

March 2022 Village View

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| | David Thorpe | 776846 |
| School head teacher | Mrs L Wood | 776219 |

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| Church Flowers | | Secretary: Contact School | | 5-11 years 6:00 to 7:30pm | |
| David Thorpe | 776846 | | 776219 | 11 years—up, 7:30 to 9:00pm | |
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| 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 Council | | 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 | |
| for information pho | | St Peters Chapel Chap | | 10:55—11:25am | |
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Dear Friends,

The month of March brings both the seasons of Spring and Lent. In Lent we remember the 40 days and nights Jesus spent in the wilderness being tempted and discerning the will of the Father. In



Spring we see that our weather starts to improve and plant species begin to blossom as new life comes to us once again.

This new life is what Jesus came to bring to us through the repentance of sins and the giving of the Holy Spirit in our lives, as we bear fruit of love, peace, joy, patience, forbearance, self-control and faithfulness.

As we give thanks for this new life in the spirit and in spring, we practise gifts of thanks during Lent, whether that be giving up something which we like or do good deeds such as helping at our local foodbank or with people in need. Whatever you do, may it be meaningful and fruitful for you.

Have a blessed Lent and Springtime.

God bless,





World Day of Prayer, a women led, global, ecumenical movement "I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU"

The service this year has been written by the women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland and the churches of

Bradwell, St Lawrence, Tillingham and Dengie will join together in St Thomas' Church, Bradwell-on-Sea at 2pm on Friday 4th March 2022. All are welcome to join us no matter what religion or gender as we reflect on the text from Jeremiah "I know the plans I have for you".

Theresa Reed

Bradwell Bells

You've heard the bells ringing on Friday nights and Sunday mornings, and, indeed, some Sunday evenings. You've heard them ringing at weddings and other special services but, have you ever wondered who it is that does all the ringing?

Well ... it could be YOU!

If ever you have wondered how the bells are rung or how do they do that, or even, I bet I could do better than them, then why not come up one Friday evening and find out how it all happens.

Obviously, we can't just have people wandering up at any time they like but, contact Laurie or John and we will sort out a day and time for you to come and have a look around. We'll take you up to see the bells, explain how it all works and then let you have a go at pulling off one of the bells. Who knows? You may find that you can do it better than us and want to come and join the band.

Laurie Main 01621 776438 e: lmm@globalnet.co.uk

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Village View

All copy for the April Village View should be sent to Roger Scurrell phone (776341), posted through the letterbox of 6 St Thomas' Row, Bradwell, or to Laurie Main (776438) lauriemain001@gmail.com, by March 20th.

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 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 March 20th.

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.

All Change

Well, maybe not quite yet. But March is here, and the birds' behaviour is changing even as I write. Cock Blackbirds are on edge when there are two of them together – only one will be able to hold onto a territory. Our Curlews will be heading north to their breeding grounds in upland England and

further afield. That evocative grunting of Brent Geese floating on the breeze from the river will gradually lessen, as they make their way back to Scandinavia and Iceland. Even 'our' Robins may well have been conversing in German or Dutch as they came to sample our food supply, and will be returning 'home' over



the North Sea – though I do like to think this one is truly a resident, being so tame as to almost feed from my hand.

Now we can look forward to our summer migrants. I took this photograph of

a Whitethroat just before he departed last autumn. He has probably spent the winter in Mediterranean warmth – insects don't hibernate there – and towards the end of the month or early in April will be back, looking to feast on our emerging food supply, and to



finding a good nest site, low down in some rough undergrowth. Our true long-distance travellers will already have begun their journey from South Africa - later in March our first Swallow may well grace our skies and start checking out the beams and rafters of the barn — maybe repairing last year's nest.

The true harbinger of summer will be one of the last to put in an appearance. Radio-tagged Cuckoos have started to make their journeys from equatorial west Africa, but we will have to wait until later in April for that soul-lifting call from across the fields, confirming that "Sumer is icumen in".

Brian Clayden

The Othona Community in March 2022.

People matter – and it is the people of the Othona Community who are so looking forward to sharing time together again this spring. If you are already one of the people who love to share a cuppa, a meal, worship, voluntary work, creative ideas and having some relaxing time together – welcome. If not yet, then do come and see what goes on behind that curtain of vines and fig trees that encourage you to sit in peace and unafraid, joining friendly familiar – or perhaps unfamiliar – faces.

We have a Programme in March – all are invited to book for a residential stay, or to visit for a session or just a meal. This is what you will find over the next few weeks – full details are on the Othona Essex Website. Day bookings from local people are welcome.

March Working Weekend

Friday 4th March to Sunday 6th March. Enjoy community by working and celebrating the end of winter at Othona!

Meet A Rocha

Weds 9th March to Fri 11th March, an opportunity to hear about the work of A Rocha UK.

A Lenten Journey with Hildegard of Bingen

Fri 11th March to Sun 13th March. This weekend in Lent is an opportunity to ponder and slow down.

Fox Fest -Space now for camping or day visitors only. (But please book.)

Fri 18th March to Sun 20th March. A Farewell Celebration Weekend for our Warden Tim Fox.

Chocolate Making Weekend

Fri 1st April to Sun 3rd April, Come and enjoy the art of Chocolate making.

International Week

Mon 4th April to Fri 8th April, Fun and games organised by our International Volunteers.



Easter

Thurs 14th April to Tue 19th April, Easter celebrations at Othona – expect Egg Painting and Egg Rolling!

In "Full Circle" we often reflect on the words of Othona's founder and active member, here at Bradwell, from the 1940s to the 1980s. From his "Letters to a Community" we hear his voice:

"No being is born without the Holy Spirit – Christian or non-Christian, believer or unbeliever. Our humanity is conferred by the indwelling of the Spirit. It is the Spirit who leads us to the fuller realization of the all-pervading Spirit of God. You who read this have God's light within you...."

Look on the Website for news, and for the 2022 Programme.

To learn more about Othona or to make booking or a donation, do take a look at our website. Find us down the track through East Hall Farm East End Rd – through the wind-powered electric gate; don't forget your exit token to use on the way out. Tim Fox is Warden/Manager, with Debbie and Richard Sanders.

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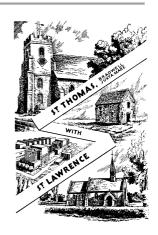
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Can you spare 30 minutes each month to distribute Village View to our readers in the following areas of the village: -

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



Bradwell WI

Wednesday 9th February at the Village Hall



A night of luxury pampering explained

On a mild winter's evening 20 WI members got together for a natter, a cuppa and to see what's new in the world of beauty.

Rachel Burley from The Essential Body Company visited us and gave a wonderful presentation of how to take care of our skin. Rachel started off by saying that our skin is described as 'mature' when we are over the age of 25! Which was amazing and a great relief to Alice – who is under 25 lolz ... There are always new skin products coming out on the market and it was very interesting to hear all about them and how to use them correctly. I for one have used a regime for years and wasn't sure where these new products fitted in – now I know.

After a brief question and answer session, Lorraine volunteered for Rachel to demonstrate the skin cleansing routine. Lorraine enjoyed her time on the beauty bed and said that her skin felt lovely, which was a ringing endorsement of Rachel's skills and products.

Linda Sibley thanked Rachel for her time and she received a warm round of applause, and hopefully some new customers.

It was then time for a well-earned cup of tea and cake – provided by Christine and Carol.

After a longer than normal break where everyone was enjoying chatting to one another Linda Sibley and Christine opened the discussion of WI business.

Christine told members about the FEWI County Annual Meeting being held on 30 June at Charter Hall in Colchester, and asked if any members would like to attend.

Christine says there will be a fund-raising 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 — members readily volunteered to make cakes for this event.

Linda Barnes spoke about the Queen's Green Canopy - she has bought six trees to be planted in the village – these trees have now been sponsored – many thanks. The tree planting will take place on Saturday 12 February at 10.00 am. Linda will then post photos taken onto the Queen's Green Canopy website for everyone to see and Bradwell's trees will be a part of this historic event.

Julie says Wednesday 27 April has been set for the Progressive Dinner Party – volunteers for hosting will be asked for at next month's meeting.

Our WI's birthday dinner has been reintroduced and will take place on Wednesday 25 May, probably at Bradwell Marina Bar.

Sue spoke about the Book Club, where changes are necessary as it is getting more and more challenging to get enough books for everyone. So she suggested that a member would chose the book and we would buy our own copy. This will be run on a trial basis to see how it works out.

Sue also very kindly donated a First Aid Kit to the group.

Dates for diaries:

Craft Group - Monday 28 February – 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 21 February – 7.30 pm at St Lawrence Church annex (Linda Barnes)

Lunch Club at Wibblers in Southminster – Friday 25 February – 12.30 pm (Jeanne Meehan)

Birthday flowers were presented by Linda Barnes to Dianne and Teresa – Many Happy Returns!

We had seven entrants into this month's competition (a handmade piece of jewellery), all very different and fabulous – Rachel our guest speaker acted as a judge for us – so very well done to Linda Sibley, Jeanne Meehan and Alice.

The gathering finished with a rousing rendition of Jerusalem.

Next meeting will be on Wednesday 9 March – 7.30 pm at Bradwell Village Hall.

Church services for March

| Time | Service | Church | Readings | | | |
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| 2nd Mar - Ash Wednesday | | | | | | |
| 19:00 | Communion and Ashing | St Lawrence Church | Isaiah 58.1-12 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 John 8.1-11 | | | |
| 6th Mar - Lent 1 | | | | | | |
| 10:00 | Parish Communion | St Thomas Bradwell | Deuteronomy 26.1-11 | | | |
| 10:00 | All Age Service | St Nicholas Tillingham | Psalm 91.1-2,9-16* | | | |
| 10:00 | All Age Service | The Centre St Lawrence | Romans 10.8b-13 | | | |
| 15:00 | Evening Service | St James Dengie | Luke 4.1-13 | | | |
| 13th Ma | r - Lent 2 | | | | | |
| 10:00 | Parish Communion | St Nicholas Tillingham | Genesis 15.1-12, 17-18 | | | |
| 10:00 | All Age worship | St Thomas Bradwell | Psalm 27 | | | |
| 10:00 | All Age worship | The Centre St Lawrence Philippians 3.17 | | | | |
| 18:00 | Evening Service | St Lawrence Church | Luke 13.31-35 | | | |
| 20th Mar - Lent 3 | | | | | | |
| 10:00 | Parish Communion | St Lawrence Church | Isaiah 55.1-9 | | | |
| 10:00 | All Age Service | The Centre St Lawrence | Psalm 63.1-9 | | | |
| 10:00 | All Age Service | St Nicholas Tillingham | 1 Corinthians 10.1-13 | | | |
| 10:00 | Café Church | Dengie Village Hall | Luke 13.1-9 | | | |
| 18:00 | Evening Service | St Thomas Bradwell | | | | |
| 27th Mar - Lent 4 - Mothering Sunday | | | | | | |
| 09:00 | Communion | St Nicholas Tillingham | Exodus 2.1-10 | | | |
| 10:00 | Parish Communion | St James Dengie | Psalm 34.11-20 | | | |
| 10:00 | Café Church | St Thomas Bradwell | Colossians 3.12-17 | | | |
| 10:00 | Communion | The Centre St Lawrence | John 19.25-27 | | | |
| 10:00 | Morning Prayer | St Lawrence Church | Mothering Sunday Readings | | | |

| 3rd Apr - Lent 5 | | | | | |
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| 10:00 | Parish Communion | St Thomas Bradwell | Isaiah 43.16-21 | | |
| 10:00 | All Age Service | St Nicholas Tillingham | Psalm 126 | | |
| 10:00 | All Age Service | The Centre St Lawrence | Philippians 3.4b-14 | | |
| 15:00 | Evening Service | St James Dengie | John 12.1-8 | | |

Other March dates

| Day | Date | Time | Event | Place | | |
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| Thursday | 3rd March | 09:00 | Communion | St Peters Chapel | | |
| Friday | 4th March | 12:00 | Friday Communion and Lunch | St Lawrence Church | | |
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| Monday | 7th March | 10:00 | Pebbles | The Centre St Lawrence | | |
| Friday | 11th March | 14:00 | Service at the Home | Down Hall Bradwell | | |
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| Friday | 18th March | 12:00 | Friday Communion and Lunch | St Thomas Bradwell | | |
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| Monday | 21st March | 10:00 | Pebbles | The Centre St Lawrence | | |
| Thursday | 24th March | 13:00 | Thursday Club | St Thomas Bradwell | | |
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| Monday | 28th March | 10:00 | Pebbles | The Centre St Lawrence | | |

'Bits and Pieces' an exhibition of textile art by Sylvia Paul opening at the Maeldune Heritage Centre St Peter's Tower, Market Hill, Maldon 14th April-3rd May 11am-4pm



Sylvia has been a professional painter and textile artist for more than forty years and is delighted to be showing her textile art in Maldon where she attended the Plume school in the 1970's.

The works include a wall hanging of a phoenix, over 2 meters high, which was created in 2021 during lockdown. The unique artworks, both large and small, are created with remnants from the Sudbury silk factories as well as kimono silk and are either hand or machine stitched.

Sylvia is member of Art Textiles: Made in

Britain, a small group of textile artists who exhibit together throughout the UK. She has had textile pieces accepted for exhibition at the Tokamachi Quilt Festival Japan, Austria in 2019 and recently at The Bankside Gallery, London.

Copies of her book 'Bits and Pieces' will be available at the exhibition or via her website - www.sylviapaul.com

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www.maelduneheritagecentre.co.uk 01621 851628

PS Geoff (Catchpole) and Sylvia lived in Bradwell in the late 80s when Geoff was Rector to Bradwell and St Lawrence, Chaplain to St Peters Chapel and Industrial Chaplain for the Dengie Peninsular.

St Lawrence Bay WI

We enjoyed an informative afternoon at our February meeting. Les from the Fire Service gave a very interesting talk about fire safety in the home. It was reassuring to hear that in his 30 years of service he had only been called out to 3 house fires reiterating that most people take fire safety very seriously. He showed us examples of the main cause of fires – faulty or overloaded electrical extension leads or fires caused by cooking. It was good to hear that the fire service is still offering free home visits to check and install fire and heat detectors, and all members signed up to receive this generous offer.

After refreshments of pancakes with a variety of toppings, the raffle and bring and buy took place. The finale of the afternoon was the annual St Lawrence Bay WI pancake race which was duly won by Ann Johnson, whose name will be engraved on the frying pan as winner for 2022!

Our next meeting will be on March 11th when the AGM will be held followed by a Mad Hatters Tea party.

A trip on the local bus to Maldon has been arranged, where members will enjoy a walk around the shops and a morning coffee before returning back to the village.

It was agreed that a tree will be purchased in honour of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and planted in the park after permission is sought from the St Lawrence Bay Parish Council.

All new members are welcome to join us or if you would like to find out more about the workings of the WI please do contact Cathie Bonich {cathiebonich@hotmail.com} or Eunice Siggins {Eunice.Siggins@outlook.com}



Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebations 2-5 June 2022

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HER MAJESTY / CHURCH AND TOWER TOURS
CHILDREN'S FANCY DRESS COMPETITION
CHILDREN'S STREET PARTY

EVENING CONCERT IN ST THOMAS' CHURCH
CARNIVAL PARADE - FLOATS / VINTAGE FARM VEHICLES / CLASSIC CARS
QUEEN'S BIG LUNCH - BBQ

FAMILY FUN DAY

SCARECROW FESTIVAL / COMPETITION
BLESSING OF TREES PLANTED FOR THE QUEEN'S GREEN CANOPY
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AND PAY TRIBUTE TO THE QUEEN













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Living in Love and Faith seeks to invite the whole Church to explore these questions using a range of resources – a course, a book, podcasts, films and an online library – to pray, study and learn together.

Tuesdays from 11-1pm with a 'Lent' Lunch at our Church's.

Tuesday 8th March St Thomas, Bradwell

Tuesday 15th March St Nicholas, Tillingham

Tuesday 22nd March St Lawrence Church

Tuesday 29th March St Lawrence Centre

Tuesday 5th April St Thomas, Bradwell

And from 7.30-9pm via zoom on Wednesday evenings in Lent

Course booklet are available at the day course, if you wish to purchase a copy for £4.60, please ask or download from the church website:

https://e-voice.org.uk/bradwellchurch/lent-course-2022/

Contact David, Revd Steven or Revd Brigid if you wish to attend, or just turn up.

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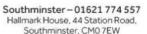
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| Parish Magazine Shirley Lea | 779403 | tea, coffee and a c | hat 779620 | The Friends of St L Newland Church | awrence |
|-------------------------------------|----------|--|---------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| St Lawrence PCC Ser | cretary | Bridge Club | 1:30pm | Carole Taylor | 778523 |
| Victoria Eley | • | 1st Wednesday of | the month | John Barnes | 779267 |
| v.eley@ic | loud.com | St Lawrence Social Club | | Church Centre Activities | |
| Parish Council Chair | man | Secretary | | All Church Centre bookings: | |
| Gerry Lewsey | | Gwen Adams | 778386 | Eunice Siggins | 778904 |
| clirglewsey.slpc@g | mail.com | Rainbow, brownie | | St Lawrence Village Hall Fund | |
| Clerk to the Parish (| ouncil | 5-7 years for infor | | Contact: K | . Terkelsen |
| Kevin Money | | | 757 636446 | 1 | Tara Pringle |
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| District Councillor | | enquiries@girlguidinge | ssexne.org.uk | Fridays 11:4 | 15-12:30pm |
| Penny Channer | 740607 | Coffee Morning | | South Woodham L | |
| Michael Helm | | Tuesday | 11.00am | 0: | 1245 29555 |
| Stone Sailing Club | | Maureen Storey | | The Medical Centr | e |
| (Weekends) | 779344 | Women's Institut | • | Mayland | 742233 |
| Church Flowers | | 2nd Friday 2 | :00-4:00 pm | Tillingham | 778383 |
| Margaret Cowell | 779219 | President: Cathie I | Bonich | Out of hours | 111 |
| Janet Cowell | 779310 | Secretary: Eunice Siggins William Fisher Medical | | dical | |
| St Lawrence Singers | | | 778904 | Centre | 772360 |
| | 5-7:00pm | Thursday | | Out of hours | 111 |
| Margaret Garlick | 779328 | St. Lawrence Art (| Group | Local Police Team | |
| Children's Society | | | 10 - 12noon | Phone Non-Emerge | |
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