

JANUARY 2022

Village View

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Dear Friends,

## Happy New Year!

I hope you had a nice Christmas and are looking forward to the new year ahead. As I write things seems are uncertain, but we have been in a similar place last year and we have come through it!

January and February are usually quiet months for everybody, including the church, though we continue to celebrate the Christmas season until Sunday 9th January when we celebrate the Epiphany and the coming of the magi (Three Kings) throughout January.

The coming of the magi bring gifts to the Christ child after seeing his star in the east. As we look into the future, we bring our own gifts, talents and service to God in the new year, knowing that he too will guide our way and be with us

always as Emmanuel, God with us.

God bless,

Reverend Steven

### **Village View**

All copy for the February 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, as soon as possible.

Those living in St Lawrence may give copy to Shirley Lea at 51 Main Road (779403) or email to bronwen.cook@btinternet.com 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 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 January 23rd.

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.

## **A Misleading Name**

There's a lovely camaraderie amongst bird watchers. A long weekend in Norfolk gave the opportunity for a spot of birding. It just needed a pair of binoculars around the neck to prompt a chap with a camera and telephoto lens to ask "seen anything around?" We had only just come out of the door of the cottage onto the promenade, so he went on "a couple of purple sandpipers along that way" – pointing eastwards; so eastwards it was. The following day we bumped into him again – was it him? He and we exchanged glances which confirmed - "purple sandpiper....".

Purple sandpipers have no purple about them at all. Their scientific name *Calidris maritima* gives more of a clue – a maritime bird – outside the breeding season they are almost always by the sea. Whilst not rare, they are found pecking around on rocks – rocks about the same colour as themselves, so patience is needed to pierce their camouflage. A careful search rewarded us with good views of the two birds our friend had mentioned. A dumpy bird,

slightly smaller but plumper than a blackbird; although their plumage is somewhat nondescript, they can be identified by their conspicuous yellow legs and feet. Unlike other waders, they don't hide their feet in mud.

They breed in the high arctic, and migrate southwards to avoid the sub-zero

temperatures, so are only found in Britain during the winter months. Our two birds clearly found the rocks to their liking – and not at all stressed by our presence only a few feet away. What their avid searches revealed we couldn't see – to us they seemed just to be pecking at



bare rock; no doubt they found tiny creatures to satisfy their hunger.

Bird watching is so much more than – well, watching birds! How far had these two little fellows flown, all with a heart the size of a pea? What perils did they encounter on the way? What was the scenery like at their summer residence? Nonetheless, it was good to add a new bird to our list.

Brian Clayden

#### **BRADWELL CHRISTMAS FAIR**

#### The Aim

The Christmas Fair was a success in that our community supported it and many turned out on a cold, wet and blustery day to enjoy it. The Dickensian-theme added to the attraction and it was wonderful to see a number of stallholders in costume.

#### **Beneficiaries**

Profits amounted to £1,901.39p and have been shared equally between will between St Thomas Church (PCC), St Cedd's School PTA, The Village Hall Trust and the Bradwell-on-sea Women's Institute. They each received £475.35p and are both pleased and grateful.

#### **Fundraising**

The majority of funds raised came through the sale of stalls, donations and the sale of raffle tickets. However, the contribution to the raffle prizes, including the wheelbarrow from Dots and Melons, the individual gifts of wine and spirits, chocolates and other items meant that many villagers played a part in making the Fair a financial success.

The free bus rides gifted by Ford Coaches of Althorne not only brought additional shoppers to the village, but also increased the opportunity to generate publicity. This made a greater number of people aware of the event.

The Curry and Quiz at the King's Head on the evening of 27 November 2021 was well supported and all participants had an enjoyable time. The landlord, Mike, introduced a Joker Card, to be played to increase points awarded. Most teams played their Joker on the wrong round, adding to the entertainment value!

Father Christmas at Santa's Grotto was a huge success and the number of children visiting exceeded the predicted amount of 50, with an additional 50% being seen during the course of the Fair. The landlords, Tony and Christine, had to make a number of changes to plans and find additional gifts for the extra, young visitors, which they did with good humour and generosity.

Mr Greg Bracken loaned his PA system on loan for the Fair. It was put to good use by our compère, Mr Laurie Main, who provided his witty and entertaining services for free.

#### The Next Christmas Fair

With the return of the Flower Show in August, there will not be another Christmas Fair in 2022. However, Santa's Grotto may return to build on this year's success and the organisers are wished the best of luck.

#### Acknowledgements

There was not a "team" working on this project as such. However, the WI President, Linda Sibley, was a stalwart support throughout, as were Brigid and Laurie Main, David Thorpe and Brian Clayden.

Then there were the two guys, whose hard work from erecting pallets all over the Dengie, to directing traffic on the day, to packing up the Village Hall afterwards that made things run more smoothly. They are my husband, David Gould and Carol's husband, Godfrey Hutton.

I've left mention Carol Hutton until last, because she was the only other member of the "team". She did a fabulous job with publicity, ranging from getting news published in the Maldon and Burnham Standard, placing free adverts in all the local parish magazines and to posting to 22 Facebook pages and websites. She was always on hand to help whenever or where ever. Thank you, Carol.

Signing Off

Happy New Year.

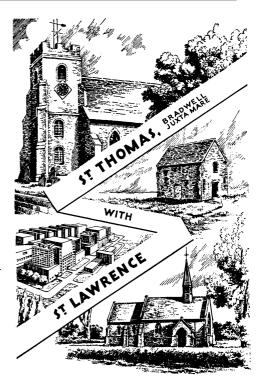
Christine Gould

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#### **Bradwell WI**

# Christmas Carol Service at St Thomas followed by Afternoon Tea in the Village Hall



This month our ladies met on a bright and chilly, December afternoon to attend the annual Carol Service at the village church of St Thomas. The service was led by our member Rev Brigid Main, with very appropriate and thought-provoking readings given by various other members.

Mr Brian Clayden played the organ and the piano in memory of his wife, Brenda, who is remembered with great affection by many members. The Dengie Women's Sing (DEWS) sang the Sussex Carol and added their voices to that of the congregation. Many thanks to them all, especially Brigid for arranging and leading the service.

In keeping with Dengie tradition, we had invited members of other WIs based on the peninsula as our guest. We were delighted to welcome Carole and Shirley from St Lawrence and Jan and Pam from Tillingham. It was also lovely to see Wynn and Sheila, who were both Bradwell members for many years.

At the Village Hall, tables had been laid out for afternoon tea. This year's feast was provided by caterers from the village, called The Happy Hog, run by Wendy Irwin with assistance from her mum and daughter, so another women's institution!

They provided a sumptuous afternoon tea of sandwiches, scones with cream

and jam, French Fancy cakes, sausage rolls and mince pies. There was much chatting and laughter as members took the opportunity to circulate and catch up with events and share news. Our thanks go Pat for the delicious mulled wine that quenched our thirsts.



The DEWS sang two old-time musical favourites and Jingles Bells, followed by the Bradwell-on-sea version of the Twelve Days of Christmas, including cue cards. There was the occasional muddle, which added to the entertainment value, as it created laughter around the hall.



Christmas Hampers were donated again this by our WI members to the Dengie Kindness Group. These will be distributed to those in need this Christmas in and around Bradwell-on-Sea.

The raffle had an array of attractive prizes with members and guests sharing the booty almost equally.

Linda S was surprised with birthday flowers, presented by our Vice President, Linda B, and Ella (the manager) of DEWS lead a hearty rendition of Happy Birthday.

Linda S thanked members and guests for attending, Brigid for the Carol Service, Wendy and her team for the wonderful tea, Ella for leading the singing and WI members for her flowers and everyone for singing birthday wishes.

The January meeting is on 12 January 2022. Lorraine and Linda S will run a Bingo session. The February meeting is on 9 February 2022. If interested in joining the WI contact Christine Gould for details on 01621 776104.



Time	Service	Church	Readings					
2nd Jan - 4 before Lent								
10:00	Parish Communion	St Thomas' Bradwell	Isaiah 60.1-6					
10:00	All Age Service	St Nicholas Tillingham	Psalm 72.[1-9]10-15					
10:00	All Age Service	The Centre St Lawrence	Ephesians 3.1-12					
15:00	Evening Service	St James Dengie	Matthew 2.1-12					
9th Jan - 3 before Lent								
10:00	Parish Communion	St Nicholas Tillingham	Isaiah 43.1-7					
10:00	All Age worship	St Thomas' Bradwell	Psalm 29					
10:00	All Age worship	The Centre St Lawrence	Acts 8.14-17					
15:00	Evening Service	St James Dengie	Luke 3.15-17,21,22					
18:00	Evening Service	St Lawrence Church						
16th Jai	n - 2 before Lent							
10:00	Parish Communion	St Lawrence Church	Isaiah 62.1-5					
10:00	Communion	The Centre St Lawrence	Psalm 36.5-10					
10:00	All Age Service	St Nicholas Tillingham	1 Corinthians 12.1-11					
16:30	Evening Service	St Thomas' Bradwell	John 2.1-11					
23rd Jai	n - 1 before Lent							
09:00	Communion	St Nicholas Tillingham	Nehemiah 8.1-3,5- 6,8-10					
10:00	Parish Communion	St James Dengie	Psalm 19*					
10:00	Café Church	St Thomas' Bradwell	1 Corinthians 12.12- 31a					
10:00	Morning Prayer	St Lawrence Church	Luke 4.14-21					
10:00	All Age Service	The Centre St Lawrence						
30th Jai	30th Jan - Lent 1							
	Joint Benefice Communion	St Lawrence	Ezekiel 43.27 - 44.4					
10:00			Psalm 48					
			1 Corinthians 13.1-13					
			Luke 2.22-40					

6th Feb - 4 before Lent							
10:00	Parish Communion	St Thomas' Bradwell	Isaiah 6.1-8[9-13]				
10:00	All Age Service	St Nicholas Tillingham	Psalm 138				
10:00	All Age Service	The Centre St Lawrence	1 Corinthians 15.1-11				
15:00	Evening Service	St James Dengie	Luke 5.1-11				

Day	Date	Time	Event	Place				
1								
Friday	7th January	12:00	Friday Communion and Lunch	St Lawrence Church				
	2							
Monday	10th January	10:00	Pebbles	The Centre St Lawrence				
Friday	14th January	12:00	Friday Communion and Lunch	St Thomas' Bradwell				
3								
Monday	17th January	10:00	Pebbles	The Centre St Lawrence				
Thursday	20th January	13:00	Thursday Club	St Thomas' Bradwell				
Friday	21st January	14:00	Service at the Home	Down Hall Bradwell				
4								
Monday	24th January	10:00	Pebbles	The Centre St Lawrence				
Thursday	27th January	09:00	Communion	St Peter's Chapel				
5								
Monday	31st January	10:00	Pebbles	The Centre St Lawrence				

## Village view from the Othona community Bradwell-on-Sea.



A Happy New Year to you all from the Othona Community, and may it bring you peace, good health and the return of some of the fun things in life.

We are very happy to share with you that our friends Debbie and Richard Sanders, who already live and work in this village as staff team members at Othona, have been appointed to become our next Managers/Wardens, on a job-share arrangement. They take over on 1st May 2022, as Tim Fox leaves us after several years in his second stint as Othona Manager, having guided us through these last two most difficult years. We wish him well - there will be times for you to share your farewells, as Tim is here until after Easter.

Time to move forward, and time to reflect. Othona has, established by our founder Norman Motley, four pillars we build on – Work, Worship, Study and Play in Community together.

Work – that's obvious, there is always plenty of gardening, painting and decorating, fixing and repairing.... all volunteer skills are welcome.

Worship – this is at our heart, and in welcoming people of all faiths and none we experience a huge span of different ways to worship God, by whatever name people call him. As a Christian Community we offer the opportunity to share worship in the wonderful Chapel of St Peter on the Wall, echoing the voices raised there over hundreds of years.

Study – that brings richness to the tapestry of Othona, as we learn so much from an amazing variety of different speakers, leaders and conductors, deepening our understanding of world concerns, puzzling our brains and raising our voices in musical harmonies.

Play – what do we mean by this? What are the fun things of life? Ask anyone under the age of 7 and they'll have no problem in telling you – jokes, games, tricks, surprises, amazing facts, loving aunties, best friends, furry friends, football......and what better than to carry on the fun for a few more years even though it must blend with a bit of learning and a few responsibilities. And at Othona, don't let go of that sense of re-creation, new every day, which is

the true meaning of "play." Sometimes there are playful activities on the Programme: arts and crafts, painting, or putting on a play in a week. In most open community weeks, there will be a home-made concert, some crafting, spontaneous fun on the beach, sharing the wonders of nature that fascinate people of all ages and abilities.

Othona welcomes groups, too – people who have often been troubled by life and are seeking renewal or reconciliation, often requiring deep thought. But what better way to shift those worries than to have some fun together, in whatever way people choose. Who can forget the encounter with a group of men of other faiths flying kites outside the Chapel, who came over to Othona and presented us with a kite, sharing fun through the wonder of kites?

You have just enjoyed Christmas, and our hearts go out to those who have not had the opportunity for fun and friendship at this special time of the year. Othona will soon be putting our 2022 Programme on the website, you are welcome to come as a day visitor or for a meal but please book in advance.

Tim Fox is Warden/Manager, with Debbie and Richard Sanders. Want to visit? —see Website www.othonaessex.org.uk - then ring Othona at Bradwell (it's down East End Rd and through East Hall Farm) on 01621 776564. Free Parking for all visitors to Othona—just ask for an exit token to leave through our wind-powered gate.

# QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS - SAVE THE DATE -

The Royal Household have invited cities, towns and villages across the United Kingdom to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen being on the throne for 70 years with community events. They suggest a 'Big Jubilee Lunch' and planting a tree for the 'Queen's Green Canopy'.

Bradwell-on-sea village will participate with a 'whole community' series of event that engage as many stakeholders as possible over the extended Bank Holiday weekend from 2 to 5 June 2022. It will include a nod to the 'Big Jubilee Lunch' and the 'Queen's Green Canopy'.

The Platinum Jubilee celebrations will not duplicate previous Flower Shows, because there is a Flower Show planned for August 2022.

A small committee of various community organisations is exploring options. The plan is that the backbone of the long weekend will be an Open Weekend at the church with refreshments and other activities, with other key events being the Scarecrow Festival, a 'street party' for the children and a carnival style parade. A display of the 'History of Bradwell-on-Sea' and an Art Exhibition in the Village Hall are also being considered.

It is proposed that the Village Hall fields will host an arena where various activities will take place, including children's fancy dress parade and a display of Home Guard activities. There will be a tea tent, fun fair attractions and various stalls run by local community groups and small businesses.

A raffle is planned with tickets on sale at every village organisation's stall (school, church, Village Hall Trust and WI). It is hoped that the prizes will be by donations from village residents and businesses. Funds raised will be used to cover insurance and other expenditure, such as party food and drink and printing, with anything remaining being split between the school, church, Village Hall Trust and WI.

We need land to plant the trees, as the Village Hall fields have enough. If you can help, please let a member of the Co-Ord Committee know.

Also, to suggest activities, make donations for the raffle, to find out more, or to volunteer talk to:

Jean Allen – Chairperson of the Parish Council
David Thorpe – Church Warden
Carol Hutton – WI Programme Manager

Christine Gould – Secretary of Bradwell-on-Sea WI



We hope you will stay home and be part of our local celebrations during 2 - 5 June 2022.

### St Lawrence Bay WI

The group met in the Church Centre on December 17th to celebrate Christmas. An amazing afternoon tea, provided by the local Bow Beautiful company, was served to members accompanied by prosecco. After the tea members enjoyed playing party games and took part in a seasonal quiz. There was a free raffle and members donated gifts to St Peter's Café and the Essex Air Ambulance instead of sharing presents and cards amongst ourselves.

At the start of the new year, we were saddened to hear of the death of Dianne Sutton who had been an active member of the group for some years. Our thoughts and prayers are extended to her family and friends. We shall certainly miss her enthusiasm and friendship.

The January meeting will take place on January 14th at 2 pm in the Church Centre, where our Essex representative will join the meeting so that we can share our thoughts on the resolutions to be taken forward to National level.

My personal thanks go to Jill Bevan who has kindly submitted articles for the Parish news over many years, I do hope I can do her justice going forward.

We welcome any new members and any enquiries about our group can be emailed to Cathie Bonich, President cathiebonich@hotmail.com

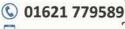
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