

# ***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 2016 this is the make up of the Parish Council:

Chair	T. R. Walker	788887
Vice Chair	S. Rhenius	785219
	A. Cook	785458
	P. Smart	788424
	D. Simpson	788113

### **Clerk to the Parish Council**

Mrs D Hillard 01440 785629  
Or by e-mail [debbiehilliard614@gmail.com](mailto:debbiehilliard614@gmail.com)

### **District Councillor**

Robert J. Bolton 01440 788611  
[robertjohnbolton@btconnect.com](mailto:robertjohnbolton@btconnect.com)

### **County Councillor**

David M. Finch 01787 371878  
[cllr.david.finch@essex.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.david.finch@essex.gov.uk)

### **Local MP (for Braintree)**

James Cleverley MP  
[james.cleverly.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:james.cleverly.mp@parliament.uk)

Parish Council website [www.birdbrook.org.uk](http://www.birdbrook.org.uk)

## **DATES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR 2016/17**

Monday 3rd March 2016  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May Annual Assembly and AGM  
Thursday 30th June  
Wednesday 14th September  
Thursday 3rd November  
Thursday 5th January 2017

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**

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February, May, July, September, December

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

Details to 'The Meadows', Daw Street or e-mail  
[birdbrooknews@googlemail.com](mailto: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](mailto:Contact@Essex.gov.uk/Highways)

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

**Stansted Flight Evaluation Unit** 0800 242788  
or e-mail [Stanstednoiseline@baa.com](mailto: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:**  
24hr non-emergency number 101 or 0300 333 4444

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

**Steeple Bumpstead Surgery/Dispensary:**  
Surgery Mon. Weds. Thurs. Fri. 08:00 – 18:30  
closed lunch 13:00-14:00  
Tues. 08:00 -18:30 closed training 13:00-15:00  
Dispensary Mon. Thurs. Fri. 08:00 – 18:30  
closed lunch 13:00-14:00  
Tues. 08:00-18:30 closed training 13:00-15:00  
Weds. Half day 08:00-13:00 only

## **DATES AT A GLANCE**

DAY/DATE	EVENT	WHERE	TIME
<b>February (29 days, it's a leap year!)</b>			
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Grey Bin & Food Bin Collection	Please have at roadside by	7.00am
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Chat & Stitch Group	Community House	2.00pm-5.00pm
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mobile Library	Outside Church	3.45pm-4.15pm
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Green Bin, Clear Sacks & Food Bin	Please have at roadside by	7.00am
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Chat & Stitch Group	Community House	2.00pm-5.00pm
	Shrove Tuesday		
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Ash Wednesday		
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Birdbrook Ladies Group	Community House	7.30pm
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Grey Bin & Food Bin Collection	Please have at roadside by	7.00am
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Chat & Stitch Group	Community House	2.00pm-5.00pm
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Mobile Library	Outside Church	3.45pm-4.15pm
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Green Bin, Clear Sacks & Food Bin	Please have at roadside by	7.00am
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Chat & Stitch Group	Community House	2.00pm-5.00pm
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Grey Bin & Food Bin Collection	Please have at roadside by	7.00am
<b>March</b>			
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Coffee morning	St Augustine's Church	10.30am-12pm
	Chat & Stitch Group	Community House	2.00pm-5.00pm
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mobile Library	Outside Church	3.45pm-4.15pm
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Parish Council Meeting	Community House	7.30pm
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Mothering Sunday		
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Green Bin, Clear Sacks & Food Bin	Please have at roadside by	7.00am
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Chat & Stitch Group	Community House	2.00pm-5.00pm
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Birdbrook Ladies Group	Community House	7.30pm
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Grey Bin & Food Bin Collection	Please have at roadside by	7.00am
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Chat & Stitch Group	Community House	2.00pm-5.00pm
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Mobile Library	Outside Church	3.45pm-4.15pm
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Green Bin, Clear Sacks & Food Bin	Please have at roadside by	7.00am
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Chat & Stitch Group	Community House	2.00pm-5.00pm
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday		
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup>	British Summer Time Begins – put your clocks forward		
	Easter Sunday		
<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Grey Bin &amp; Food Bin Collection</b>	<b>Please have at roadside by</b>	<b>7.00am</b>
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Mobile Library	Outside Church	3.45pm-4.15pm
<b>April</b>			
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Green Bin, Clear Sacks & Food Bin	Please have at roadside by	7.00am
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee morning	St Augustine's Church	10.30am-12pm
	Chat & Stitch Group	Community House	2.00pm-5.00pm
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Grey Bin & Food Bin Collection	Please have at roadside by	7.00am
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Chat & Stitch Group	Community House	2.00pm-5.00pm
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Mobile Library	Outside Church	3.45pm-4.15pm
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Birdbrook Ladies Group	Community House	7.30pm
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Green Bin, Clear Sacks & Food Bin	Please have at roadside by	7.00am
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Chat & Stitch Group	Community House	2.00pm-5.00pm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Queen Elizabeth II born 1926 (90 years)		
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	St Georges Day		
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Grey Bin & Food Bin Collection	Please have at roadside by	7.00am
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Chat & Stitch Group	Community House	2.00pm-5.00pm
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Mobile Library	Outside Church	3.45pm-4.15pm

## May

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>

May Day Holiday  
**Green Bin, Clear Sacks & Food Bin**  
Coffee morning  
Chat & Stitch Group

Monday 9<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>

Grey Bin & Food Bin Collection  
Chat & Stitch Group

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>

Mobile Library  
Annual Parish Assembly & Parish  
Council AGM

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>

Birdbrook Ladies Group

<b>Please have at roadside by</b>	<b>7.00am</b>
St Augustine's Church	10.30am-12pm
Community House	2.00pm-5.00pm
<b>Please have at roadside by</b>	<b>7.00am</b>
Community House	2.00pm-5.00pm
Outside Church	3.45pm-4.15pm
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## 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 Barridge
- 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, Iris & 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 Hoyle Tel: 01440 78836

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

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday. Morning Prayer 10.00am  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday. Holy Communion. Revd Liz Paxton. **11.00am ( please note time change )**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday : Family Service. 10.00am  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday : Holy Communion. Revd Jonathan Lowe. 11.00am.

Throughout the year there will be combined services held in the other Churches in our Benefice :  
20<sup>th</sup> March Helions Bumpstead,  
29<sup>th</sup> May Ridgewell,  
31<sup>st</sup> July Steeple Bumpstead,  
30<sup>th</sup> October Sturmer,  
4<sup>th</sup> December Ashen.

### 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**