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**APRIL 2026 VILLAGE VIEW**

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Guides 10-14yrs

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Teresa Fowler 01621776588

**Bradwell Quay Yacht Club**

Secretary:

Mr R. Price 01621890173

**Mobile Library**Every three weeks Thursdays East  
End Rd outside church  
10.55 - 11.25**Local Policing Team**

Non Emergency 101

Emergency 999

**Crimestoppers**Anonymous Crime Reporting  
0800555111**The Dengie Medical Centre**

Tillingham 01621778383

**The Trinity Medical Centre**

Mayland 01621745400

**Two Rivers Association for Age Concern**Secretary Age Concern  
01245264499

**If any of the above information is incorrect or you wish to publicise your organisation then please contact Roger Scurrell on 01621 776341 or email [stthomaspc@btinternet.com](mailto:stthomaspc@btinternet.com)**

## From the Vicarage

Dear Friends,

Alleluia, he is risen! He is risen indeed Alleluia!

Happy Easter to you all, as we travel through Holy Week at the beginning of April and celebrate Easter on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April.

Come and celebrate with us on Maundy Thursday at 7pm at St James Church in Dengie, for our Joint Benefice Service.

On Good Friday, there is a service of Holy Communion at 11am at St Lawrence Church and at 12.45pm, we will begin our Good Friday Witness Walk from St Thomas Church in Bradwell on Sea, to St Peter's Chapel, where there is a service from 2-3pm.

At 6am on Easter Sunday morning, please come and join the Bishop of Bradwell, as he leads us in this Easter morning sunrise service at St Peter's Chapel in Bradwell and there will be services at Bradwell, Tillingham and St Lawrence at 10am and at Dengie at 3pm.

Alleluia, he is risen! He is risen indeed Alleluia!

God bless,

*Reverend Steven*

## May Village View

All copy for the May 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 April 15th. We do not accept articles after 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 [stthomaspc@btinternet.com](mailto:stthomaspc@btinternet.com). We ask you to limit your article to 300-350 words and please include a picture.



## Bradwell-on-Sea WI meeting

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March at the Village Hall



### The Dengie in the Great War with Eric Simonelli

At our March meeting, we were joined by Bradwell local Eric Simonelli, who gave a talk on "The Dengie in the Great War."

Many of us know Eric through his work with the RAF Bradwell Bay Preservation Group, or even portraying Winston Churchill, so it was interesting to hear him share his knowledge of the area's wartime history.



Eric explained how the First World War was the first 'total war' and how it affected both those on the front line and civilians at home, including communities across the Dengie and Osea Island.

We heard about the role of Burnham-on-Crouch, where many local men joined the

Navy and helped protect the River Crouch from mines, reflecting the town's strong maritime links. The river itself became an important part of the local war effort, with patrols and activity along the estuary.

Stow Maries, where an aerodrome was built in 1916, was also highlighted as one of the first purpose-built Royal Flying Corps airfields in Essex, playing a key role in early aerial defence, particularly in response to threats such as Zeppelin raids. One such raid even reached nearby Maldon, where a Zeppelin dropped bombs on Spital Road. Thankfully, damage was limited, although one unfortunate cockerel was killed!

For me, one of the most interesting parts of the talk was hearing about the role of women during the war. As WI members, it felt particularly relevant to reflect on how women stepped into vital roles on the home front, from munitions workers to joining the Women's Land Army, established in 1917.

The WI itself was founded in 1915 to support the war effort by bringing women together to support food production and community resilience (and it wasn't long after that our very own Bradwell WI was established in 1925!).

It was an interesting evening and a chance to see how our local area played its part in such a significant moment in history.

Our next meeting is on the 8th of April in the village hall, where we will be joined by Edwina Hughes who will be talking us through Natural Dyes.

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**

March 1944, strange goings on at RAF Bradwell Bay. A tent 'city' was being erected on the airfield. Locals and indeed RAF personnel must have wondered what was happening.

This was preparations for the invasion of Europe. It was realised that the invasion was going to be mobile and that the invasion was going to require the RAF and Army to work in more co-operation. This had been realised from the desert war. The RAF was going to have to separate into ADGB or Air Defence of Great Britain and 2<sup>nd</sup> TAF or Tactical Airforce. The RAF was going to need to operate from makeshift, mobile airfields and be able to respond quickly to requests from the Army for immediate tactical response.

To train for this a separate unit called initially 150 Airfield was to be set up at Bradwell. It was opened on 8<sup>th</sup> March 1944, the Bradwell Station Commander, Digger Aitken was to hand over command of RAF Bradwell Bay to Squadron Leader A.H.E. King. Digger was to command 150 Airfield (later to be renamed 150 Wing.). The object of the tented city was to make personnel live, eat and sleep in the tents to be ready to move at a moment's notice. This didn't please many officers who had been living in the luxury of Bradwell Lodge. At the end of April, they moved to an ALG.

## **Help us to be part of the community of Bradwell on Sea**

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).



RAF BRADWELL BAY  
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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 March 2026 are as follows.

**1st Prize, Ticket 52, David Russell**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize, Ticket 92, Barry Hilton**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize, Ticket 16, Bob Cook**

The next draw takes place on the 1<sup>st</sup> April. 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.

## **Thank you to my Friends**

I would like to take an opportunity to thank all my friends and colleagues of Bradwell and St. Lawrence for the incredible good wishes on the occasion of my 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

I was overwhelmed by the phone calls, cards and gifts.

Apart from the family celebrations over the actual weekend. Friends and neighbours some of whom I hadn't seen for ages made the time to visit, leave things in our porch or phone to say "hello"

Thank you to Donna and the "Pebbles" mums for the amazing contribution, again proving that in a dark world it's not so dark with friends like all of you.

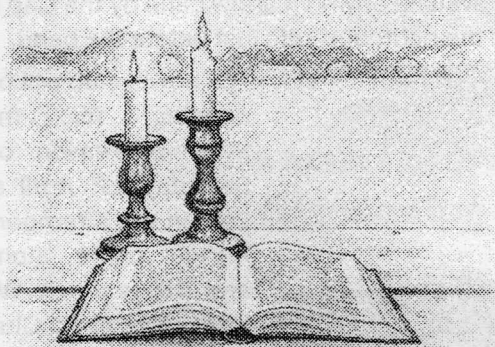
Thank you so much.

Clive (and Lesley of course)



# Candlelight

REFLECTIONS IN THE QUIET HOURS



*Julie Anne Maddern*

Hello to my old friends from our salon days, and to my new friends more recently acquired. Some of you may remember being cajoled, as unsuspecting guinea pigs, into reading sheets of paper while I had you captive as you waited?

My fledgling book is getting ready to fly. It's been incubating for seven years, so I think it's about time!

I have named my book *Candlelight*, because it is a collection of little flames of wisdom. When we are wise, we notice things through observation and insight. Life is the joy of discovery, day by day. "Those who seek will find".

There is a free sample ebook, by which I can introduce myself and my work to you, available on my website, if you care to visit. [julieannemaddern.uk](http://julieannemaddern.uk) The link to download the prequel book is there.

The book launch date for *Candlelight* is imminent, hopefully, close to Easter. I would really appreciate as many people as possible visiting the Amazon site and taking a minute or two just to read the blurb on the back cover. That should be long enough to boost the algorithm and show there is interest, as the first 3 days are quite important for the placement and future success of *Candlelight*. I have put my heart and soul into this, so I hope you find it worthy of your attention.

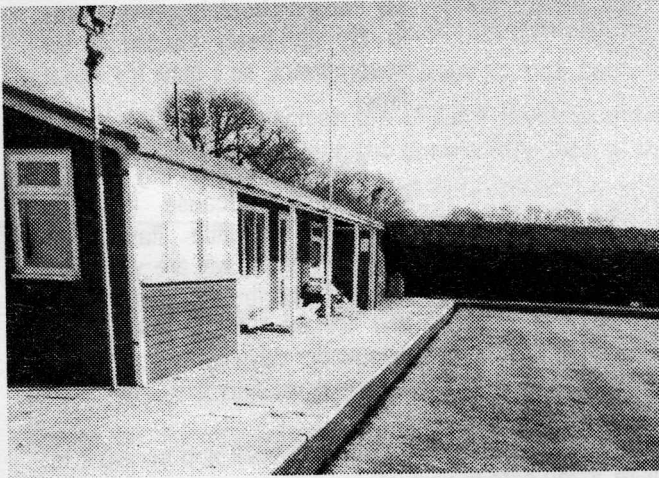


Thank you so much, to my old and future friends, With best wishes, Julie XXX

## Tillingham Bowls Club

At last spring is on the way and we can look forward to summer.

In Tillingham we are lucky enough to have one of the best Lawn Bowling Greens in Essex. If you have not noticed it, it is tucked away in the far-right hand corner of the West Field, Playing Field, behind a very high hedge. The green can be reached by car, when it is open, by travelling down Vicarage Lane by the Cap & Feathers Pub and taking the track on the righthand side just before the bend.



The bowls club will be opening for the Summer Season on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm in the afternoon. Please come along and give us a look. We have a delightful Club House with a licensed bar.

A full season of friendly fixtures and Social Events has already been arranged

or just come for a roll up with friends or even just to visit and have a cup of tea and see what we are all about.

At the moment we are constructing some new changing facilities, with men's and women's changing rooms so we look a bit of a muddle at the moment, but this will soon be completed to everyone's advantage.

From the start of the season, we are offering free lessons on a Thursday evening when you will be coached on all aspects of the game. All you need to do is turn up with a flat pair of shoes. Initially everything else will be provided for you.

Maintaining a bowling green is quite an undertaking, especially in a small village like ours, so the more members we have the better, you will be made very welcome.

If you would like any further information, please don't hesitate to call me on 01621 779575. My name is Pam Burton and I shall look forward to meeting some of you.

# **FREE FIRST AID COURSES.**

*Could you save a life?*

**Do you want to learn essential  
life-saving skills?**

Bradwell-on-Sea Parish Council are hosting a  
FREE Emergency First Aid Workshop  
in the community and would like to offer the residents,  
volunteers, parents and carers the opportunity to attend.

The areas that would be covered in the first aid training  
would include:

- Basic life support (CPR) with and without a defibrillator
- Choking
- Severe bleeding
- Burns

To register your interest, please email

[clerk@bradwellonsea-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@bradwellonsea-pc.gov.uk)

## APRIL SERVICES

Time	Service	Church	Readings
<b>April 3rd</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>		
19:00	Joint Benefice Maundy Thursday Service	St James Dengie	Exodus 12; 1-4[5-10], 11-14 1 Corinthians 11; 23-26 John 13; 1-17,31b-35
<b>4th</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>		
11:00	Said Communion	St Lawrence Church	John 18; 1 - 19.42 <i>Psalm 22</i>
12:45	Walk with the Cross	Walk to St Peters Chapel from St Thomas'	
14:00	Good Friday service till 3pm	St Peters Chapel	
<b>5th</b>	<b>Easter Sunday</b>		
06:00	Easter Dawn Service	St Peters Chapel	Jeremiah 31; 1-6 <i>Psalm 118; 1-2,14-24*</i> Acts 10; 34-43 Matthew 28; 1-10
10:00	Communion	St Lawrence Church	
10:00	Communion	St Thomas	
10:00	Easter Service	St Lawrence Church Centre	
10:00	Easter Service	St Nicholas	
15:00	Easter Afternoon Service	St James Dengie	
<b>12th</b>	<b>Easter 2</b>		
10:00	Communion	St Nicholas	Acts 2; 14a,22-32 1 Peter 1; 3-9 John 20;19-31 <i>Psalm 16</i>
10:00	Café Church	St Thomas	
10:00	Communion	St Lawrence Centre	
18:00	Evening Service	St Lawrence Church	
<b>19th</b>	<b>Easter 3</b>		
08:00	Holy Communion	St James Dengie	Acts 2;14a,36-41 1 Peter 1;17-23 Luke 24; 13-35 <i>Psalm 116; 1-3,10-17</i>
10:00	Communion	St Lawrence Church	
10:00	Morning Worship	St Lawrence Centre	
10:00	Morning Worship	St Nicholas	
18:00	Evening Service	St Thomas	

Time	Service	Church	Readings
<b>26th Easter 4</b>			
10:00	Communion	St James Dengie	Acts 2; 42-47 1 Peter 2; 19-25 John 10; 1-10 Psalm 23
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 Thursday</b>			
09:00	Communion	St Peters Chapel	
<b>1st May Friday</b>			
12:00	Communion with Lunch	St Lawrence Church	
<b>3rd Easter 5</b>			
10:00	Communion	St Thomas Bradwell	Acts 7; 55-60 1 Peter 2; 2-10 John 14; 1-14 Psalm 31;1-5,15-16
10:00	Morning Worship	St Nicholas Tillingham	
10:00	Morning Worship	St Lawrence Centre	
15:00	Evening Service	St James Dengie	

## Diary of 2026 Events

Below is a list of dates of events being held for the first two months of 2026. 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.

### April

2nd Thursday Club St Thomas Church 2pm, 15<sup>th</sup> Bradwellians Village Hall Committee Room 2pm, 8<sup>th</sup> Women's Institute Village Hall Committee Room 7.30pm, 20th Parish Council Village Hall Committee Room 7.30pm,

### May

7th Thursday Club St Thomas Church 2pm, 13<sup>th</sup> Women's Institute Village Hall Committee Room 7.30pm, 18th Parish Council AGM and Meeting Village Hall Committee Room 7.30pm,

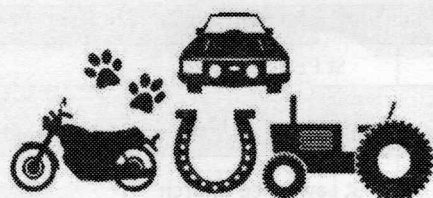
In addition to the above on:- **Mondays** Pebbles 10am to 12noon at St Lawrence Centre during term time.

**Wednesdays** Rainbows and Brownies. (See Parochial Information for Contact Numbers). **Fridays** Badminton & Table Tennis 10-12 in Bradwell Village Hall

# Saturday 4th July

## 11am - 4pm

Admission  
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donation



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#### HISTORIC VEHICLES

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Vehicles (no booking necessary): John - 07702 721400 - johnw.ward@yahoo.co.uk  
Dog & Horse Show: Pat - 07972 183232 (text only) - patcharltton@live.co.uk  
Stalls: Jean - 01621 741564 or 07748 666066 - jeaningram@btinternet.com

HORSE  
SHOW



Stalls & Refreshments  
Children's Activities

DOG  
SHOW



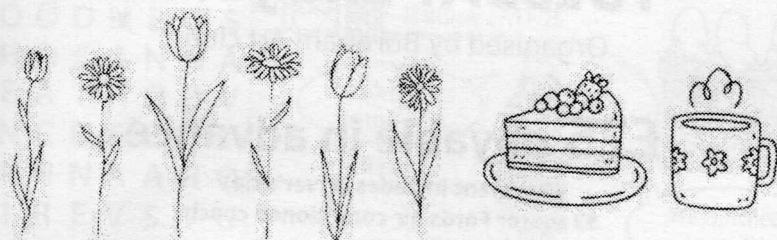
Elmwood Equestrian Centre  
Burnham-on-Crouch, Essex. CM0 8NT

Charity event in aid of Church Restorations. Althorne, Creeksea & Steeple churches.

Join us for a relaxing, beginner-friendly  
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Saturday 6 June at 2.00pm  
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Charmian 01621 779474

Jean 01621 778077

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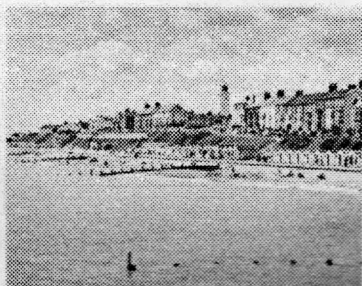
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Southminster and Danbury. Leaves Southwold 3.45pm.

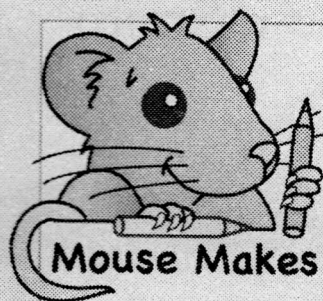
Please book (and enquiries) to reserve your seat via email:

[sjrspiars@gmail.com](mailto:sjrspiars@gmail.com) or

[suejones47@icloud.com](mailto:suejones47@icloud.com)



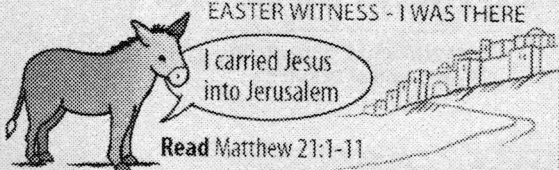
All are welcome - do your own thing  
information and maps will be handed out on coach



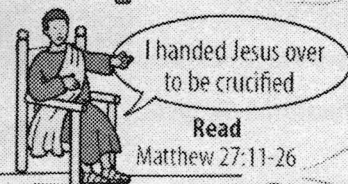
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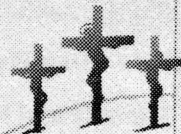
EASTER WITNESS - I WAS THERE



Read Matthew 21:1-11



Read Matthew 27:11-26



I nailed Jesus to the cross

Read Mark 15:16-32



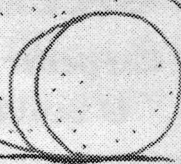
We watched Jesus die

Read Mark 15:33-41

I laid his body in my tomb



Read Mark 15:42-47



I guarded the tomb

Read Matthew 27:62-66

We saw the empty tomb

Read Matthew 28:1-10



and spoke to the angel

Jesus is alive!  
He ate a meal with me!



Read Luke 24:13-35

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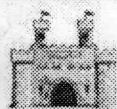


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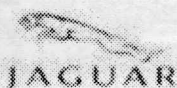
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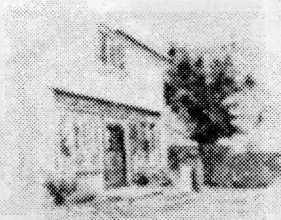
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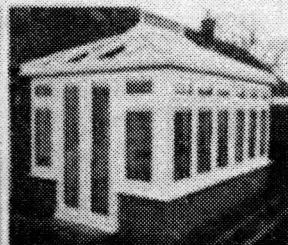
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Shirley Masterson 07956799989

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Mondays 1.30 Church Centre

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01621778386

**Coffee Morning**

Tuesday at 10.30am Church

Centre

**Wednesday Board Games**

2 -4.00pm Church Centre

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**St Lawrence Village Hall**

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**Table Tennis**

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