

BIRDBROOK NEWS DATES AND INFORMATION PAGES

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Blois Meadow Day Nursery, Steeple Bumpstead***

Regular meetings and dates

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

Following the installation of the new Priest in Charge a schedule of services has not yet been properly agreed. For the time being details are on page 4 of this pull-out but will return here as soon as we can.

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 01440 788611

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 2014/15

Thursday 6th March

Thursday 1st May - Parish Council AGM & Annual
Parish Assembly from 7.30pm

Wednesday 2nd July

Thursday 4th September

Thursday 6th November

Wednesday 7th January

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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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
December			
<i>Our usual warning here that some groups may change date, venue and time, or even all three at this time of year so please check. Also refuse collection calendar ends on 11th December and as Parish Council is aware there are to be changes we can go no further at present. Please watch for details which will presumably be forthcoming from Braintree and we will resume our service when we can.</i>			
Tuesday 2 nd	Chat & Stitch Group	Community House	2.00pm-5.00pm
Thursday 4 th	Green Bin, Clear Sack & Food Bin Coll.	Please have at roadside by	7.00am
Friday 5 th	Little Learners Pre-School Christmas Fayre	Baptist Church Hall, Gt Sampford	4.30pm-6.30pm
Saturday 6 th	Church Café	St Augustine's Church	10.00am
Tuesday 9 th	Chat & Stitch Group	Community House	2.00pm-5.00pm
Wednesday 10 th	Mobile Library	Outside Church	3.45pm-4.15pm
Thursday 11 th	Grey Bin & Food Bin Collection Birdbrook Ladies Group	Please have at roadside by Community House	7.00am 7.30pm
Sunday 14 th	Family Communion with Christingle	St Augustine's Church	10.00am
Tuesday 16 th	Chat & Stitch Group	Community House	2.00pm-5.00pm
Sunday 21 st	Service of Nine Lessons and Carols	St Augustine's Church	6.30pm
Tuesday 23 rd	Chat & Stitch Group?	Community House	2.00pm-5.00pm
Wednesday 25 th	Christmas Day Family Communion	St. Augustine's Church	10.30am
Tuesday 30 th	Chat & Stitch Group ?	Community House	2.00pm-5.00pm

January

Tuesday 6 th	Epiphany Chat & Stitch Group	Community House	2.00pm-5.00pm
Wednesday 7 th	Mobile Library Parish Council Meeting	Outside Church Community House	3.45pm-4.15pm 7.30pm
Thursday 8 th	Birdbrook Ladies Group	Community House	7.30pm
Tuesday 13 th	Chat & Stitch Group	Community House	2.00pm-5.00pm
Tuesday 20 th	Chat & Stitch Group	Community House	2.00pm-5.00pm
Wednesday 21 st	Mobile Library	Outside Church	3.45pm-4.15pm
Tuesday 27 th	Chat & Stitch Group	Community House	2.00pm-5.00pm

February

Tuesday 3 rd	Chat & Stitch Group	Community House	2.00pm-5.00pm
Wednesday 4 th	Mobile Library	Outside Church	3.45pm-4.15pm
Tuesday 10 th	Chat & Stitch Group	Community House	2.00pm-5.00pm
Thursday 12 th	Birdbrook Ladies Group	Community House	7.30pm
Tuesday 17 th	Shrove Tuesday (Pancake day) Chat & Stitch Group	Community House	2.00pm-5.00pm
Wednesday 18 th	Mobile Library	Outside Church	3.45pm-4.15pm
Tuesday 24 th	Chat & Stitch Group	Community House	2.00pm-5.00pm

**Current service times for
St. Augustine's Church Birdbrook**

1st Sunday	No service at Birdbrook but communion at St. Mary's Sturmer	9.00am
2nd Sunday	Holy Communion Rev. Liz Paxton	10.00am
3rd Sunday	Family Service	10.00am
4th Sunday	Holy Communion Rev. J. Lowe	11.00am
5th Sunday	Holy Communion at one of the benefice churches	place and time T.B.A.

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.

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)