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Village View

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From the Vicarage

Dear Friends,

As we enter into May, we look forward to the Platinum Jubilee in June, where we celebrate the 70th anniversary of HRH Queen Elizabeth service to the people of the UK and Commonwealth.

As we prepare events for this great milestone in our history, we give thanks for our Queen's humble and sacrificial service to us.

Also in May, we look forward to our Rogation services, where we celebrate our parish boundaries and support Christian Aid week from the 22 May for their good works.

We also celebrate Ascension Day, the day our Lord ascended into Heaven, 40 days after the Easter Sunday resurrection and we pray that he will continue to guide and bless us in our daily lives where he reigns in Heaven.

God bless,

Reverend Steven

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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 12th.

Those living in St Lawrence may give copy to Shirley Lea at 51 Main Road (779403) or email to <u>bron-</u> <u>wen.cook@btinternet.com</u> 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 <u>stthom-</u> <u>aspcc@btinternet.com</u>. 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 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.

Bradwell WI - Wednesday 13 April at the Village Hall

An open evening spent with Alex Leger

Twenty WI members with friends heard all about the old days with Blue Peter.

WI business was-discussed. We raised £189 from the Coffee Morning on 17 March for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee mugs for children.

Members were reminded about the Queen's Green Canopy and donations for the plaque.



Names were collected for our Birthday dinner at the Bradwell Marina in May.

Julie presented the hosts of our Progressive Dinner Party with envelopes -bearing the names of their prospective guests on Wednesday 27 April.

Dates for diaries:

Walking Group – first Wednesday in the month. (Linda Barnes)

Photo Club – The Queen's Platinum Jubilee (Linda Barnes) date TBA

Book Club – 16 May (Sue Pirret)

Christine introduced Alex from Devon, who regaled us with his stories from his time as a TV producer with Blue Peter, spanning 36 years. He briefly told us about his background; at Loughborough University and in the army for a while. Amazingly, his mother worked at the BBC and when he was interviewed, he noticed a very thick file on the interviewer's desk, all about his Mum!

Alex started work for Blue Peter in 1975, working with the iconic John Noakes, Valerie Singleton and Peter Purves. He delighted us with photos of John Noakes scaling Nelson's Column to see how pigeon poo was removed from the top, and in fact this had to be done twice because of John's expletive when he reached the top. Alex had great footage of both gorillas in Uganda, and when Mount Etna erupted, as well as the famous episode when Lulu the baby elephant and his keeper came on set and much hilarity broke out, whilst the presenters were trying to keep straight faces.

Pat thanked Alex for his wonderful talk and hoped that he may be able to join us again in the future. Welcomed refreshments were served by Sharyn and Dianne.

The raffle was won by Chris and birthday flowers were presented to a delighted Janet. The competition was judged by Alex and winners were Christine, Lin and Carol – for Easter Egg design interpretations!

The next meeting: AGM on Wednesday 11 May – 7.30 pm at Bradwell Village Hall.

Two Raven-ous Birds

A few days in North Somerset gave opportunity for a fantastic view of our largest member of the crow family – a raven – or to be precise, two ravens. I was staying with the family, and I heard my daughter-in-law call "come quickly" – so I went quickly! At first, all I saw on the lawn was a dead pigeon. "Just wait" said Julie. Then I saw a large black bird hopping into view and tucking into breakfast. Identification was not a problem. Noticeably larger than a carrion crow, with a huge black bill, it almost shouted "raven".

The pigeon must have been a sparrowhawk kill. From the widely scattered feathers the raptor had satisfied its hunger and left – or perhaps decided that discretion was the better part valour when the corvids appeared. The two took it in turns at the carcass. They were very wary and it was difficult to get a



good photograph without disturbing them, but it seemed worth including this im-

age, taken through glass, in which the huge black bill can be discerned.

Ravens are more common in the West Country – *BUT* the latest Bird Report from the Essex Birdwatching Society records three successful breeding attempts, along with some 260 sightings over the year within the county. A raven in the air can be identified by the wedgeshaped tail - a crow's tail is more fan-shaped.



Whilst the two birds we observed made short work of what the hawk had left them, the apparent connection between the bird's name and a *ravenous* appetite would seem to be coincidental!

Brian Clayden

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Prayer for May

Dear Father in Heaven,

As we thank you for May, this most beautiful of months, we are aware that not everything in your world is beautiful; not every attitude or action is beautiful, or kind, or just.

There is so much pain and suffering in the world that we can sometimes feel overwhelmed.

Help us, Lord to remember that Jesus came to bring all this brokenness together, to bring reconciliation and wholeness.

Thank you that by His life, death and resurrection Jesus overcame death for ever.

Thank you that He ascended into heaven so that the Holy Spirit could come to live in believers, to give strength and power and resilience, so that Your work goes on.

Thank you that nothing in all creation – no evil attacks, no illness, no human powers, no circum-stances at all – can ever separate us from Your love.

We will not be overwhelmed as we keep our eyes on You.

We may not always understand, but we acknowledge You to be the Lord, who reigns over all – and we are thankful.

In Jesus name. Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

Othona news for May

We are enjoying the signs of summer coming here at Othona as the trees start to blossom and plants spring back into life. We start May with a restructuring of the team at Othona. Richard and Debbie Sanders will take over Tim's position as Warden and we have a number of new volunteers. If you haven't already met the team, then do call in to say hello (and have a cup of tea). Ruth Bull has also stepped down as chair of the Bradwell committee but will still hopefully be a regular visitor and helper here. We plan to continue the great work that Tim has developed over his time here and grow more links with the local community. If you would like to bring a group here or simply come yourself then please do drop in and speak to us.

We have four international volunteers, Nico and Alessandro from Italy), Paula (Spain) and Olivia (France) who are with us until mid-June. They ran a great international week recently with food, games and quizzes from their respective countries. Those who were here for the week appreciated the chance to find out a more about the customs and cuisine from other parts of the world. The importance of seeing the similarities and embracing the different cultures around the world is of relevance in current times as we see so much turmoil in the world. It reinforces these words from Luke:

'But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbour?"' (Luke 10:29)



One of the aims of the founder of the Othona Community, Norman Motley, was to promote dialogue between those of different nations, beliefs and social standing, very much following the teaching from St Paul in Galatians:

'There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave or free, nor is there male or female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus' (Galatians 3:28)

This year we have an exciting programme of activity. We start May with the Essex Green Weekend (<u>bit.ly/essexgreenweekend</u> focussing on action to help prevent climate change. We have a fantastic range of speakers, music, workshops and much more. I hope we see some of you there, day visitors are very welcome. We then have our-Spring watch, led by bird watching experts and travelling to local reserves. The May Half term activity week is always popular, and we welcome any local families who would like to come down for a day to join in the activities, just email us or call to let us know beforehand.

To learn more take a look at our Website. Wardens/Managers, Debbie and Richard Sanders.

Email bradwell@othona.org.

Website: <u>www.othonaessex.org.uk</u>. Telephone 01621 776564.

Rogation Sunday (Sunday before Ascension)

Rogation means an asking of God - for blessing on the seed and land for the year ahead. It is appropriate in any emergency, war, plague, drought or foul weather.

The practice began with the Romans, who invoked the help of the gods Terminus and Ambarvalia. In those days a crowd moved in procession around the cornfields, singing and dancing, sacrificing animals, and driving away Winter with sticks. They wanted to rid the cornfields of evil.

In about 465 the Western world was suffering from earthquake, storm and epidemic. So Mamertius, Bishop of Vienne, aware of the popular pagan custom, ordered that prayers should be said in the ruined or neglected fields on the days leading up to Ascension. With his decision, 'beating the bounds' became a Christian ceremonial.



Rogation-tide arrived in England early in the eighth century and became a fixed and perennial asking for help of the Christian God.

On Rogation-tide, a little party would set out to trace the boundaries of the parish. At the head marched the bishop or the priest, with a minor official bearing a Cross, and after them the people of the parish, with schoolboys and their master trailing along. Most of them held slender wands of willow.

At certain points along the route - at well-known landmarks like a bridge or stile or ancient tree, the Cross halted,

Picture of St. Thomas' Rogation Rally 2019

the party gathered about the priest, and a litany or rogation is said, imploring God to send seasonable wealth, keep the corn and roots and boughs in good health, and bring them to an ample harvest. At some point beer and cheese would be waiting.

In the days when maps were neither common nor accurate, there was much to be said for 'beating the bounds.' It was still very common as late as the reign of Queen Victoria. Certainly, parish boundaries rarely came into dispute, for everyone knew them. (Do you know yours today?) 8

Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

WE ARE COMPILING A LIST OF ALL CHILDREN IN BRADWELL (UP TO AND INCLUDING PRIMARY SCHOOL AGE 0-11) TO RECEIVE A COMMEMORATIVE MUG FOR THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE - IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN ADDED TO THIS LIST PLEASE VISIT THE VILLAGE COMMUNITY SHOP WHERE YOU CAN ADD YOUR NAME TO THE LIST THERE IS NO NEED TO ADD TO THIS LIST IF YOU HAVE ALREADY APPLIED ON FACEBOOK



MAY SERVICES

Time	Service	Church	Readings		
1st May	Easter 3				
10:00	Parish Communior	St Thomas Bradwell	Acts 9.1-6 [7-20]		
10:00	All Age Service	St Nicholas Tillingham	Psalm 30		
10:00	Centre All Age	St Lawrence Centre	Revelation 5.11-14		
15:00	Evening Service	St James Dengie	John 21.1-19		
8th May	Easter 4				
10:00	Parish Communior	Parish Communion St Nicholas Tillingham			
10:00	All Age worship	St Thomas Bradwell	Psalm 23		
10:00	Parish Communior	St Lawrence Centre	Revelation 7.9-17		
18:00	Evening Service	St Lawrence Church	John 10.22-30		
15th May	Easter 5				
10:00	Parish Communior	St Lawrence Church	Acts 11.1-18		
10:00	All Age Service	St Lawrence Centre			
10:00	All Age Service	St Nicholas Tillingham	Psalm 148* Revelation 21.1-6		
10:00	Ignite Café Church	St James Dengie	John 13.31-35		
18:00	Evening Service	St Thomas Bradwell			
22nd May		Rogation			
09:00	Communion	St Nicholas Tillingham			
10:00	Parish Communior	n St James Dengie	Acts 16.9-15		
10:00	Rogation Service	St Thomas Bradwell	Psalm 67 Revelation 21.10,22 - 22.5		
10:00	Communion	St Lawrence Centre	John 14.23-29 or		
10:00	Morning Prayer	St Lawrence Church			
29th May		Easter 7			
10:00	Joint Benefice Com munion	- St Thomas Bradwell	Acts 16.16-34 & John 17.20-26		
5th June	Pentecost				
10:00	Jubilee Parish Com- munion	St Thomas Bradwell	Psalm 48		
10:00	All Age Service	St Nicholas Tillingham	Deuteronomy 16.9-15		
10:00	Centre All Age	St Lawrence Centre	John 7.37-39		
15:00	Evening Service	St James Dengie			
18:00	Jubilee Evening Service	St Lawrence Church	ТВА		

WEEKDAY SERVICES

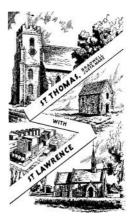
Day	Date	Time	Event	Place
Thursday	5th May	14:30	Thursday Club	St Thomas' Bradwell
Friday	6th May	12:00	Friday Communion and Lunch	St Lawrence Church
Monday	9th May	10:00	Pebbles	Centre St Lawrence
Friday	13th May	12:00	Friday Communion and Lunch	St Thomas' Bradwell
Monday	16th May	10:00	Pebbles	Centre St Lawrence
Monday	23rd May	10:00	Pebbles	Centre St Lawrence
Thursday	26th May	09:00	Communion	St Peters Chapel
Friday	27th May	14:00	Service at the Home	Down Hall Bradwell
Monday	30th May	10:00	Pebbles	Centre St Lawrence

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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:-

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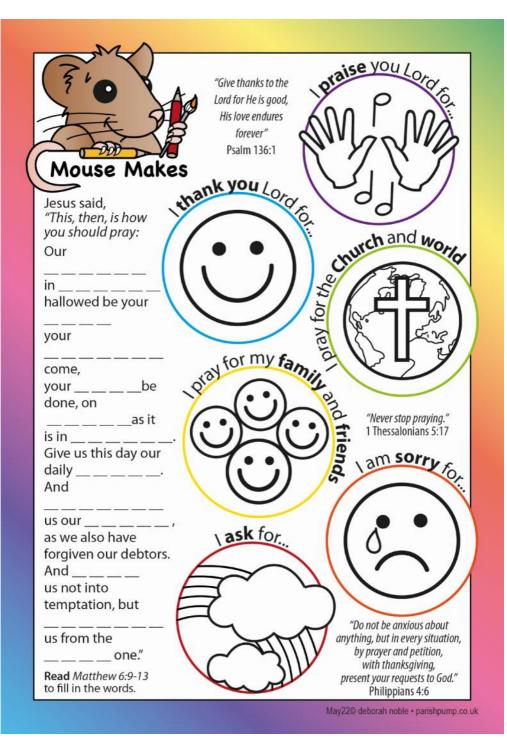
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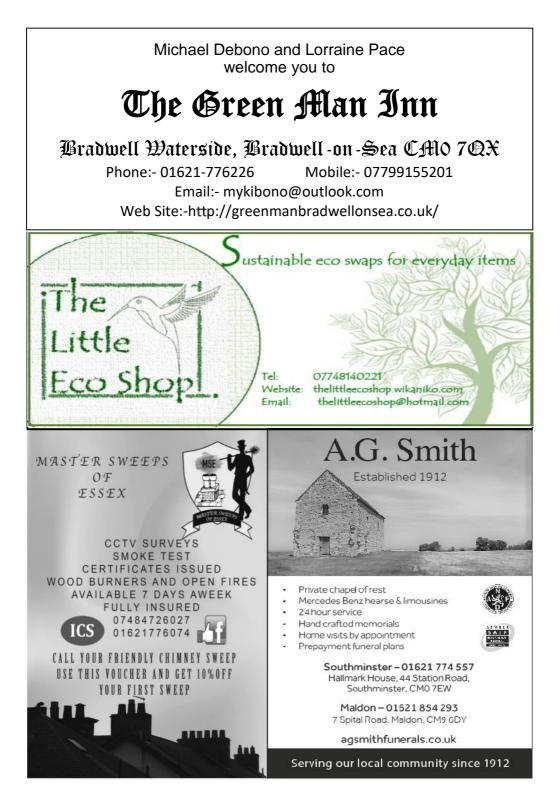
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Pebbles 10.00 - 12.00noon Mothers and toddlers get together (Dads welcome) for tea, coffee and a chat Rev S Poss 7796208 Victoria Eley v.eley@ticloud.com

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Coffee Morning Tuesday II.00am Mauroon Storey

Women's Institute 2nd Friday 2 -4 pm President: Cathie Bonich Secretary: Eunice Siggins 778904

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779267

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