

BIRDBROOK NEWS DATES AND INFORMATION PAGES

Regular meetings and dates

Second Wednesday of each month The Birdbrook Club, The Community House, 2.30pm.

Second Thursday of each month Birdbrook Ladies Group, The Community House. 7.30pm.

Every Tuesday in season (April to Sept. approx.) Birdbrook Bowls Club, rear of Community House, 6.00pm onwards.

Every Tuesday - Chat & Stitch group Community House, 2-5pm

The mobile library calls at Birdbrook near the church every two weeks on a Wednesday 3.45 to 4.15pm.

Domestic Refuse: Grey bin collected every other Thursday (Non-recyclable items only)

Recycling:

Newspaper/card/plastic/metal: clear sacks collected every other Thursday when grey bin not collected.

Compostable garden waste: Green bin collected along with clear sacks every other Thursday.

Food Waste: Food bin collected every Thursday.

Bottles: there are banks at the Community House.

Textiles: use charity shops for reusable items or see Braintree DC literature. Some children's groups also hold sales for children's items.

Little Stars Nursery

Little Stars Pre-school has now been amalgamated into a Foundation Stages unit and Ridgewell Primary School.

8.45am - 12 noon Mon-Fri

Lunch club 12noon-1pm Tues, Weds & Thurs

01440 785364

PLEASE NOTE:

Information contained in these directory pages is as advised to the editor and believed to be correct at the time of printing.

Birdbrook News cannot be held responsible for any changes between then and the date of the next issue, or indeed for any changes that are not advised to us

If your group or club would like a contact name added to our list enclosed please let us know.

Postal Collections

Baythorne End, next to The Old Post House, Monday to Friday last collection 4.45pm. Saturday 9.30am.

Birdbrook Church: Monday to Friday last collection 4.30pm. Saturday 10.30am

New England on B1054 next to notice board: Mon to Fri last collection 4.30pm. Sat. 10.00am.

On Monday to Friday other collections will be made "as and when required".

For Sundays, no collections from any of the boxes.

During the week, Monday to Friday, there is a later collection at 5.45pm at post box 46, High Street, Halstead.

POLICE

For all police enquiries including all police stations call 101 and ask for what you need or 0300 333 4444.

This is a 24hr non emergency number. For all emergencies dial 999 as before.

There are the following Police Stations available to us, open to the public as follows:

Halstead Police Station

Public Counter open **Mon to Sat 12.00 to 18.00**

Outside these hours an external telephone/intercom is available which connects to Force Switchboard.

Braintree Police Station

24 hours 01376 551312.

If Halstead is not available callers will automatically be diverted to the Braintree number.

Our Neighbourhood Specialist Officer is

PC Nicky Smith on 07855 781127

St. Augustine's Church.

Normal schedule of services:

First Sunday of month, Holy Communion at 10.00am.

Second Sunday of month, Family Service 10:00am.

Third Sunday of month, Holy Communion at 10:00am.

Fourth Sunday of month, Morning prayer at 10:00am led by Vernon Cutler (Lay reader)

Fifth Sunday of month, combined service of Holy Communion at one of the four Benefice churches

10.30am

YOUR PARISH COUNCIL
MEMBERS AND OTHER
REPRESENTATIVES

As from May 2011 this is the make up of the Parish Council:

Chair	T. R. Walker	788887
Vice Chair	R. J. Bolton	788273
	Mrs. H. Hodge	785346
	D. Hoye	788836
	Mrs A Beetson	788102
	L. Carter	788100
	S. Rhenius	785219

Clerk to the Parish Council
Mrs D Hillard 01440 785629
Or by e-mail debbie.hilliard@duffields.co.uk

District Councillor
Robert J. Bolton 788273

County Councillor
David M. Finch 01787 371878

Local MP (for Braintree)
Brooks Newmark MP 01376 512386
e-mail: newmarkb@parliament.uk
website: www.brooksnewmark.com

Parish Council website www.birdbrook.org.uk

**DATES OF PARISH COUNCIL
MEETINGS FOR 2013**

Thursday 7th March

Wednesday 1st May - Annual Parish Assembly 7.30pm
Parish Council AGM 8.00pm

Thursday 4th July

Thursday 5th September

Thursday 7th November

January 2014 TBA

All of these will be held in The Community House commencing at 7.30pm. Members of the press and public are invited to attend.

BIRDBROOK NEWS DETAILS

Editors
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February, May, July, September, December

Deadline dates for copy, advertising etc.
15th January
15th April
15th June
31st August
15th November

Details to 'The Meadows', Daw Street or e-mail
birdbrooknews@googlemail.com
All copy to be in a common text format (e.g. Word, RTF or TXT) or a scanner friendly document please.

USEFUL CONTACTS

Community House bookings
John Weekes 01440 785634

Essex Highways Dept (reporting potholes etc.)
Contact@Essex.gov.uk/Highways

Floodline 0845 988 1188
Electricity 24hour fault line 0800 7 838 838
Water 24 hour fault line 08457 145 145

Stansted Flight Evaluation Unit 0800 242788
or e-mail Stanstednoiseline@baa.com

Braintree Council (Cust. Services) 01376 552525
(This number for all departments including Community Warden)

Essex County Council Libraries, Library Direct
(either to join or volunteer to deliver) 01245 438438
Village Agent: Richard Ould 07540 720601

Police: Neighbourhood Specialist Officer
PC Nicky Smith 07855 781127
24hr non-emergency number 101 or 0300 333 4444

Wilkins Chimney Sweep 01440 787878

Calor Gas Deliveries
M&M Leisure Haverhill 01440 703974

Birdbrook Bowls Club
Paul Mayes Chairman 01440 706733
John Pateman Treasurer 01284 850751

DATES AT A GLANCE

DAY/DATE	EVENT	WHERE	TIME
<p>Important: As we go to press the new calendar for refuse/recycling has not been received from BDC. The following information presumes no change from current schedule but please look out for BDC Calendar to confirm in due course.</p>			
October			
Tuesday 1 st	Chat & Stitch Group	Community House	2.00pm-5.00pm
Wednesday 2 nd	Mobile Library	Outside Church	3.45pm - 4.15pm
Thursday 3 rd	Green Bin, Clear Sack & Food Bin Coll.	Please have at roadside by	7.00am
Tuesday 8 th	Chat & Stitch Group	Community House	2.00pm-5.00pm
Wednesday 9 th	Birdbrook Club	Community House	2.30pm
Thursday 10 th	Grey Bin & Food Bin Collection	Please have at roadside by	7.00am
	Birdbrook Ladies Group	Community House	7.30pm
	(Bookshop - open to all)		
Sunday 13 th	Family Harvest Service (supports Haverhill Foodbank)	St Augustine's Church	10.00am
Tuesday 15 th	Chat & Stitch Group	Community House	2.00pm-5.00pm
Wednesday 16 th	Mobile Library	Outside Church	3.45pm - 4.15pm
Thursday 17 th	Green Bin, Clear Sack & Food Bin Coll.	Please have at roadside by	7.00am
Tuesday 22 nd	Chat & Stitch Group	Community House	2.00pm-5.00pm
Thursday 24 th	Grey Bin & Food Bin Collection	Please have at roadside by	7.00am
Sat/Sun 26/27 th	'Spring Forward, Fall Back' - European Summer Time ends - clocks go back		
Tuesday 29 th	Chat & Stitch Group	Community House	2.00pm-5.00pm
Wednesday 30 th	Mobile Library	Outside Church	3.45pm - 4.15pm
Thursday 31 st	Green Bin, Clear Sack & Food Bin Coll.	Please have at roadside by	7.00am
November			
Saturday 1 st	Halloween Disco	Steeple Bumpstead Village Hall	5.30pm - 8.00pm
Tuesday 5 th	Chat & Stitch Group	Community House	2.00pm-5.00pm
Thursday 7 th	Grey Bin & Food Bin Collection	Please have at roadside by	7.00am
	Parish Council Meeting	Community House	7.30pm
Saturday 9 th	Steeple Bumpstead Pre-School	Steeple Bumpstead Village Hall	11.00am - 4.00pm
	Family Photo & Fun Day		
Tuesday 12 th	Chat & Stitch Group	Community House	2.00pm-5.00pm
Wednesday 13 th	Birdbrook Club	Community House	2.30pm
	Mobile Library	Outside Church	3.45pm - 4.15pm
Thursday 14 th	Green Bin, Clear Sack & Food Bin Coll.	Please have at roadside by	7.00am
	Birdbrook Ladies Group	Community House	7.30pm
Tuesday 19 th	Chat & Stitch Group	Community House	2.00pm-5.00pm
Thursday 21 st	Grey Bin & Food Bin Collection	Please have at roadside by	7.00am
Tuesday 26 th	Chat & Stitch Group	Community House	2.00pm-5.00pm
Wednesday 27 th	Mobile Library	Outside Church	3.45pm - 4.15pm
Thursday 28 th	Green Bin, Clear Sack & Food Bin Coll.	Please have at roadside by	7.00am
December			
Tuesday 3 rd	Chat & Stitch Group	Community House	2.00pm-5.00pm
Thursday 5 th	Grey Bin & Food Bin Collection	Please have at roadside by	7.00am
Sunday 8 th	Christingle Service	St Augustine's Church	10.00am
Tuesday 10 th	Chat & Stitch Group	Community House	2.00pm-5.00pm
Wednesday 11 th	Birdbrook Club	Community House	2.30pm
	Mobile Library	Outside Church	3.45pm - 4.15pm
Thursday 12 th	Green Bin, Clear Sack & Food Bin Coll.	Please have at roadside by	7.00am
	Birdbrook Ladies Group	Community House	7.30pm
Tuesday 17 th	Chat & Stitch Group	Community House	2.00pm-5.00pm
Thursday 19 th	Grey Bin & Food Bin Collection	Please have at roadside by	7.00am

Please note some December regular group dates may change from the norm. and be open to Members Only. Check our December issue for the up to date list as we know it then. We do know that the Mobile Library will not visit on Weds. 25th December or 1st January 2014. Groups etc please advise your details ASAP so we can be correct next issue. Thanks.

Please note:

Don't forget to keep us advised of all activities, either for adding to these pages or as an item for the magazine, preferably both, to help maximize your attendance. An item with pictures after the event is also welcome.

Important Notice.

The Pop-In Coffee Morning held on Tuesdays in the church ceased to operate from June 2013. This was because there was nobody willing to carry on the organisation and numbers were dwindling. If you are interested in taking over this event please contact one of the churchwardens or any PCC Member. If you contact Birdbrook News we could no doubt put you in touch.

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Bus services available in the Parish

Tuesday's, Shoppers' Bus, The Upper Colne to Haverhill Bus, leaves Birdbrook Church 11:25am arrives back 14:18. Don't forget "Use it or lose it."

Bus Service 89B operates every Friday

Bus Service 118 is available on schooldays.

Bus Service 236 operates Monday to Saturday along A1017 from Baythorne End and will stop at Station Road and Taste of China (now The Tavern) if you have a mind to walk!

Don't forget "Use it or lose it", applies to all these services

These are still the only services currently available in the parish and there are no changes to the timetables published in the July 2012 issue (56).

I have full timetables for whole of Essex if anyone wishes to look (TRW)

As you will have spotted the sponsorship contract for these pages has expired, so it is open from now.

Does any existing advertiser or new customer wish to take it up? If you are interested please contact Carrie or myself by the usual contact means shown on these pages.

ADVANCE NOTICE

As I have been offered a raffle prize with a value of approx. £70 I have decided to organize an event for on or around St George's Day 2014. What form this will take, where it will be held are still to be decided. However as this is as a direct result of an approach from Essex Air Ambulance for support any proceeds raised will be for their benefit.

Hopefully I will be able to confirm in the next issue of Birdbrook News but remember to mark this in your 2014 diary.

TRW