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**SEPTEMBER 2021**

**Village View**

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## From the Vicarage

### New Times!

I would like to begin by thanking everyone for their prayers, wishes and gifts to myself and Kate on our wedding day. We had a perfect and special day!

In September, there are new times for children returning to education, those coming out of the education system and also those beginning in the workplace.

September brings some normality back to our lives (hopefully!). We look forward to the Baptisms across the 4 churches in the Benefice which were scheduled to happen in 2020 and also look forward to celebrating these new lives with God as their Heavenly Father.

To new and good times with God at our side.

God bless,

Reverend Steven

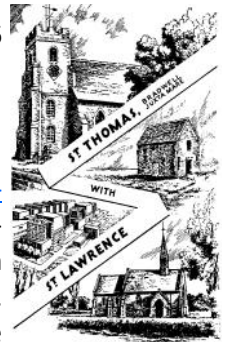
## Village View

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We apologise but **no articles will be accepted after September 12<sup>th</sup>**.

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.



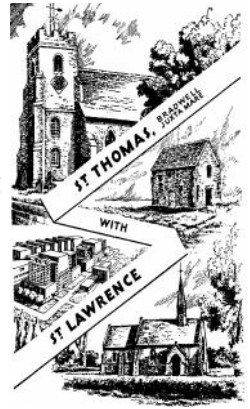
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## Bradwell-on-Sea Village Hall Trustees



The Village Hall trustees will be holding their AGM on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 8pm in the Village Hall.

There will be reports on what has happened at the hall during the past year and also a chance to see the redecorated main hall and stage and to hear about the refurbishment of the lower toilets which is starting at the beginning of October.

At the meeting we will also be electing the trustees for the coming year from the organisations that use the hall regularly, plus three members of the Public. Please come along and support your hall.

## Interested in singing?

Dengie Women's Singing Group will be meeting from Tuesday 21st September in the Committee Room, Bradwell Village Hall from 10 to 11.30am. Everyone welcome - you don't need any previous experience, just come along and have a go. There will be a small charge to cover hall hire.

Contact Ella at [dengiewomensinging@gmail.com](mailto:dengiewomensinging@gmail.com)



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## Heritage Open Days

Burnham U3A Archaeological Group will be opening their ongoing excavation of a previously unknown early medieval stone building at Southminster Hall, Southminster (CM0 7EH), to the public on Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th September from 10am to 4pm.



There IS a connection to Bradwell - Southminster is named to associate it with St. Peter's on the Wall at Bradwell on Sea. It was the Minster to the south of St. Peter's, which was the Mother Church. St Cedd, who founded St. Peter's in 654 AD was the Bishop of London and it is thought that our building, a high-status stone structure with massive foundation walls and originally a tiled roof, was built for the Bishop of London, as a Chamber Block, around the 11th Century. We know they owned the site from at least the time of Domesday (1086). The building is constructed almost entirely of septaria stone, found in all the local churches. It is quite possible the stone came from the ruined fort at Bradwell, as Roman brick has been found in the walls. Stone buildings other than churches are extremely rare in Essex.

Our excavation, begun in July 2020 and due to finish in October 2021, is so important that we have been able to obtain grants from the Essex Community Foundation totalling over £11,000. With the grants we have had training and expertise from Archaeology South East, which will ensure our building is properly recorded and written up.

Finds include prehistoric, Roman, Saxon, medieval, and later; also a working 17thC brick drain!

Our group members will be on hand to answer questions and talk about the site for the whole weekend as will local historian Kevin Bruce who has been heavily involved with this project.

Admission is free to the site. There is ample car parking and full details are on the Heritage Open Days website.

Sue Spiers [sjrspiers@gmail.com](mailto:sjrspiers@gmail.com) Deputy leader Burnham U3A Archaeological

## September Village View from Othona

Village View – what does it mean? Is this the views of the people of our local villages? Or a sample of village life for all to see? Or maybe, these days, it's a satellite view of our villages from that Google eye that sees all the changes we make to our land – and even creeps up to our front doors so that the world may see whether we've opened our curtains. Put a Google eye on the Othona Community and you will see a triangular corner of Bradwell between East Hall Farm and the sea, with a few buildings, clusters of trees and a number of pathways. Zoom in closer – yes, the pathways twine between the buildings and the vegetation; there are ponds, a polytunnel and vegetable plots, parking spaces – and now we may see some tents in the extra strip of field lying alongside the farm crops. A new roof has appeared on a venerable old building behind the sea wall....Why? What's it all about? Who is there?

To answer, we invite you to leave the overhead view and walk, cycle or drive down the track through the farm, and come in through the electric gateway – all are very welcome. As August turns to September you will see that while of course everyone is keeping Covid-safe, there is a great joy at being back in Community again after such a long period of lock-down and self-isolation. People are the heart of Othona. Some are visiting for the first time, others have been steeped in the life of Othona since birth. Many of us return, drawn into the fellowship of conversation, shared meals prepared and cooked on site, making the most of our home-grown vegetables and fruits – possibly picked and prepared by you as you chat with new friends and old. Listen – you may hear a bell calling you. Maybe you'd like to walk together to St Peter's Chapel, finding yourself included in a short service of Christian worship, a time of quiet, or a poem written by one of our young people exploring what faith means in a secular society. Over a period of 75 years no two services have ever been the same. Have you heard that there are activities at Othona? The latest programme is on the website, and in the "Bradwell-on-Sea Programme 2021" leaflet. And that new roof on the venerable old building, a great renovation job, has turned our dilapidated old Lecture Hut into our Education Building with its Art Room for all sorts of creative opportunities, Study rooms for the School Groups which double up as bedrooms in the summer, and an open room where there is a display of Bradwell Village Life from the perspective of the second world war RAF presence; Othona's founder Norman Motley was an RAF Chaplain, who established Othona as a place for peace and reconciliation through community.

As Norman wrote in September 1977 (Letter to a Community) "Overall, let us rejoice that 'hitherto hath the Lord helped us' 'and let us confidently proceed,

certain that He will provide if we have heard His voice and will not harden our hearts. You (and I) are the Community.”



To learn more about Othona or to make booking or a donation, do take a look at our website. Tim Fox is Warden/ Manager, with Debbie and Richard Sanders. Email [bradwell@othona.org](mailto:bradwell@othona.org). Website: [www.othonaessex.org.uk](http://www.othonaessex.org.uk). Tele-

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### **Bradwell WI Meeting – Wednesday 11 August 2021 – Two for the Price of One!**

For only the second time during the Covid pandemic the Bradwell-on-Sea WI have met in person; and what a joy it was...

#### **Essex Smugglers**

Our speaker for this month was Brian Billins with a very informative talk on Essex Smugglers. The smugglers are certainly not to be confused with any romantic notion that we may have of Robin Hood types. These were more than capable of using violence to get their way.

Brian began his talk with an excerpt from Rudyard Kipling's 'A Smugglers Song':

If you wake at midnight, and hear a horse's feet  
Don't go drawing back the blind, or looking in the street  
Them that asks no questions isn't told a lie  
Watch the wall my darling while the Gentlemen go by  
Five and twenty ponies  
Trotting through the dark -  
Brandy for the Parson, 'Baccy for the Clerk  
Laces for a lady: letters for a spy  
Watch the wall my darling, while the Gentlemen go by!

We learnt that the smugglers were very successful in this part of the world, with lots of hiding places in remote areas. Amongst the most profitable items were wool, tea, brandy, gin, tobacco, silks and, surprisingly, playing cards. The custom and excise workers were very badly paid and very unpopular and didn't live where they worked. When the government reduced tax on tea and other goods in the late 18<sup>th</sup> and early 19<sup>th</sup> century smuggling declined as it was no longer as profitable.



There was a group called 'The Bradwell Gang', which frequented the Green Man public house. There were plenty of hiding places locally, especially around St Peter's Chapel.

Linda Barnes thanked Brian for coming and giving us a knowledgeable insight into the world of smuggling, which was fascinating.

After a break for tea and scones Linda Sibley (President) continued the meeting with WI business.

### **The Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

Pat Bruce (Secretary) began proceedings. For our September meeting, the speaker will be The Chicken Lady speaking on all things, CHICKEN! This event will be open to visitors and advertised locally. The entry fee will be £5.00 for non-Bradwell WI members.

The October meeting will be how to repurpose beads to make Christmas decorations. If anyone has any old necklaces/bracelets or finds any in a charity shop these would be most welcome.

Pat talked about the WI sub-groups:

The Book Club will resume in the New Year and will continue to be run by Sue Pirret

The next Patchwork and Quilting Group will be 21 August at 10:30 run by Linda Sibley

The Walking Group will meet on 1 September at Paper Mill Lock lead by Linda Barnes

The Craft Group will resume on Monday 27 September at 7:30-9:30 run by Linda Sibley. Unfinished projects can be worked on and Christmas ideas will also be discussed.

There will be a charity coffee morning in aid of Essex and Hertfordshire Air Ambulance on Thursday 30 September from 9:00-11:00am in the Village Hall (posters are in hand). There will be a further update at the September meeting. In the meantime, members were asked to think about donating cake(s). Linda Sibley mentioned that she baked in advance and froze cakes successfully.

A new weekly singing group called the 'Dengie Women's Sing' led by Ella Hand will start on Tuesday 21 September in the Village Hall, which will be open to ladies from the Dengie. There will be a nominal fee to cover costs of the hall.

Julie Smith gave the Treasurer's Report. We are in a surprisingly good financial position considering the 15 months we have had, which prevent meetings and fundraising activities from taking place.



Pat returned to give us her overview of the year. The fact that we've had a very difficult time didn't keep the WI down, with Christmas boxes delivered to members, coffee mornings, Zoom meetings, a Garden Party, lunch, and a beautiful wedding, adding up to a memorable year.

However, there was the news that Pat, after 44 years as Secretary, is sadly retiring. Pat has done a wonderful job for the WI and 44 years pretty much says it all. Julie presented her with a beautiful bouquet of flowers and Linda Barnes a present from the committee. Pat said how much she had enjoyed her role as Secretary and reminisced fondly about all the people she had met and worked with. Happily, Pat will still be a much-valued WI member. The room was filled with appreciative applause.

After this news, it was time to vote for the President. Linda Sibley was duly voted in. Christine Gould is Secretary and Julie is Treasurer. The next AGM is in May 2022 when all Committee Members will resign. Anyone interested in joining the Committee needn't wait until May though, as Linda Sibley will be happy to chat about what's involved.

Linda Sibley thanked everyone. There was also thanks to Teresa Fowler, who hosted our wonderful Garden Party and also to Jeanne Meehan who organised a well attended lunch at The Cricketers.

The Food Collection Box for donations, which go to the Dengie Pantry, will recommence at the September meeting, as will the sales table. Perhaps members could donate something chicken-themed for this meeting. The competition will be something to do with... chickens.

Sharyn Hughes has organised a coach trip to the Knitting & Stitching Show at Alexandra Palace on Thursday 7 October, which is proving very popular, but there are still a few places available. Please contact the President or Secretary for further details.

Last but not least, Charmayne won the raffle, Brigid won the 'Something found on a beach' competition with a beautiful Abalone shell and Margaret was presented with birthday flowers.

Our next meeting is Wednesday 8 September 2021, starting at 7:30 pm.

## SEPTEMBER SERVICES

Time	Service	Place	Readings
<b>5th Trinity 14</b>			
10.00	All Age Worship	St Lawrence Church Centre	Proverbs 22;10-, 8-9,22-23 James 2;1-10, 14-17 Mark 7; 24-end
10.00	Joint Benefice Communion Service	St Thomas Church	
<b>12th Trinity 15</b>			
10.00	All Age Worship	St Lawrence Church Centre	Proverbs 1;20-33 James 3;1-4; 3, 7-8a Mark 8; 27-end
10.00	Joint Benefice Communion Service	St Nicholas Tillingham	
<b>19th Trinity 16</b>			
10.00	All Age Worship	St Lawrence Church Centre	Proverbs 31;10-end James 3;13-12 Mark 9; 30-37
10.00	All Age Worship with the choir from St Mark with St Margaret, Plumstead Common'	St Thomas Church	
10.00	Joint Benefice Communion Service	St Lawrence Church	
<b>26th Trinity 17</b>			
10.00	All Age Worship	St Lawrence Church Centre	Esther 7; 1-6, 9. 10 James 5; 13-end Mark 9; 38-end
10.00	Joint Benefice Communion Service	St James Dengie	
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Oct Trinity 18</b>			
10.00	All Age Worship	St Lawrence Church Centre	Job 1; 1, 2; 5-12 Hebrews1; 1-4, 2; 5-12 Mark 10; 2-6
10.00	Joint Benefice Communion Service	St Thomas Church	

## St Matthew's Day 21<sup>st</sup> Sept

Matthew was one of 12 apostles. But he began as a publican i.e. a tax-collector of Jewish race who worked for the Romans, before he left all at the call of Christ. From earliest times, he was regarded as the author of the first

of the four Gospels. The Gospel of Matthew is in correct, concise style; very suitable for public reading.

His usual emblem as an evangelist is a man, because



his genealogy emphasised the family ties of Christ. In art, he has been represented as either an evangelist or as an apostle. As an evangelist, he has been depicted sitting at a desk, writing his gospel with an angel holding the inkwell. In the Middle Ages he was even given a pair of spectacles.

Matthew was martyred by a sword or a spear, some think in Ethiopia.

## A Trip Down Memory Lane

A walk towards St Lawrence from the marina in mid-August, brought back memories. Memories of cattle grazing the water meadows. A drinking trough is still there, now washed up against a new low sea wall by an exceptionally high tide. But the water meadows themselves no longer exist, except for one jewel at Westwick Farm. It is now over 20 years ago that the original sea wall was deliberately breached in two



places to create the Orplands Managed Retreat. The river water was allowed to flow more or less to the natural rise of the land. The old sea wall has now been breached in a few places by the battering of storms, and what was grazing land is now salt marsh – as it was of course a few hundred years ago, before any sea walls were built.

A friend and I were searching for early autumn migrants. Curlew and Green Sandpipers (to mention just two) leave their breeding grounds further north from July onwards, and may drop in on the Blackwater to feed on their way south. A bird flew up, giving a fleeting view. My friend said it was black and white – I wasn't so sure. We haven't fallen out over the ensuing argument – perhaps there were two birds – one was a Curlew and one really was a Green Sandpiper. Apart from that, and a couple of Common Terns and a few gulls, birds were not in great evidence. But that is one of the joys of bird watching - one never knows.

One thing is certain. All those years ago there was a valuable habitat – I remember Yellow Wagtails breeding and Barn Owls hunting in the water meadows. Now, another valuable species-rich habitat, where many gems to delight the birder's day, might well turn up. A most enjoyable couple of hours, all within a mile of home.

Brian Clayden

## Gardening in September

- J Towards the end of the month plant polyanthus, winter flowering pansies, forget-me-nots and wallflowers. It's a good idea to get wallflowers in place soon as spring-flowering biennials need to get their roots established well before the winter.
- J It's also then the time to plant daffodils, hyacinths and crocus bulbs (do not plant tulips till November; these can be planted right up to Christmas).
- J Lawn Care and Repair: after mowing, scarify with a lawn rake, then fork and brush sand into any holes. Choose a suitable lawn seed, then sprinkle over, followed by a thin layer of compost. Water well and cover loosely with netting to keep the birds from eating the seed.
- J Prepare a vegetable bed for autumn-planted shallots and garlic, having first incorporated well-rotted compost into the area to improve the soil.
- J Visit a good local garden or garden centre and take a picture on your phone of any plants that look good at this time of year. Then go home and think about how you could integrate them into your own garden to give good all year-round colour and interest.

## Plant of the Month Dahlias

Dahlias are one of my favourite later summer flowers; I know I covered them last year, but just a few more tips:

In this part of the country the tubers can be left in the ground over the winter. It's a good idea to put compost on the ground when removing last year's dead stems. When they start to grow in the spring restrict them to no more than 6 stems per plant, then protect from slugs and snails, as they love the new growth.

When flower buds appear, they will try to have many flowers per stem, pick out all side flowers and side shoots; this will ensure beautiful flowers with long stems for picking.

David Thorpe.





**BRADWELL-ON-SEA WI**

**PRESENT**

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**THURSDAY**

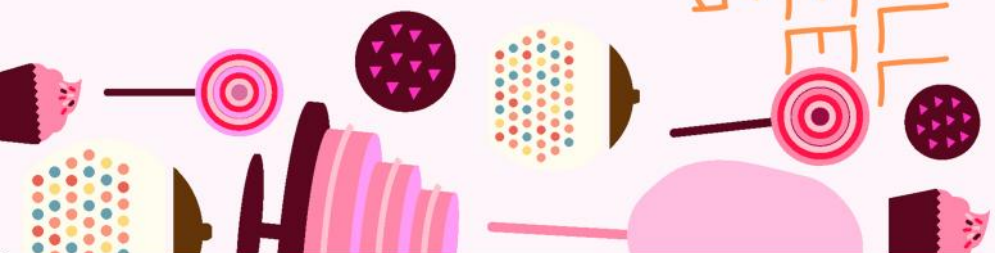
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<b>Churchwardens:</b>	<b>Jane Pudney</b>	<b>772345</b>
	<b>Shirley Lea</b>	<b>779403</b>

**Parish Magazine**  
Shirley Lea 779403

**St Lawrence PCC Secretary**  
Victoria Eley v.eley@icloud.com

**Parish Council Chairman;**  
Gary Lewsey  
gerald.lewsey@yahoo.com  
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Kevin Money  
slparishclerk@gmail.com

**District Councillor**  
Penny Channer 740607  
Michael Helm

**Stone Sailing Club**  
(Weekends) 779344

**Church Flowers**  
Margaret Cowell 779219  
Janet Cowell 779310

**St Lawrence Singers**  
Friday at 5.45 - 7.00pm  
Margaret Garlick 779328.

**Children's Society**  
Eunice Siggins 778904

**Monday**  
**Pebbles** 10.00 - 12.00noon  
Mothers and toddlers get together  
(Dads welcome) for tea, coffee and  
a chat  
Clive & Lesley Bennett 776298

**Bridge Club** 1.30pm

**1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month**  
**St Lawrence Social Club**  
Secretary Gwan Adams 778386

**Rainbow Guides**  
5-7 years for information phone  
07757636446 or email  
[sgmic-  
ies@girlguidingesssexne.org.uk](mailto:sgmic-<br/>ies@girlguidingesssexne.org.uk)

**Tuesday**  
11.00am **Coffee Morning**  
Maureen Storey

**Wednesday**  
**Women's Institute**  
2nd Wednesday 7.30pm  
**President: Cathie Bomich**  
**Secretary: Eunice Siggins 778904**

**Thursday**  
**St. Lawrence Art Group**

**10 - 12noon Stone Sailing Club**  
Bob Dorris 778392

**The Friends of St Lawrence**  
**Newland Church**  
Carole Taylor 778523  
John Barnes 779267

**Church Centre Activities**  
All Church Centre bookings:  
Shirley Lea 779403

**St Lawrence Village Hall**  
**Fund**

Contact: K. Terkelsen 778742  
Tara Pringle 779063

**Mobile Library**  
Fridays 11.45am to 12.30pm  
South Woodham Library (01245)  
29555

**The Medical Centre**  
**Tillingham** 778383

**William Fisher Medical**  
**Centre** 772360

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