

BIRDBROOK NEWS DATES AND INFORMATION PAGES

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 Monday (Non-recyclable items only)

Recycling:

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

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

Food Waste: Food bin collected every Monday.

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	S. Rhenius	785219
	A. Cook	
	P. Smart	

Clerk to the Parish Council
Mrs D Hillard 01440 785629
Or by e-mail debbiehilliard614@gmail.com

District Councillor
Robert J. Bolton 01440 788611

County Councillor
David M. Finch 01787 371878

Local MP (for Braintree)
James Cleverley MP

Parish Council website www.birdbrook.org.uk

**DATES OF PARISH COUNCIL
MEETINGS FOR 2015/16**

Wednesday 13th May AGM
Thursday 2th July
Wednesday 16th September
Thursday 5th November
Thursday 7th January 2016
Thursday 3rd March 2016

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	
Richard Walker	788887
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Publication dates
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
Some groups may change time, or venue for events leading up to Christmas/New Year. These are shown where known but if News hasn't been given details we have shown a question mark so you will need to check these details			
December			
Tuesday 1 st	Chat & Stitch Group	Community House	2.00pm-5.00pm
Thursday 3 rd	Birdbrook Ladies Group Christmas Meal		
Saturday 5 th	Christmas Tree Festival	St. Augustine's Church	10am-4pm
Sunday 6 th	Christingle Service followed by...	St. Augustine's Church	10.00am
	Christmas Tree Festival	St. Augustine's Church	11am-4pm
Monday 7 th	Grey Bin & Food Bin Collection	Please have at roadside by	7.00am
Tuesday 8 th	Chat & Stitch Group	Community House	2.00pm-5.00pm
Wednesday 9 th	Mobile Library	Outside Church	3.45pm-4.15pm
Monday 14 th	Green Bin, Clear Sacks & Food Bin	Please have at roadside by	7.00am
Tuesday 15 th	Chat & Stitch Group	Community House	2.00pm-5.00pm
Saturday 19th	Grey bin and food bin	Please have at roadside by	7.00am
Sunday 20 th	Service of Nine Lessons & Carols	St. Augustine's Church	6.30pm
Monday 21st	No rubbish or recycling collections		
Tuesday 22 nd	Chat & Stitch Group	Community House	2.00pm-5.00pm
Wednesday 23 rd	No Mobile Library?	Outside Church	3.45pm-4.15pm
Friday 25 th	Family Communion for Christmas Day	St. Augustine's Church	10.30am
Monday 28 th	Substitute Bank Holiday instead of Boxing Day 26th		
Tuesday 29 th	Chat & Stitch Group?	Community House	2.00pm-5.00pm

January 2016 – Happy New Year!

Friday 1 st	New Year's Day Bank Holiday		
Monday 4 th	Grey Bin & Food Bin Collection	Please have at roadside by	7.00am
Tuesday 5 th	Chat & Stitch Group	Community House	2.00pm-5.00pm
Wednesday 6 th	Mobile Library	Outside Church	3.45pm-4.15pm
Thursday 7 th	Parish Council Meeting	Community House	7.30pm
Monday 11 th	Green Bin, Clear Sacks & Food Bin	Please have at roadside by	7.00am
Tuesday 12 th	Chat & Stitch Group	Community House	2.00pm-5.00pm
Thursday 14 th	Birdbrook Ladies Group	Community House	7.30pm
Monday 18 th	Grey Bin & Food Bin Collection	Please have at roadside by	7.00am
Tuesday 19 th	Church Coffee Morning	St. Augustine's Church	10.30am
	Chat & Stitch Group	Community House	2.00pm-5.00pm
Wednesday 20 th	Mobile Library	Outside Church	3.45pm-4.15pm
Monday 25 th	Green Bin, Clear Sacks & Food Bin	Please have at roadside by	7.00am
Tuesday 26 th	Chat & Stitch Group	Community House	2.00pm-5.00pm

February (29 days, it's a leap year!)

Monday 1 st	Grey Bin & Food Bin Collection	Please have at roadside by	7.00am
Tuesday 2 nd	Chat & Stitch Group	Community House	2.00pm-5.00pm
Wednesday 3 rd	Mobile Library	Outside Church	3.45pm-4.15pm
Monday 8 th	Green Bin, Clear Sacks & Food Bin	Please have at roadside by	7.00am
Tuesday 9 th	Chat & Stitch Group	Community House	2.00pm-5.00pm
Thursday 11 th	Birdbrook Ladies Group	Community House	7.30pm
Monday 15 th	Grey Bin & Food Bin Collection	Please have at roadside by	7.00am
Tuesday 16 th	Chat & Stitch Group	Community House	2.00pm-5.00pm
Monday 22 nd	Green Bin, Clear Sacks & Food Bin	Please have at roadside by	7.00am
Tuesday 23 rd	Chat & Stitch Group	Community House	2.00pm-5.00pm
Monday 29 th	Grey Bin & Food Bin Collection	Please have at roadside by	7.00am

BIRDBROOK LADIES GROUP

Group meetings take place at 7.30 p.m on the 2nd Thursday of each month at Birdbrook Community House. Visitors are always welcome.

Programme of Events

- June 11th - *The Royal Mail*: Kim Rees
- July 9th - *Leigh's Cheeses*: Leigh Doy
- August 13th - *Afternoon Tea with Louise*
- Sept 9th - *South Africa*: Pauline Short
- October 8th - *Historian*: Llewela Selfridge
- November 12th - *Vintage Clothing*
Vanessa Howard
- December 3rd - *Christmas Meal*
- January 14th - *RNLI*: Robert Burridge
- February 11th - *A Career in Fashion*
Amanda Sutherland
- March 10th - *Registrar*: Frances Luck
- April 14th - *Recycling*: Sarah Cross
Braintree D.C.
- May 12th - *AGM & Refreshments*



Tea & Coffee Rota

- June - Diane & Gill
- July - N/A
- August - N/A
- September - Kim & Joyce
- October - Emma, Viss & Sarah
- November - Margaret & Anne
- December - N/A
- January - Carol Harding & Mary Ann
- February - Carol Carter & Louise
- March - Sue King & Susan King
- April - Hilary & Alison
- May - Cheese & Wine

Chairperson: Sue King
Secretary: Diane Cook
Treasurer: Hilary Hoye Tel: 01440 78836

Current service times for St. Augustine's Church Birdbrook

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1st Sunday Morning Prayer 10.00am
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)

***** **Please watch for further information re Friday service 89B*******
Seems we may lose it or the method of operation may change
