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**SEPTEMBER 2022**

**Village View**

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**If any of the above information is incorrect or you wish to publicise your organisation then please contact Roger Scurrell on 01621 776341**

## From the Vicarage

Dear Friends,

As we move into September, we give thanks for many things. Firstly, the holidays which we have had over the summer, and as they come to an end, we prepare ourselves for the school schedule starting again.

On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 7pm, we begin our Alpha Course at St Thomas Church in Bradwell, and will be held in future weeks around the churches across the benefice. The Alpha Course is an 11-week course that creates a space, in person, where people can enter into conversation about faith, life and God. Come along and ask the questions you may have in relation to faith.

On Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 4pm in Woodham Walter, our Deanery is holding a Confirmation Service. Confirmations are for those who may have been baptised as a baby, to publicly declare their faith and be Confirmed into the Church. This service also allows you to be baptised too, if you haven't been already. If you would like more information about this, please let me know.

During September, we also begin our Harvest celebrations across the benefice and this will continue into early October. We give thanks that the Harvest has been safely brought in.

Thank you to you all for supporting the churches across the benefice.

God bless,

*Reverend Steven*

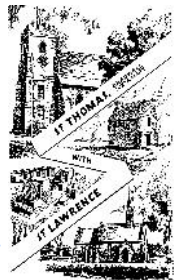
## Village View

All copy for the October 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 September 12th.

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](mailto: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 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.





# The Alpha Course

**Alpha is an 11-week course that creates a space, in person, where people can enter into conversation about faith, life and God.**

Begins Thursday 22 September at 7.30pm – St Thomas Bradwell

Thursday 29 September 29 September at 7.30pm – St Nicholas Tillingham

Wednesday 5 October at 7.30pm – St Lawrence Church

Thursday 13 October at 7.30pm – St Thomas Bradwell

Thursday 20 October at 7.30pm – St Nicholas Tillingham

Thursday 27 October at 7.30pm – St Lawrence Church Centre

Wednesday 2 November at 7.30pm – St Thomas Bradwell

Wednesday 9 November at 7.30pm – St Lawrence Church Centre

Wednesday 16 November at 7.30pm – St Thomas Bradwell

Thursday 24 November at 7.30pm – St Nicholas Tillingham

Thursday 1 December at 7.30pm – St Thomas Bradwell

Thursday 8 December at 7.30pm – St Lawrence Church Centre

Please register via Revd Steven on 01621 779620 or  
email [stevenposs@hotmail.com](mailto:stevenposs@hotmail.com)



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## Tales from RAF Bradwell Bay

The airfield at Bradwell was only in existence for about 4 years but in that short time there were so many tales to tell, not just in the operational missions but the life on the airfield and its relationship with the people of the village. Stories of individuals need to be recorded.

The RAF Bradwell Bay Presentation Group was formed in 2020, the Facebook

Group was started in 2017.

The aerodrome has a history going back to the mid 30's when a firing and bombing range was built with an attendant grass landing strip.

In 1941 the government decided that more airfields were needed in the eastern region of the UK; Bradwell was selected as part of this expansion.

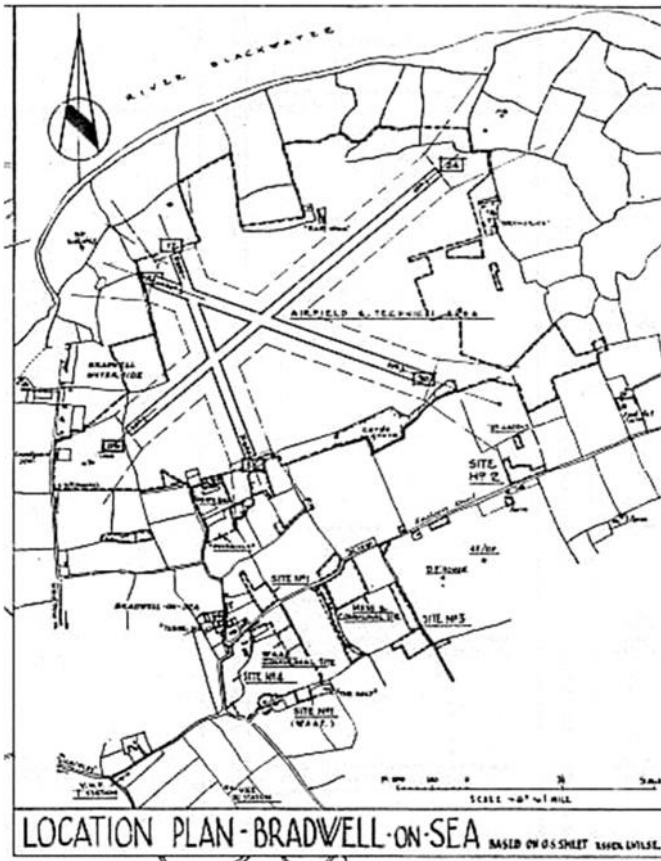
The new station was to be known as RAF Bradwell Bay. It had 3 long concrete runways and was able to accommodate most aircraft of the time.

The first squadron to move in was 418 RCAF flying the Boston 111.

During its time the base

was home to around 30 Squadrons. There is a memorial on the edge of the base to 121 who gave their life; research has revealed more.

The RAF Bradwell Bay Presentation Group exists to preserve the memories, focusing on the human stories. We have a Facebook page Bradwell Bay and a website [www.rafbradwellbay.co.uk](http://www.rafbradwellbay.co.uk). We have an exhibition at the Othona Community at most weekends. We are working towards getting a museum, preferably near the memorial. Why not get involved.



## The Othona Community in Summer 2022

The Othona Community is at its most lively during August, and some of the feedback from visitors is shared here. Open Community meetings, an annual Open Centre Committee Meeting in August, and our AGM coming up this year on 24<sup>th</sup> September as an online event, are just some of the ways that you can share ideas about Othona's future - no matter whether you are a resident, visitor, or coming in as a local, all views are welcome, and acted on.

Othona at Bradwell on Sea held a Community Open Meeting 4th August. 19 people attended this meeting, bringing together those attending the 'Wellbeing Week'. Debbie welcomed everyone and hosted the meeting by asking people questions for discussion and noting their responses. People said they enjoyed meeting new faces, sharing the 'Work & Play' balance, with everyone engaged in chores etc. - great food and diet and preparation, with all needs met, giving that special, unfussy Othona rhythm of the day, its gentle pace always marked only by the bell as a call to meals. Swimming for all ages in such wonderful holiday weather helped knit the group together.

When asked if there were any ideas for improvement, there were suggestions for more information in advance, such as an outline programme for the week. Visitors to Othona will discover that the publicised Programme is run each week by volunteer speakers who put great effort and energy into planning and delivering daily sessions to ensure visitors have a memorable time. There were also suggestions for future weeks on the programme, such as 'Foraging plus Cooking' 'Plant a tree week', 'Walking Week', such as they have at our sister community at Burton Bradstock, Dorset, and more 'Working Weekends', linked to a mid-week working programme. Prices were generally accepted at a good level.

An important question: What drew you to Othona this time? A lot of people already knew someone here this week, a nice time to be away. The Topic of Well-Being is vital for many people at the moment. Mental Well-Being etc. is a struggle for many. Geographically, Othona Essex is accessible from London, and it was suggested that potentially we could reach more Parishes and Churches in London, including poorer families for Holidays. We could develop more targeted marketing and awareness to include more Schools groups.



Other questions or comments were requested, and a key response was “Making sure the founding Vision of Norman Motley of Peace and Reconciliation is shared, passed on and is still very inspirational”. Social Media is very positive and Othona is encouraged to keep it going and building, providing more information - with the Trustee structures and Membership role made clearer. Greater hearing and deaf awareness for speakers at Othona and in Chapel is just one of the ways to support and encourage people of diverse needs and abilities

As we look back on the vibrancy of August, we now look forward to a quieter time in September – but could not leave the summer behind without huge thanks and appreciation for all the energy, enthusiasm and sensitivity to all-comers that has been offered to Othona by Debbie and Richard Sanders, in their first year as Othona Bradwell Warden/Managers. Any support you may wish to offer them and their small, committed resident team, as regular or occasional volunteers will be much appreciated.

We have an Autumn Retreat coming up on the Weekend of 23/25 September, with our ever-popular Harvest Working Weekend from 30 Sept to 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct – local people are welcome to come and share the fun, fellowship and fruit.

To learn more about Othona or to look at the Programme, and 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. Debbie and Richard Sanders are our Warden / Managers, assisted by Phil, Chris, Peter and volunteers.

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Website: [www.othonaessex.org.uk](http://www.othonaessex.org.uk) Telephone 01621 776564





## Bradwell Bells

On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August the Bradwell band of ringers set off for an outing in the Essex countryside to try our hand(s) at ringing the bells in different towers from our own. In all, we visited five towers at Maldon, Goldhanger, Layer de la Haye, Inworth and Sandon. Some of the towers proved challenging to us all and others were sweet to ring. However, overall, the band enjoyed the new challenges faced at each of the towers.

As always, Brian Clayden had researched the towers carefully so that we started off with an opportunity (I've used challenge too much so far) to ring bells



with a long draught. For some, this meant that ropes were flying about all over the place; however, we persevered and gained control in the end. It was certainly a day where our new ringers showed just how much they have progressed since first stepping into the Bradwell tower.

Lunch was enjoyed at the Donkey and Buskins, Layer de la Haye, and the cakes and scones at our morning and afternoon tea stops were delicious.

Bell ringing is open to all and, as you see, we don't just stay put in one tower. If you would like to find out more, please call either John Pryke 01621 776260 or Laurie Main 01621 776438



## SEPTEMBER SERVICES

Time	Service	Church	Readings
<b>4th Sept Trinity 12</b>			
10:00	Parish Communion & Baptism	St Thomas Bradwell	Jeremiah 4; 11-12, 22-28 Phileon 1-21 Luke 14.25-33 Psalm 139; 1-5, 12-18
10:00	All Age Service	St Nicholas Tillingham	
10:00	Centre All Age	St Lawrence Centre	
15.00	Evening Service	St James Dengie	TBA
<b>11<sup>th</sup> Sept Trinity 13</b>			
10:00	Parish Communion	St Nicholas Tillingham	Jeremiah 18; 1-11 1 Timothy 1; 12-17 Luke 15.1-10 Psalm 14
10:00	All Age worship	St Thomas Bradwell	
10:00	Parish Communion	St Lawrence Centre	
18.00	Evening Service	St Lawrence Church	TBA
<b>17<sup>th</sup> Sept Saturday</b>			
17.00	Sung Evensong	St Thomas Bradwell	TBA
<b>18<sup>th</sup> Sept Trinity 14</b>			
10:00	Harvest Festival	St Lawrence Church	Jeremiah 8; 18-9; 1 1 Timothy 2; 1-7 Luke 16.1-13 Psalm 79; 1-9
10:00	All Age Service	St Lawrence Centre	
10:00	All Age Service	St Nicholas Tillingham	
10:00	Ignite Café Church	St James Dengie	
18:00	Evening Service	St Nicholas Tillingham	TBA
<b>25<sup>th</sup> Sept Trinity 15</b>			
10:00	Parish Communion	St James Dengie	Jeremiah 32; 1-3a, 6-19 1 Timothy 4; 6-19 Luke 16; 19-end Psalm 91; 1-6, 14-end
10:00	Café Church	St Thomas Bradwell	
10:00	All Age Service	St Lawrence Centre	
10:00	Morning Prayer	St Lawrence Church	
10.00	All Age Service	St Nicholas Tillingham	
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Oct Trinity 16</b>			
10:00	Parish Communion	St Thomas Bradwell	Lamentations 1; 1-6 2 Timothy 1; 1-14 Luke 17.5-10 Psalm 137
10:00	All Age Service	St Nicholas Tillingham	
10:00	Harvest Festival	St Lawrence Centre	
15:00	Harvest Festival	St James Dengie	

## WEEKDAY SERVICES

Day	Date	Time	Event	Place
Thursday	1 <sup>st</sup> Sept	11:00	Thursday Club	St Thomas' Bradwell
Friday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	12:00	Friday Communion and Lunch	St Lawrence Church
Monday	5 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10:00	Pebbles	Centre St Lawrence
Monday	12 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10:00	Pebbles	Centre St Lawrence
Thursday	8th Sept	9.00	Chapel Communion	St Peters Chapel
Friday	16 <sup>th</sup> Sept	12:00	Friday Communion and Lunch	St Thomas' Bradwell
Monday	19 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10:00	Pebbles	Centre St Lawrence
Friday	23rd Sept	14:00	Service at the Home	Down Hall Bradwell
Monday	26 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10:00	Pebbles	Centre St Lawrence

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

Matthew was one of the 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.



## Bradwell Village Hall

The Village Hall Annual General Meeting took place on the 7<sup>th</sup> June. The Chairman and the Treasurer gave their report on the year summarising what has happened during the year.

The year 2021-2022 has been a challenging year for the Hall. The financial year started with the country coming out of Lockdown and although the Hall could be open for certain activities it took until September for most activities to get started and use the Hall. This had the effect of reducing our income drastically during the first five months of the year.

From September our bookings picked up and we have ended up at the year's end matching the Income of 2018-2019, and keeping our daily running expenses to the bare minimum have meant we have nearly broken even with only a loss of £39.40.

On top of this we have carried out considerable repairs and refurbishment to the Hall in the installation of

- Supply and fitting of a new cooker
- Redecoration of the hall and stage
- New kitchen ceiling
- Replastering of Stage walls
- Purchase of Drimaster Fan to eliminate dampness in the hall
- Refurbishment of the Lower Toilets and Main Entrance



This work totalled £2,600 and the toilet refurbishment a further £21,600 with £15,000 from a grant from The Essex Community Council. A further £900 was paid for a new ceiling in the entrance lobby which became damaged from a leak in the flat roof before being replaced.

We have also had Caravan Rallies who met last July, August on the field, and in November, and over the New year period using the Hall Carpark and School playground, The New Year Rally was unfortunately upset by locals which has resulted in them cancelling their bookings for this year. This is not good news for our hall, meaning we will be at least £2,000 light in income and with the increase in Energy prices mean our prices will have to be increased and expenses cut. At present we have a Rally in 2023 and another club showing interest. A challenge for our new Committee!

The AGM is also the meeting where the Trustees are elected for the coming year consisting of a representative from each organization that uses the hall and three members of the public. The Chairman Bill Hiron, said after many years on the

committee he was going to stand down. Peter Davidson also said that he would help in any way he could to support the hall, but had decided to stand down as a Trustee. The Trustees were elected and signed the Trustee declaration forms. Matthew Neall was welcomed as the new Parish Council Trustee, John Noble as the Tuesday Badminton Trustee, Ann Barrett as the Friday Badminton Trustee and Christine Gould as a member of the Public Trustee. The Meeting closed with a thankyou from the Trustees to Bill and Peter for all that they have done for the hall in the past years as Trustees. The Trustees have one Vacancy for a member of the Public.

At the end of the meeting we had a meeting of the Trustees and Parish Council to discuss the refurbishment of the top kitchen to allow the users of the hall to put their suggestions forward of what is wanted.

As a result of the changes to the membership of the Trustees a Village Hall Trustees meeting was held on the 13<sup>th</sup> June to elect Officers for the coming year. There were no volunteers for Chairman so Roger Scurrall said he would take on the role but stand down as Booking Secretary. Jean Meehan was elected as Vice Chairman, Roger Scurrall as Treasurer, Susan Spiers as Secretary and Jean Allen as Booking Secretary.

As a result of these changes Jean Allen will take over as Booking Secretary from the 1<sup>st</sup> September and can be contacted on 01621 776547 or email [jeanmilleend@btinternet.com](mailto:jeanmilleend@btinternet.com)



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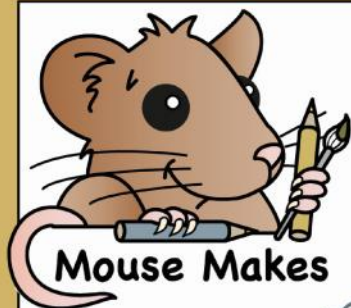
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Everyone who hears Jesus' words and does **not** do them will be like a

The \_\_\_\_\_ fell,  
The floods came and the \_\_\_\_\_ blew.

Matthew 7:25



\_\_\_\_\_ man.  
On what did he build his house?

Matthew 7:24

\_\_\_\_\_ man.  
On what did he build his house?

Matthew 7:26



Matthew 7:24-27  
and  
Luke 6:46-49

What happened to the houses?  
Read  
Matthew 7:25 and 27

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M A N H S A N D W S J I



What was the reaction of the crowd to Jesus' teaching?  
Read  
Matthew 7:28-29



Look up the Bible references to find the missing words then look for them and the words below in the word search

JESUS • HEAR • LISTEN • WORDS  
DOES • BUILT • FOUNDATION • MAN  
DUG • DEEP • SOLID • GROUND  
STREAM • RIVER • BURST • FLOODS  
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**PAROCHIAL INFORMATION:****ST. LAWRENCE**

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	<b>Gerry Lewsey</b>	

**Parish Magazine**  
Shirley Lea 779403

**St Lawrence PCC Secretary**  
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**Parish Council Chairman;**  
Gerry Lewsey:  
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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

**Pebbles 10.00 - 12.00noon**  
Mothers and toddlers get together  
(Dads welcome) for tea, coffee and  
a chat  
Rev S Poss 7796208

**Bridge Club** 130pm

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

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[enquiries@girlguidingssexmex.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@girlguidingssexmex.org.uk)

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

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

**Thursday**  
**St. Lawrence Art Group**  
10 - 12noon Stone Sailing Club  
Bob Darks 778392

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

**Church Centre Activities**  
All Church Centre bookings:  
Eunice Siggins 778904

**St Lawrence Village Hall**  
**Fund**  
Contact K. Tarkelsen 778742  
Tara Pringle 779063

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

**The Medical Centre**  
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