

SEPTEMBER 2025 VILLAGE VIEW

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## From the Vicarage

Dear Friends,

As we move into September, we are delighted to have had Phoebe baptised at the Church where we got Married in Sussex on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August. It was a wonderful occasion with all of our family.

On Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August, we had a wonderful Confirmation Service at St Peter's Chapel in Bradwell on Sea, as part of the Chapel Summer Evening Services. We had candidates from across the Benefice in Bradwell on Sea, Tillingham and St Lawrence. It was a wonderful occasion with the Bishop of Bradwell, Bishop Adam. The whole Summer Series was a great summer of services from different denominations across the Church. I was deeply moved by the Orthodox Service, where the continued singing of the liturgy, readings and prayers moved me in worship.

All of these services, including the Pilgrimages, Weddings and Baptisms we have had over the summer with the community, have deeply increased my faith and encounter with God, as we turn towards God, he turns towards us in Grace and Love.

God bless,

*Reverend Steven*



## Bradwell-on-Sea WI meeting

Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> August at Cressing Temple Barns

A day at Cressing Temple Barns and its Tudor walled garden



This month, instead of gathering in the village hall, we ventured out for our summer outing to Cressing Temple Barns, a site steeped in history and charm.



We began with a guided tour of the magnificent Tudor walled garden, a faithful reconstruction of the late medieval and Tudor gardens that once stood here. Enclosed by the original 16th-century brick walls, the garden reflects a time when such spaces were not only for beauty, but for providing food, healing plants, and herbs for household use. At its heart is a striking brick fountain with four spouts, symbolising the four rivers

of paradise, while a raised platform offers a perfect vantage point to admire the intricate patterns of the knot garden.

The planting is based on meticulous historical research, featuring box-edged knot gardens, a nosegay garden, medicinal plants, and a vegetable plot — all species that would have been familiar to gardeners of the Tudor period.

After our tour, we headed to the Tiptree Tea Room for a delicious lunch (which we would recommend!)

It was a really enjoyable outing, combining history, beautiful surroundings, and good company! one we will be sure to remember and, no doubt, repeat in the future.

Our next meeting will be in the village hall, where we will be joined by Steve Lester for his talk 'Insights of a provincial auctioneer' on the 10<sup>th</sup> September.

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

Changes in leadership both Country and of RAF Bradwell Bay came in 1945. On 25th June 1945 Wing Commander Geoffrey Dalton Stephenson took over as the base at Bradwell. Stephenson had spent some time as a POW including time spent in Colditz.

The wartime coalition government lead by Prime Minister Winston Churchill was defeated by the Labour Party in the General Election on Thursday 5th July 1945, and Clement Attlee became the Prime Minister. Perhaps the country, while revering Churchill as a Wartime leader, voted for change and to move forward. Churchill needed a rest after the stress of wartime leadership. He was after all in his late 60's.

While VE Day was celebrated extensively at RAF Bradwell Bay with a large parade and parties, the war had not ended. Fighting in the Far East continued for another 3 months. The war ended when the USA dropped 2 atomic bombs on Japan. One at Hiroshima on 6<sup>th</sup> August and the second on Nagasaki on 9<sup>th</sup> August. So, the world entered the Nuclear Age. Clem Attlee was aware that the bomb was going to be used although he didn't know details.



Bradwell on Sea was to host the peacetime use of nuclear power in the form of the Bradwell Power station.

The Japanese Emperor gave an unconditional surrender on the 15<sup>th</sup> of August, a day we celebrate now as VJ Day. This was marked at RAF Bradwell in a more subdued manner. The Station Commander declared 2 days of rest, as the Operational record book shows:

15.8.45.	V.J. DAY. This was treated as a Rest Day by the Station Commander's orders.
16.8.45.	B. VJ + 1 day. Also, a day of Rest.

RAF Bradwell Bay was to continue as an airbase for 3 months.

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 and our website [www.rafbradwellbay.com](http://www.rafbradwellbay.com).

We are recruiting trustees to work alongside our management committee. If you have skills such as business-related skills, we could use them or 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)



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



Charity Number 803054

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

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize, Ticket 41, Ann Hart, £20.00**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize, Ticket 70. Paul Roughly, £10.00**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize, Ticket 15, Joe Lee, £5.00**

The next draw takes place on the 1st September. 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.

## The Othona Community

Music week 9<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> August, was a special one, led by our Sarah and Simon Thompson, celebrating 40 years of Live Aid. Sharing the community spirit, the 60+ choir of people who had never sung together before, put on two spectacular shows, one on Thursday afternoon at Downhall, the other filling St Thomas Church with music and dance. The week following was Arts and Crafts Week, another favorite, much enjoyed by adults and children alike, led by Cathrin Jones. – and more family fun from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> August as former Wardens Gail



and Matthew Dell shared All the Fun of the Fair. The first mid-week session of September is A Time to Simply Be: still time to book for a day, come along to enjoy the peace and tranquility of Othona. We have a Harvest Weekend, 12-14 September, and an Autumn Retreat 10-12 October. Details of all these events and more may be found on our website, or pick up a leaflet.

On 16<sup>th</sup> August Othona held its annual Open Bradwell Centre Committee Meeting, where everyone who is interested may join in, hear what is proposed, and be involved in the administration and decision-making at the Centre. It was decided to reconvene a Programme Planning Group to plan the programme of events and activities for next year: if any Village View reader has any suggestions, do share them – or offer yourself as a speaker, all our weeks are led by volunteers who have a huge range of skills and interests to share. Volunteers are also needed to fill vacancies: a Trustee for Safeguarding, and a Bradwell Centre Committee member. Filling resident team vacancies looks promising, with hopes that a new cook and a deputy warden will soon be settled in. This raises the question of staff accommodation now under discussion, as the spaces we have are pretty restricted.

Water conservation was considered an important topic for all, both as a response to climate change and to our rather limited mains supply – although only those with VERY long memories remember when we carried back water from the tap by the chapel to the original Community huts and tents in the Old Field. No Charity business meeting would be complete without considering the question of finances and, although Othona is doing well compared to many organisations, it will still be necessary to put up the cost of staying next year. Othona always tries to keep fees down, and offer bursaries if needed, but with a basic 24 hour cost of just £50 per adult all-inclusive, we do encourage people to pay more, or donate, if they can afford to support those who are struggling financially. Finally – buses! As with all those living locally, the decline of our local bus services is felt by Othona,

and contact is being made to aim for reinstatement of a service to Othona. An update from our new Warden/Manager David Jenkins, completed business of the day – followed by a delicious cream tea prepared, as ever, by our team of volunteer cooks.

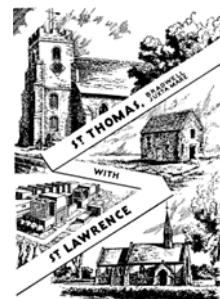
Othona is accessed through East Hall Farm, East End Rd, Bradwell on Sea, through the wind powered gate: exit token from the office. Our Manager/Warden is David Jenkins. Website [www.othonaessex.org.uk](http://www.othonaessex.org.uk). Email [bradwell@othona.org](mailto:bradwell@othona.org). Telephone 01621 776564.

## October 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 15th.

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](mailto: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 September 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.



## Prayer for September 2025

Heavenly Father, September is the month of new starts for so many. New starts can be exciting, but they can also be daunting. We don't always know what to expect and sometimes we feel as if we are on our own in a strange new place, or situation.

Help us to know that, as your people, we are never alone. You promised, through Jesus, to be with us always and You gave us Your Holy Spirit to empower us.

In some ways every day is a new start – a new gift from You. As we unwrap the gift of each new day, this September, encourage us to receive it confidently and expectantly. Help us to know that we can do all things, through Christ Jesus, who strengthens us. We can! In Jesus' name, Amen.

*By Daphne Kitching*



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## SEPTEMBER SERVICES

Time	Service	Church	Readings
<b>5th</b>	<b>Friday</b>		
12:00	Communion with Lunch	St Lawrence Church	
<b>7th</b>	<b>Trinity 12</b>		
10:00	Communion	St Thomas Bradwell	Jeremiah 18;1-11
10:00	Morning Worship	St Nicholas Tillingham	Philemon 1-21
10:00	Communion	St Lawrence Centre	Luke 14;25-33
15:00	Evening Service	St James Dengie	Psalm 139; 1-5,12-18
<b>14th</b>	<b>Holy Cross Trinity 13</b>		
10:00	Communion	St Nicholas Tillingham	Jeremiah 4;11-12,22-28
10:00	Morning Café Church	St Thomas Bradwell	1 Timothy 1;12-17
10:00	Morning Worship	St Lawrence Centre	Luke 15;1-10
18:00	Evening Service	St Lawrence Church	Psalm 14
<b>21st</b>	<b>Matthew Trinity 14</b>		
08:00	Holy Communion	St James Dengie	
10:00	Harvest Communion *	St Lawrence Church	Jeremiah 8;18 - 9.1 1 Timothy 2;1-7
10:00	Morning Worship	St Lawrence Centre	Luke 16;1-13
10:00	Morning Worship	St Nicholas Tillingham	Psalm 79;1-9
18:00	Evening Service	St Thomas Bradwell	
<b>25th</b>	<b>Thursday</b>		
09:00	Communion	St Peters Chapel Bradwell	
<b>28th</b>	<b>Trinity 15</b>		
10:00	Communion	St James Dengie	Jeremiah 32;1-3a,6-15
10:00	Café Church	St Thomas Bradwell	1 Timothy 6;6-19
10:00	Morning Worship	St Lawrence Centre	Luke 16;19-31
10:00	Morning Worship	St Lawrence Church	Psalm 91;1-6,14-16*
18:00	Evening Service	St Nicholas Tillingham	
<b>Oct 3rd</b>	<b>Friday</b>		
12:00	Communion with Lunch	St Lawrence Church	

Time	Service	Church	Readings
5th	<b>Trinity 16</b>		
10:00	Harvest & Pet Communion *	St Thomas Bradwell	Lamentations 1:1-6 2 Timothy 1:1-14 Luke 17:5-10 Psalm 137
10:00	Morning Worship	St Nicholas Tillingham	
10:00	Morning Worship	St Lawrence Centre	
15:00	Harvest 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 [stthomaspcc@btinternet.com](mailto:stthomaspcc@btinternet.com) for inclusion. It is hoped to publish events every month for the coming three months and every Quarter for the year ahead.

### September

4th Thursday Club St Thomas Church 2pm, 10<sup>th</sup> Women's Institute Village Hall 7.30pm, 15<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Village Hall Committee Room 7.30pm, 16<sup>th</sup> Village Hall Trustees Village Hall 7.30pm, 18<sup>th</sup> PCC Meeting at 7.00pm, 24th Nature in our Neighbourhood,

### October

2nd Thursday Club St Thomas Church 2pm, 5<sup>th</sup> Harvest Festival Service 19.00am, 8<sup>th</sup> Women's Institute 7.30pm Village Hall, 20th Parish Council Village Hall Committee Room 7.30pm, 29th Nature in our Neighbourhood, 30<sup>th</sup> PCC Meeting at 7.00pm

### November

6<sup>th</sup> Thursday Club St Thomas Church 2pm, 12th Women's Institute 7.30pm Village Hall, 17th Parish Council 7.30pm Village Hall Committee Room, 26th Nature in our Neighbourhood 7.30pm Village Hall Committee Room



# Swan Saxophone Quartet

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Sept

3pm

St. Andrew's Church  
Hall, Althorne

Ticket includes Tea & Cake  
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# The tale of the RICH FOOL



JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS

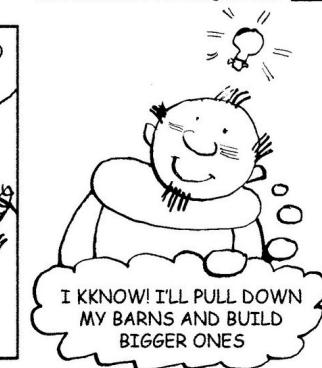


ONE STORY WAS ABOUT A MAN WHO HAD LOTS OF LAND WHICH GREW WONDERFUL WHEAT.

I HAVEN'T ANYWHERE TO KEEP ALL THIS FOOD



I KNOW! I'LL PULL DOWN MY BARNS AND BUILD BIGGER ONES



THE MAN DEMOLISHED HIS OLD BARNS....

...AND BEGAN TO BUILD NEW ONES.



SOON I'LL BE THE RICHEST MAN IN THE TOWN!



I'M SO LUCKY - I CAN EAT, DRINK AND BE MERRY!



BUT THAT VERY NIGHT, THE MAN DIED!



WHAT GOOD WERE HIS RICHES NOW?



JESUS EXPLAINED - IT'S NOT YOUR WEALTH THAT MATTERS, IT'S HOW YOU LIVE YOUR LIFE THAT'S IMPORTANT



## Mouse Makes

"Let us fear and respect the Lord our God.

He gives **autumn** and **spring** rains at the right time. He makes sure that we have the harvest at just the right **time**."

- from Jeremiah 5:24

"God... gives you **rain** from heaven and good harvests at the right times. He gives you plenty of **food** and fills your hearts with **joy**."

- from Acts 14:16-17

"May the people **praise** you **God**...

The **land** **yields** its harvest, God, our God **blesses** us."

- from Psalm 67:5-6

"**Honour** the **Lord** with your wealth and the first part of your **harvest**."

- Proverbs 3:9

"So the one who **plants** is not important, and the one who **waters** is not important. Only **GOD** is important because He is the one who makes things **grow**."

- 1 Corinthians 3:7

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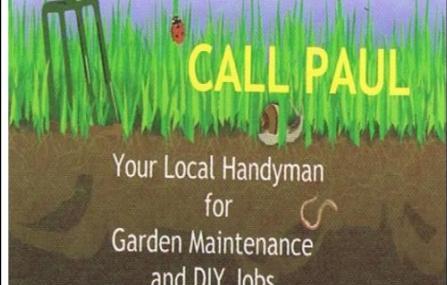
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<b>District Councillor</b> Linda Hayward <a href="mailto:Clr.linda.Hayward@maldon.gov.uk">Clr.linda.Hayward@maldon.gov.uk</a> Wendy Laybourne <a href="mailto:Clr.wendy.laybourne@maldon.gov.uk">Clr.wendy.laybourne@maldon.gov.uk</a>		<b>Coffee Morning</b> Tuesdays at 10.30am in the Church Centre	<b>Age Concern</b> 01245) 264499 Two Rivers Association for Age Concern
<b>Parish Council Chairman</b> Marian Gibson <a href="mailto:Clrgibson@stlawrence-pc.gov.uk">Clrgibson@stlawrence-pc.gov.uk</a> Kevin Money		<b>Wednesday Board Games</b> 2.00—4.00pm, St Lawrence Church Centre	<b>Mobile Library</b> Every three weeks Thursdays East End Rd outside church 11.40— 12.10
<b>Clerk to the Parish Council</b> Kevin Money <a href="mailto:Clerk@stlawrence-pc.gov.uk">Clerk@stlawrence-pc.gov.uk</a> Council meet 4th Wednesday of each month in Village Hall		<b>Fridays Hobbies and Leisure</b> 10am, Church Centre	<b>Local Policing Team phone</b> Non Emergency 101 Emergency 999
<b>Stone Sailing Club</b> (weekdays)	779344	<b>St Lawrence Art Group</b> Thursdays 10.00—12.00 noon Sailing Club Bob Dork 778392	<b>Crime Stoppers</b> Anonymous Crime Reporting 0800555111
<b>Church Flowers</b> Rev S Poss	779620	<b>Church Centre Bookings</b> All Church Centre Bookings. Eunice Siggins 778804	<b>The Dengie Medical Centre</b> Tillingham 778383
<b>Children Society</b> Eunice Siggins	778904	<b>St Lawrence Village Hall</b> Bookings Marion Gibson 778102	<b>The Trinity Medical Centre</b> Mayland 745400
		<b>The Friends of St Lawrence New- lands Church</b> Carole Taylor 778523 John Barnes 779267	<b>William Fisher Medical Centre</b> Southminster 772360
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