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## From the Vicarage

Dear Friends,

As we move into November, we enter Remembrance season, where this year we commemorated the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversaries of VE and VJ Day. We will be holding our Remembrance Services on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November at each of our Church's in the Benefice.

On Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November we are holding our All Souls Services at 4pm at St Lawrence Church and 6pm at St Thomas Church in Bradwell. During these services, we remember our loved ones departed and come to light a candle in their memory and offer our prayers and reflections.

The Church in Asheldham, which has now closed and the parish has been incorporated into the parish of St James Church in Dengie, the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St James have applied for the War Memorial in Asheldham Church to be moved to St James Church in Dengie. We are having a service of installation and dedication by myself on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 10am in our Holy Communion service and with Archdeacon Jonathan at 4pm on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December during our Carol Service. If you are related or know of anyone in the War Memorial, do please let me know.

Do come and join us for these special occasions.

God bless,

Reverend Steven

### **December Village View**

All copy for the December 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 November 15th.

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](mailto: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 November 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.



**St Paul's Cathedral Christmas Concert**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

**Tickets £30**

**Pick Up – 2pm Tillingham Square**

**Return – 11pm Tillingham Square**

**For Tickets, contact Moira Mee on Mob: 07775 745216 Home:  
01621 779256**

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



**Charity Number 803054**

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

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize, Ticket 23, Ann Barrett, £20.00**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize, Ticket 45. Margaret Daly, £10.00**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize, Ticket 39 Linda Barnes, £5.00**

The next draw takes place on the 1st November 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.

# Bradwell-on-Sea WI meeting

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October at the Village Hall



## “History and Work of Save the Children” with Terry Hiscock

For our October meeting, we were treated to a talk by Terry Hiscock on the “History and Work of Save the Children.” Terry, a former teacher now volunteering with the charity.



He began with the story of Eglantyne Jebb, who founded Save the Children in 1919 after witnessing reports of starving children in post-war Germany. When she began to raise awareness of these children, she was charged with treason as Germany had so recently been the enemy. Afterwards, she set up the Save the Children Fund, wanting to make sure no child, no matter where they

lived, would face such hardship again.

Over time, Save the Children has worked to change domestic policy, too. Terry told us how Save the Children helped campaign for free school meals and milk in the UK, which sparked fond (and some not so fond!) memories among our members — especially of hot milk in summer and frozen bottles in winter!

Today, the charity operates in 128 countries and continues to make a huge impact. Last year alone, Save the Children helped vaccinate 12 million children worldwide. Terry showed how even the smallest donations can make a real difference: just £1 can buy five peanut meal bars, £2 a blanket, and £100 can help train a health worker.

He finished by sharing some wonderful and funny quotes from children, reminding us all of their innocence and optimism — and why this work matters so much.

It was an inspiring and heartwarming evening, leaving us with a deep appreciation for the legacy of Eglantyne Jebb and the continuing work of Save the Children — a charity perfectly summed up by George Bernard Shaw’s words: “I have no enemy under the age of seven.”

Our next meeting is on the 12<sup>th</sup> of November in the village hall, where we will be joined by Paul Wilding with his talk on “Young offenders out in the community”.

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

Although not being a designated emergency landing ground RAF Bradwell Bay had more bomber landings than was anticipated when this line of research was started. Some were due to damage, needing fuel or injured/dead crewmen, another reason being diverted due to weather conditions. In 1942 alone over 20 bombers were to land at Bradwell

On 10<sup>th</sup> November 1942 a badly damaged Lancaster bomber of 50 Squadron found Bradwell Bay, the aircraft had received extensive damage on a bombing raid over Hamburg. The Navigator was badly injured, and the wireless operator had been killed. The pilot had received some minor injuries. The navigation systems on the aircraft were not working.

The aircraft pinpointed several rivers near Harwich, carried on and found an aerodrome beneath a searchlight cone. The aircraft circled around flashing the downward recognition signal and received a signal to land. The hydraulics were U/S, so use was made of the emergency air system to lower the undercart. At about 200 feet, it was noticed that there was a ground fog, the flare path lights disappeared except for two money flares at the start of the runway but did not give much indication of the height above ground level. On seeing the start of the runway, throttles were opened up, and control column pulled back, the wheels hit the ground and collapsed taking most of the shock. The aircraft skidded along turning gradually to the right, petrol and ignition were immediately switched off.

Many of you will think that the airfield had FIDO a system to lift fog. This had not been installed at the time of this incident; FIDO was installed much later in 1943.

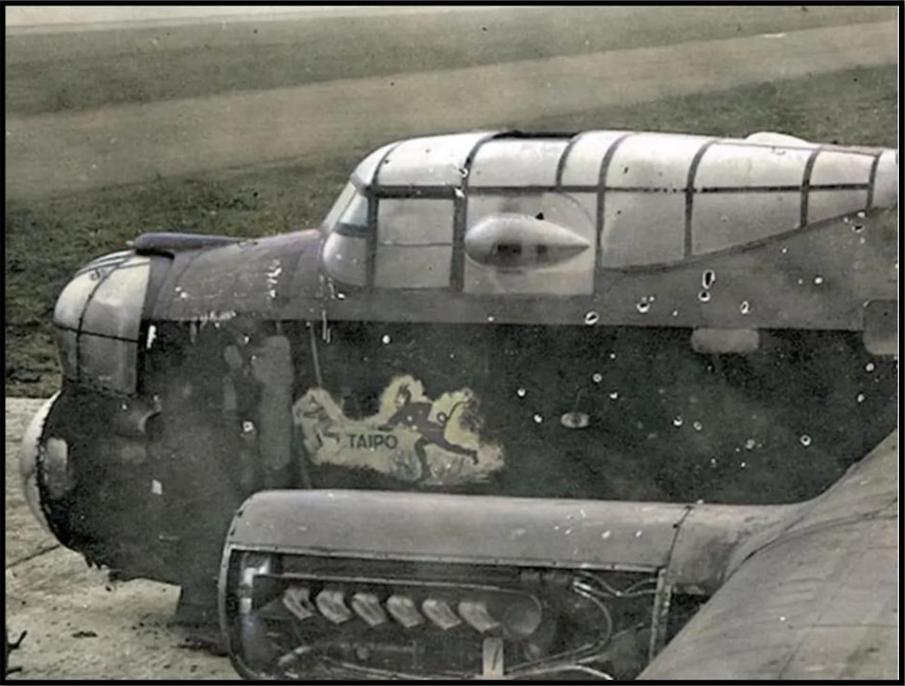
There are so many stories relating to RAF Bradwell Bay and the individual people who made the base work. The work on the memorial guidebook is revealing many stories that are buried away in archives that we need to tell.

We are building a contact list of relatives, which is ever growing. There is no distinction between rank or roles, everyone who had a relative at RAF Bradwell Bay should contact us.

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).

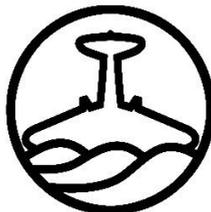


**Lancaster R.5702 Flown by F/O R. Calvert Landed at RAF Bradwell Bay**

We need trustees to work alongside our management committee. If you have skills such as business-related skills, we could use them, if you would like to get involved in this local project.

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)



**RAF BRADWELL BAY  
PRESERVATION GROUP**

## The Othona Community

I wonder how many Wardens/Managers you remember, who have served Othona and shared time with the people of our Parishes over the years. Whether you are thinking of Debbie and Richard, Tim Fox, Gail and Matthew, David and Martin, or way back to Colin Hodgetts, John Hardy, John Cross, and to our Founder and first Warden Norman Motley, or the many others in between, you will have special memories of fun and fellowship. Each were supported by a resident team including those paid pocket money as part of this Intentional Community, and others who supported the Community as volunteers. Now David Jenkins, our current Warden/Manager, is building his own team, recently joined by Bea as Cook/Caterer, volunteer Dorian, and most recently Jenny Thurston, moving from the Coventry Cathedral team to become Othona Essex's new Deputy Warden.

Life is never dull for the Othona team, and additional local volunteers are always welcome, whether you'd like to offer a regular commitment of, say, a day a week, or to be available when an extra pair of hands are needed at a busy time, or with a particular project. Maybe your interests lie in assisting in the kitchen, helping in our beautiful gardens and habitats, or doing a spot of cleaning and tidying: David, or Kirstie in the office, would love to hear from you.

Many people may think that after the summer season is over, the Resident Team can have a quiet time, a bit of a rest until there is another event on the Programme. Not so! Not only have the team been very busy supporting resident groups of people pursuing their own programmes, such as the international group enjoying four intensive days of study using software programmes in preparation for their introduction to agricultural projects in Africa; with other private groups staying each weekend. They have also been developing their own networks, including a residential stay at our sister Community, Othona west Dorset, and updating the business side of the Centres, to comply with updated Health and Safety and Fire regulations. Then at the end of October, all were welcome at a lively, fully booked Half –Term Week.

Coming up this winter: Winter Watch, 10<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> November; Film Week, 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> November; Advent Working Week 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> November; and Community Christmas, 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> December, with New Year Celebration from 30<sup>th</sup> Dec to 2<sup>nd</sup> January. All these events are fully booked for residents, but if anyone locally would like to join in, sharing activities and meals with the Community, you are welcome to ask the team for availability.

"I mentioned in the last issue that we hoped by the end of the year to have a permanent presence at Bradwell as we have at Burton Bradstock. It seems that the plant and potential at both places should be used increasingly – and that the resources should be made available to a widening company of persons over an

increasing range of them.” So said Norman Motley exactly 50 years ago; I think he must be smiling to see just how active his Community has become. **Othona is accessed through East Hall Farm, East End Rd, Bradwell on Sea, through the wind powered gate: exit token from the 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.**

## A Proud Father

The Royal Society was founded in the 17<sup>th</sup> century, to recognise outstanding scientific achievement. It was granted its Royal Charter in 1662 by Charles II, and some 3½ centuries later its aims remain the same. There are currently some 1600 Fellows worldwide, elected for their significant contribution to scientific understanding.

Fellows are admitted by election, and earlier in the Summer the family was



delighted to hear that our son Jonathan had been elected, so he is now Professor Jonathan Clayden FRS. In July I was privileged to join Jonathan and Julie and my two grandsons at the Royal Society’s building just off Trafalgar Square for the formal admission of this year’s 80 or so newly-elected Fellows. It was fascinating to be shown signatures of such people as Charles Darwin, Stephen Hawking and David Attenborough in the same colossal book in which Jonathan had just signed his own name.

Jonathan’s research has investigated the shapes of molecules - and particularly how they can be made to bend or twist in an organised way (a sort of ‘molecular choreography’). The work has applications in areas from the invention of new medicines to the understanding of how membranes function.

One person who would have been delighted is Ray Orchard – though being Ray would probably have said “Well, I told you so” !). And one sadness I have felt is that Brenda wasn’t able to share that delight – no doubt she is loving telling all the angels of her son’s achievement.....

Brian Clayden

## NOVEMBER SERVICES

| Time               | Service                         | Church                 | Readings  |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|---|
| <b>Nov<br/>2nd</b> | <b>4th Sunday before Advent</b> |                        |   |
| 10:00              | Communion                       | St Thomas Bradwell     | Isaiah 1; 10-18<br>2 Thessalonians 1; 1-12<br>Luke 19; 1-10<br><i>Psalm 32; 1-8</i> |
| 10:00              | Morning Worship                 | St Nicholas Tillingham |   |
| 10:00              | Morning Worship                 | St Lawrence Centre     |   |
| 15:00              | Evening Service                 | St James Dengie        |   |
| 16:00              | All Souls Service               | St Lawrence            | TBA   |
| 18.00              | All Souls Service               | St Thomas Bradwell     | TBA   |
| <b>9th</b>         | <b>Remembrance Sunday</b>       |                        |   |
| 09.30              | Communion and Remembrance       | St Nicholas Tillingham |   |
| 10:45              | Remembrance Service             | St Thomas Bradwell     |   |
| 10:45              | Remembrance Service             | St Lawrence Centre     |   |
| 15:00              | Remembrance Service             | St James Dengie        |   |
| <b>16th</b>        | <b>2nd Sunday before Advent</b> |                        |   |
| 08:00              | Holy Communion                  | St James Dengie        |   |
| 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     |   |
| <b>23rd</b>        | <b>Christ the King</b>          |                        |   |
| 10:00              | Communion                       | St James Dengie        |   |
| 10:00              | Café Church                     | St Thomas Bradwell     |   |
| 10:00              | Morning Worship                 | St Lawrence Centre     |   |
| 10:00              | Morning Worship                 | St Lawrence Church     |   |
| 18:00              | Evening Service                 | St Nicholas Tillingham |   |
| <b>30th</b>        | <b>Advent Sunday</b>            |                        |   |
| 10:00              | Joint Benefice Communion        | St Nicholas Tillingham |   |

| Time           | Service         | Church                 | Readings  |
|----------------|-----------------|------------------------|---|
| <b>Dec 7th</b> | <b>Advent 2</b> |                        |   |
| 10:00          | Communion       | St Thomas Bradwell     | Isaiah 1; 10-18<br>2 Thessalonians 1; 1-12<br>Luke 19; 1-10<br><i>Psalm 32; 1-8</i> |
| 10:00          | Morning Worship | St Nicholas Tillingham |   |
| 10:00          | Morning Worship | St Lawrence Centre     |   |
| 15:00          | Evening Service | St James Dengie        |   |

## Diary of 2025 Events

Below are a list of dates that are happening throughout 2025. 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. It is hoped to publish events every month for the coming three months and every Quarter for the year ahead.

### October

2nd Thursday Club St Thomas Church 2pm, 5<sup>th</sup> Harvest Festival Service 19.00am, 8<sup>th</sup> Women's Institute Village Hall Committee Room 7.30pm, 20th Parish Council Village Hall Committee Room 7.30pm, 25<sup>th</sup> St Cedds Day Holy Communion at Chapel 11.30am, followed at 1pm by PCC meeting, 29th Nature in our Neighbourhood, 30<sup>th</sup> PCC Meeting at 7.00pm,

### November

6th Thursday Club St Thomas Church 2pm, 12<sup>th</sup> Women's Institute Institute Village Hall Committee Room 7.30pm, 13<sup>th</sup> Village Hall trustees Meeting 7.30pm Village Hall Committee Room, 17th Parish Council Village Hall Committee Room 7.30pm, 22<sup>nd</sup> Down Hall Christmas Fayre 2 to 5pm, 26th Nature in our Neighbourhood Institute Village Hall Committee Room 7.30pm, 28<sup>th</sup> Citizens Advice 10.30-12.00 Down Hall Function Room, 29<sup>th</sup> Christmas Fair Village Hall 12.30pm

### December

4th Thursday Club St Thomas Church 2pm, 10<sup>th</sup> Women's Institute Village Hall Committee Room 7.30pm, 15th Parish Council Village Hall Committee Room 7.30pm,

## MALDON DISTRICT HERITAGE WINTER TALKS 2025-26

7pm Doors open / 7.30pm Talks start / 9pm Finish

FREE ADMISSION: no pre-booking required

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



MALDON DISTRICT  
COUNCIL

**4<sup>th</sup> November 2025: Sue Spiers – ‘Old St. Barnabas’ Church, Mayland - a four-year excavation by Burnham u3a Archaeological Group’**

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

*This talk will take the audience on a journey back in time, unravelling the history of a parish church demolished in 1878, recently revealed in brick and earlier stone walls, and a wealth of lovely finds including many beautiful medieval floor tiles.*



**2<sup>nd</sup> December 2025: Tim Howson – Historic houses in Bradwell-on-Sea**

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

*From medieval timber-framed farmhouses to picturesque Georgian cottages, the sleepy village of Bradwell-on-Sea boasts a rich heritage of domestic buildings. This talk will explore and celebrate some of the parish’s hidden architectural treasures, while highlighting the potential for future research.*



**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.*







# Bradwell-on-Sea CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 29 November 2025  
12.00 to 4.30 pm  
at the Village Hall

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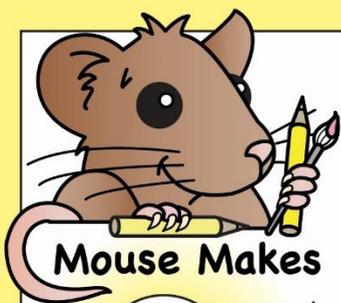
## Starry Nights & Twinkling Lights

- 🎄 Friday 28th November
- 🎄 Arrive 6:30, Dinner 7:00pm
- 🎄 Dress code: Smart
- 🎄 Venue: Royal Burnham Yacht Club
- 🎄 Entertainment & Christmas Gift Auction
- 🎄 £45



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If you would like to join us please contact: Christine - 07932695389 or Carol - 0798885095



**LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS**

Advent Sunday this year falls on 30th November. ADVENT is a time to celebrate the ARRIVAL of Jesus, God's Son, our Saviour. We look forward with HOPE, we give thanks for God's LOVE and the PEACE and JOY we have in Jesus.



Read:  
**Isaiah 40:5**  
*What shall be revealed?*



Read:  
**LUKE 2:10-11**  
*Who is 'God's news of great joy' for?*



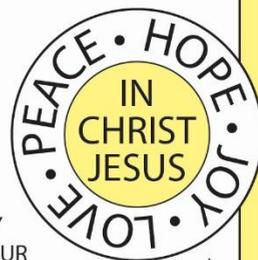
Read:  
**John 3:16**  
*How did God show He loves us?*



Read:  
**Romans 5:1-2**  
*Through who do we have peace with God?*

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### Bridge Club

Mondays 1.30 Church Centre

### St Lawrence Social Club

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of month at

Village Hall

Secretary Gwen Adams 778386

### Coffee Morning

Tuesday at 10.30am Church Centre

### Wednesday Board Games

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### Fridays Hobbies and Leisure

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### St Lawrence Village Hall

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#### Newlands

Carole Taylor 778523

John Barnes 779267

### Table Tennis

Tuesdays 3-5pm at Village Hall

### Diddydots Pre School

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

### Wendy Butterwick Keep Fit

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 7.30-8pm, Village Hall

### Age Concern

01245 264499 Two Rivers

Association for Age Concern

### Mobile Library

Every Three weeks, Thursdays St Lawrence Bay, Village Hall 11:40-12:10

### Local Policing Team

Non Emergency

101

Emergency

999

### Crimestoppers

Anonymous Crime Reporting

0800555111

### The Dengie Medical Centre

Tillingham 778383

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