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JUNE 2024

Village View

From the Vicarage

Dear Friends,

As we move into June, we look forward to Baptisms, Confirmations, Weddings and the Bradwell Pilgrimage on Saturday 6th July at St Peter's Chapel in Bradwell on Sea. We are also holding a Baptism and Confirmation Service as one of the Chapel Summer Services on Sunday 14th July and have a programme of different worship services during July and August.

We had a great day at St Paul's Cathedral on Sunday 28th April for their Even-song, where I was invited to preach. I spoke about the longstanding land-holding St Paul's have in Tillingham and for our mutual support in our work. One of the readings was Revelation 3, so I had to mention the 'Light of the World' picture in St Paul's, that is based on Revelation 3:20-22. It is a beautiful picture and a favourite of mine.

On Thursday 6th June, we are holding an act of Remembrance for the 80th Anniversary of D-Day, by lighting the beacon at St Lawrence Church at 9.15pm. A BBQ will be available before.

God bless,

Reverend Steven



Bradwell WI



Wednesday 8 May at the Village Hall – AGM meeting

How quickly May has come around to an important date in our WI calendar – the AGM. A sense of anticipation in the air ... the election of the President and the coming together of the committee for the forthcoming year, which will be our 100th!

The members were seated in a horse-shoe arranged committee room to hear the business of the last year ... the President's address – where we listened to Sue's speech outlining what a great year we had ... including two 'Open' meetings – Ray Clark and the Boat that Rocked (Radio Caroline) and the all-woman sea shanty group – The Silver Darlings – who were very entertaining. Sue thanked the committee and members for making our WI so welcoming and fun. As well as our monthly Wednesday meetings in the Village Hall, we have craft, book, lunch and walking groups. In July we enjoyed a delightful Garden Party which included an auction and a cream tea. We then heard the Secretary and Treasurers reports – again outlining our year's success. I am pleased to say that Sue was re-elected as our President and last year's committee members were more than happy to carry on.

We also had our very special annual Bake Off ... this year it was all about the Tray Bake – and as usual our members didn't disappoint. The competition for this month was 'What the WI means to me'. Both of these were judged by our guest for the evening – Laura Pisaneschi – who is the WI Resolutions Co-ordinator for Essex County, and once her judging was done she gave us a talk about the process and the details of the WI Resolutions – which was both very interesting and informative.

Laura judged the competition first and was impressed with all the entries ... so in third place was Jeanne, second Jeane and in first place with a moving account was Alice. Then the Bake Off – third place Linda (cherry), second Eileen (banana) and in first place Carol (spiced treacle and ginger). Our members had the chance to try the tray bakes with a tea or coffee in our break.

There were five lucky members who received birthday flowers this month, Jeanne, Theresa, Eileen, Jean and Carol, Happy Birthday to all. Marie won the raffle and Bridgid the bursary – congratulations to everyone.

If reading this has whetted any woman's appetite to come and join us or indeed to see what we're all about, we meet in the Village Hall on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm. Alternatively, please call Sue on 07824696807 or sue@dailygrindimports.com

News from RAF Bradwell Bay

As we talked about in last months issue, the 80th anniversary of D Day is looming large. RAF Bradwell Bay was not in the forefront of D Day activity, most of which was happening in the South Coast. Two squadrons, 605 and 488 had been transferred nearer the South Coast. Two squadrons were left at Bradwell and were needed to provide air cover to the East Coast. They were 124 and 219 Squadrons.

RAF Bradwell Bay Operational Record Book

(a) Mainly cloudy with showery conditions, rain more continuous at 1900-2200 hours. Wind W-WNW moderate to fresh. Visibility good.

(b) "D" DAY and in this area the weather was very poor. 124 Squadron flew 17 patrols without incident.

(c) 278 Squadron flew 4 ASR patrols west of the main shipping stream crossing the channel and had no incidents. One patrol lasted 7 hours and the final WARWICK landed at 2310 hours.

(d) A P.R.U. LIGHTNING landed during the evening having tried to photograph PARIS area, and late at night a LIBERATOR came in on its return from bombing.

(e) During the night 219 Squadron flew 10 patrols without incident.

(f) 4 Mosquitos of 2 Group landed during the night having bombed and patrolled the roads in and around the beach-head area.

124 Squadron

15 patrols – a full day in which we do 47 "Operational" Spitfire hours. Excitement from towards evening when at 23.15 hours we are briefed for "D" Day.

"D" DAY dawns. Squadron full of expectation, but as the day wears on and as the patrols come back one after another with "nothing to report" we realise that, as far as we are concerned at any rate, it is not our "D" Day. 17 uneventful patrols were flown, including one by the Wing Commander Flying, and one by the C.O.

53 Operational Hours flown.

219 Squadron

Eleven crews flew on NFT's during the day, and at 2200 hours all the crews on duty assembled at "A" Flight and were informed by W/Cdr BOYD that "D" Day was the next morning. Great excitement and keenness was displayed and 9 patrols were carried out at night but nothing untoward occurred.

The great day had arrived. Eleven NFT's were carried out during the afternoon and in addition F/Lt PARKER flew the Tiger Moth to ABINGDON. Ten uneventful patrols were flown at night.

The Station Commander at the D Day period was George Powell-Shedden. He had been a Flight Commander in Douglas Bader's Squadron and at the time of his posting to RAF Bradwell Bay had been the Commander of 96 Squadron but due to a motor-cycle accident was unable to fly. He must have been frustrated to miss all the action.



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 help by donating via our website www.rafbradwellbay.co.uk

The Othona Community in June 2024

The Essex Green Weekend is a small family friendly festival which welcomes everyone who is interested or concerned about "green" matters. We have artists and activists, permaculturists and scholars. We also have an eclectic range of music acts. This will be the third year of holding the Essex Green Weekend and we hope to make it the best yet! Details of the programme will be available in the shortly. This event is run in partnership with [Trustlinks Charity](#). The Essex Green Weekend engages communities, faith groups and anyone interested in climate change action. Taking place at Othona Bradwell, on the shores of the Blackwater Estuary between 14th June to 17th June 2024,

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Fri 14 Jun — Mon 17 Jun 2024.....

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To get an idea of what happens at the Essex Green Weekend please take a look at our website for our video made for the first one: Essex Green Weekend 2022. We are offering spaces at a subsidised rate to enable everyone to attend. There is plenty of space for camping and day visitors are very welcome, do come in from Bradwell and St Lawrence.

May has seen exciting half term events. School groups from Burnham on Crouch and London enjoyed fun, fellowship and new friendships in their residential activity programmes.

THANKS for all your donations towards renovation of our Yurts. There is still time to contribute: **your help – your generous donations** – will help re-clothe our saintly-named yurts, Aidan, Brigid, Cedd, Dunstan and Ethelburga, in new canvas covers, clean, waterproof and fit for our summer visitors. Two of our Saints will also be refitted inside, to be warm and cosy for the colder seasons.

The Othona Community registered charity number 1154204 If you wish to make a donation please visit: <https://www.totalgiving.co.uk/appeal/yurt-appeal> or alternatively you can donate by paypal (<https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/othonaessex>) or bank transfer (Othona Community Sort code: 20-54-30 Account number: 20681628)

Debbie and Richard Sanders are our Wardens, supported by resident team Phil Peter, Amanda and volunteers. Website: www.othonaessex.org.uk, contact bradwell@othona.org, telephone 01621 776564, or visit via the wind-powered electric gate, collect an exit token to leave.

JUNE SERVICES

Time	Service	Church	Readings
June 2nd	Trinity 1		
10:00	Parish Communion	St Thomas Bradwell	1 Samuel 3; 1-10 [11-20] 2 Corinthians 4; 13 – 5;1 Mark 3; 20 - end Psalm 139; 1-5,12-18
10:00	Morning Worship	St Nicholas Tillingham	
10:00	Morning Worship	St Lawrence Centre	
15:00	Evening Service	St James Dengie	
7th	Friday		
9.00	Morning Prayer	St Thomas Bradwell	TBA
9th	Trinity 2		
10:00	Communion	St Nicholas Tillingham	1 Samuel 8; 4-11, 16-20 2 Corinthians 4; 5-12 Mark 2; 23 - 3.6 Psalm 138
10:00	Morning Café Church	St Thomas Bradwell	
10:00	Communion	St Lawrence Centre	
18:00	Evening Service	St Lawrence Church	
14th	Friday		
9.00	Morning Prayer	St Thomas Bradwell	TBA
19st	Trinity 3		
08:00	Holy Communion	St James Dengie	1 Samuel 15; 34- 16; 13 2 Corinthians 5; 6-10, 14 - 17 Mark 4; 26 - 34 Psalm 20
10:00	Communion	St Lawrence Church	
10:00	Morning Worship	St Lawrence Centre	
10:00	Morning Worship	St Nicholas Tillingham	
18:00	Evening Service	St Thomas Bradwell	
21st	Friday		
9.00	Morning Prayer	St Thomas Bradwell	TBA
23rd	Trinity 4		
10:00	Communion	St James Dengie	1 Samuel 17; 32- 49 2 Corinthians 6; 1-13 Mark 4; 35 - 41 Psalm 9; 9-20
10:00	Café Church	St Thomas Bradwell	
10:00	Morning Worship	St Lawrence Centre	
10:00	Morning Worship	St Lawrence Church	
27th	Thursday		
9.00	Communion	St Peters Chapel	TBA
28th	Friday		
9.00	Morning Prayer	St Thomas Bradwell	TBA

Time	Service	Church	Readings
30th	Trinity 5		
10.00	Joint Benefice Communion	St Thomas Bradwell	2 Samuel 1; 1, 17-27 2 Corinthians 8; 7-15 Mark 5; 21 – 43
5th July	Friday		
9.00	Morning Prayer	St Thomas Bradwell	TBA
12.00	Communion with Lunch	St Lawrence Church	TBA
6th	Pilgrimage		
10.30	Opening Service	St Thomas Bradwell	TBA
7th	Trinity 6		
10:00	Parish Communion	St Thomas Bradwell	2 Samuel 5; 1-5, 9-10 2 Corinthians 12; 2-10 Mark 6; 1 - 13 Psalm 48
10:00	Morning Worship	St Nicholas Tillingham	
10:00	Morning Worship	St Lawrence Centre	
18:00	Evening Service	St Peters Chapel	

WEEK DAY EVENTS JUNE

Day	Date	Time	Event	Place
Monday	3rd	10:00	Pebbles	St Lawrence Church
Thursday	6th	14:00	Thursday Club Meal	St Thomas Church
Monday	10th	10:00	Pebbles	St Lawrence Church
Wednesday	12th	14.00	Bradwellians	St Thomas Church
Monday	17th	10:00	Pebbles	St Lawrence Church
Monday	24th	10:00	Pebbles	St Lawrence Church

Preparing the way for the Messiah

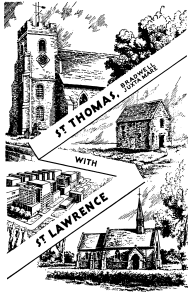
John the Baptist is famous for baptising Jesus, and for losing his head to a woman. He was born to Zechariah, a Temple priest, and Elizabeth, who was a cousin of Mary, the mother of Jesus. John was born when his mother was advanced in years, and after the foretelling of his birth and the choice of his name by an angel, we hear nothing more of him until he began his mission of preaching and baptising in the river Jordan c27.

John was a lot like an Old Testament prophet: he lived simply on locusts and honey in the wilderness, and his message was one of repentance and preparation for the coming of the Messiah and His Kingdom. He went on to baptise Jesus, at Jesus' firm request. When John went on to denounce the incestuous union of Herod Antipas with his niece and brother's wife, Herodias, he was imprisoned and eventually beheaded at the demand of Salome, Herodias' daughter.

John is the only saint to be remembered three times in the Christian calendar, in commemoration of his conception, his birth (June 24), and his martyrdom. When John saw Jesus he said that Jesus was the "Lamb of God", and he is the only person to use this expression of Jesus. In art John is often depicted carrying a lamb, or with a lamb near him.

Village View

All copy for the June 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 May 15th.



Copy may also be submitted as a text or Microsoft Word or Publisher file, either on CD or, better still, by email to stthom-aspcc@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 May 15th**.

If you belong to an organisation that does not yet submit articles for the Village View 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.

Village View can you help?

We are looking for Distributors to distribute Village View around the Village.

The areas are from:-

Woodyards to half way down Trusses Road and Downhall cottages)next to the old Gas yard).

Along Maldon Road from Bradwell Hall to St Peters Court (not including St Peters Court.

If you can help or need further information please contact me on 01621776341.



When it was Mrs Wilson's turn to do the flower arrangements, she always kept the vicar's hay fever in mind



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