm, Church Centre

Shirley Masterson 07956799989

**Bridge Club**

Mondays 1.30 Church Centre

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Secretary Gwen Adams 778386

**Coffee Morning**

Tuesday at 10.30am Church

Centre

**Wednesday Board Games**

2 -4.00pm Church Centre

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**St Lawrence Village Hall**

Bookings Marion Gibson 778102

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778523

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**Table Tennis**

Tuesdays 3-5pm at Village Hall

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Monday – Friday 8am-2pm Term Time, Village Hall

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**Age Concern**

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Association for Age Concern

**Mobile Library**

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**Local Policing Team**

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101

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