

VILLAGE INFORMATION

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Non-urgent contact for Police: 101, Online
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Library Information: Wickham Bishops Library (

Wickham Bishops Library Opening hours:

2pm - 5:30pm on Mondays and Wednesdays, 9am - 5pm Saturdays:

Contact 0345 6037628

The library is a collection point for Maldon District council recycling sacks and also free Lateral Flow test kits

Next Parish council meetings

Gt Braxted PC next meeting TBC. Please look out for the agenda which will be posted on the Council's noticeboard and website, and dates published on its Facebook page.

Email: parishclerk@greatbraxtedpc.org.uk
Website: <https://e-voice.org.uk/greatbraxtedparishcouncil/>

Little Braxted - All meetings are held at the Braxted Bakery, and start at 7.00 p.m.

The next dates are: To be confirmed Email the following for details:
littlebraxtedpc@hotmail.com

All members of the public are welcome to attend either PC meeting

WELCOME TO APRIL

this month has Easter, generally followed by The London Marathon, although I am not sure that an abundance of chocolate and a marathon training go together very well, but just think, the average calories burned during a marathon is 2600, so perhaps a small creme egg for a competitor would be OK!

If you know anyone that does not access Facebook, would like a copy emailed to them, or would like a free printed copy delivered to them as they do not have a computer or email address, please let me know by the 2nd week of any month at lee.kane01@hotmail.com

Braxted Facebook Groups



Those interested, in local updates, including stories found in the Braxted bulletin and other local issues, please feel free to join the following Facebook groups , **by either** searching for 'Great Braxted Residents' or using the below link for Great Braxted, or requesting to join 'Little Braxted' group via Facebook message to Ali Aldis. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1637978482902828/>

Great Braxted Trucam Patrols, speed camera checks

Please see below for statistic in regard to speed camera checks now taking place regularly in Great Braxted, as part of the Parish Council initiative in response to community concerns.

| Parish/Town Council | Month | Total Number of Hours |
|---------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Great Braxted | February | 2 |
| Number of Tru Cam Patrols | Hours Spent on Tru Cam | Number of Offenders |
| 4 | 2 | 1 |
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The below referenced website is updated by our parish clerk, and includes local information, including planned road closures, as well as news from Maldon District council including campaigns, news and bulletins.

<https://e-voice.org.uk/greatbraxtedparishcouncil/>

WELCOME TO BRAXTED

If you have new neighbors that you would like to add to this article next month, please let me know.

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email: Maria.armstrong2@btinternet.com

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ALL SAINT'S GREAT BRAXTED CHURCH NEWS APRIL 2022

The government have relaxed the rules regarding precautions against COVID 19 at it seems that at last things are getting better but we would like to see face masks in church as Maldon is still a hotspot for Covid.

There are reduced services still but in addition to those below there will be services during Holy Week at St Luke's, Tiptree, - 09.30am on Palm Sunday 10th April and Good Friday 15th April (1 pm and family at 2.30 pm.)

Services this month are:

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|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Sunday 3rd April | Communion at 11.15 am |
| Sunday 17th April | EASTER DAY Communion @ 11.15 am |
| Sunday 1 st May | Communion at 11.15 am |

The Annual Parish Church Meeting will take place at c.12.15 just after this service.

Contacts: -

| | | |
|------------------|--|--------------|
| Rector | Revd. Anne-Marie Renshaw | 01621 815260 |
| Churchwardens | Mike Puttick | 01621 816830 |
| | Ken Homett | 01621 891424 |
| Admin. Assistant | Christine Hall [office hours] | 07421078981 |
| Website: | www.tk-tiptree-braxted-benefice.org.uk | |

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St Nicholas' Church Little Braxted

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Priest-in-charge Rev Hilary Le Sève 01621 892867
Churchwarden Graham Wingrove 01621 891844

Both St Nicholas' and St Bartholomew's Church are open daily for private individual prayer.
Our Sunday 10.30am services at St. Bartholomew's Church are on FB Live and You Tube.

IN AND FROM OUR PARISH: SERVICES FOR APRIL

At St Bartholomew's **except where shown...**

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|---------------------------------|---|
| Sunday 3rd | Fifth Sunday of Lent |
| 8.00 am | Holy Communion |
| 10.30 am | Holy Communion |
| 4.00 pm | Messy Church |
| Sunday 10th | Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week |
| 8.00 am | Holy Communion |
| 10.30 am | Palm Procession from the Village Hall (10.10am) with Holy Communion (and reading of the Passion from Luke's Gospel) |
| Thursday 14th | Maundy Thursday |
| 10.00am | Holy Communion |
| 7.00 pm for 7.30 | An Agape Meal; Celebrating Passover followed by the Watch. [sign-in form at back of St Bartholomew's or contact Rev Hilary] |
| Friday 15th | Good Friday |
| 10.00am | Good Friday Holiday Club for families – come and make an Easter Garden. Hot cross buns served. |
| 2.00pm | Last Hour at the Cross St Nicholas' Little Braxted |
| Sunday 17th | EASTER DAY |
| 6.00 am | Dawn Eucharist followed by a cooked breakfast (please sign up in church or email/ text Reverend Hilary to book breakfast) |
| 9.00 am | Holy Communion at St Nicholas' Little Braxted |
| 10.30 am | Sung Eucharist – Choral setting Children's Craft and followed by Easter Egg Hunt |
| Sunday 24th | Celebration of Feast of St George |
| 8.00am | Holy Communion (1662) |
| 10.30 am | Service of the Word with 1 st Beacon Hill Scout Group [followed by Red Cross Buns] |
| 12.00 noon | Holy Communion in the Chancel |

WEDNESDAYS 6th April and 27th April only: Holy Communion 10.00 am in St Bartholomew's

The 40 days of Lent continue through April until we walk through Holy Week to Maundy Thursday and Good Friday to the glorious Resurrection and New Life on Easter Day, the 17th April.

Pray: God of grace and mercy, we rejoice at your presence with us, and bring to you the whole of our lives that you may shine light in the shadows. May we walk in grace and hope as we share the good news of your resurrection. **Amen**

Friday Prayers continues on Zoom, with a Lent theme 'Embracing justice'; should you wish to join us please contact Rev. Hilary or Barry on 891355 or stnicholas@churchinwickhambishops.org.uk



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School News



Shrove Tuesday

What a delicious treat Year 4 enjoyed on Pancake Day! This term, the children have learnt about Michelin stars, healthy eating and creating recipes. They taste-tested different pancakes and various fruits and vegetables before creating their own pancake recipes. On Shrove Tuesday, they followed their own recipes to make and then eat their own pancake creations – yummy!

World Book Day 2022

Thursday 3rd March was World Book Day. World Book Day is always a special day on the school calendar as it's a time to celebrate and promote reading for pleasure, encourage the children to talk about their favourite books and authors and a great excuse to get dressed up for the day!



The children enjoyed a host of exciting World Book Day related activities throughout the day and looked great in their amazing costumes.

Wickham Bishops Library Visit

The children in Reception enjoyed visiting Wickham Bishops Library the day before World Book Day. They walked to the local library where they learnt all about what a library is, how it works, how to join and what they can do there. Before heading back to school, the children had time to browse all the different books and had their very own special Rhymetime session where they enjoyed listening to some rhymes and a story.



Maldon District Councillor News

Earlier this year I had a meeting at Great Totham Primary school with the head of the school and the school governors. They kindly invited me to the school, so that I could see first hand, the procedures and processes, that they have put in place to mitigate some of the traffic problems on Walden House Road.

I was really impressed with the actions the school have taken, with the monitored drop off and staggered leaving in the afternoon. These have had a really positive impact on the flow of traffic along with the voluntary one way system. We also talked about the solutions that would normally be implemented by a school, but are possible, because of the logistics in the villages.

We had a discussion around long term solutions and providing evidence to Essex Highways. This evidence I have now presented to highways and will be discussed at the next Highways panel. I put in an application in 2020, which unfortunately has not been progressed in the way that I had hoped. With the new information, this has now created further impetus and I am hoping that Highways will start implementing further solutions, including a reduction of the speed 20 mph and actions to reduce the speed of vehicles.

I will keep residents and the school updated of any solutions that have been agreed.

Best wishes

Richard Siddall

Ride London event information

Tipree Road Great Braxted is impacted on Friday 27th May circa 1:00pm to 1:30pm, when the Ride London Classique events comes through the village. This will be 120 elite women cyclists escorted by a police rolling road closure. Copy below links into your Web browser for more information

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msclkid=e056fa96aea411ecb6a32bb5141b011a](https://www.essex.gov.uk/news/ridelondon-essex?msclkid=e056fa96aea411ecb6a32bb5141b011a)

<https://www.ridelondon.co.uk/road-closures/road-closure-information>

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News from BEACON HILL SPORTS ASSOCIATION

The BHSA was formed almost 100 years ago to provide sports and recreation facilities for Wickham Bishops, Great Totham, Great & Little Braxted. Here we are in 2022, still going strong, and providing the amenities for a huge variety of Clubs, Associations and Childcare which take place in Wickham Bishops Village Hall and for sporting activities at the football and tennis clubs.

Hopefully life is getting back to the kind of normal which we enjoyed pre-pandemic. Why not have a look at our "What's On" to see if there is a Club or Sports activity which would interest you. Spring is always a great time to brush off the winter cobwebs and boost your social life.

Despite the lack of income throughout the pandemic the BHSA committee have worked hard to ensure the upkeep and improvement of all the facilities provided for community groups. The surface of the children's playground has been replaced providing a safe and attractive environment for our youngsters to enjoy. Users of the Village Hall will be pleased to know that the air conditioning system has been repaired.

Now larger indoor events can be planned, **BHSA will be holding a fund-raising concert in the Village Hall on Saturday July 16th. We will be welcoming the Essex Concert Band who will be performing a selection of music to be enjoyed on a summer's evening.** Tickets are available from Elizabeth by email: ejcoeshall@aol.com at £15/head or £80 for a group of 6. Seating will be at tables. Bar food, snacks and a licensed bar will be available. It would be great to see everyone there, helping to support our fabulous facilities and enjoying a community event.

Nicole Carter
Secretary BHSA

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News from Beacon Hill Sports Association

What's On Locally?

The Beacon Wine Circle was formed in 1981 by a group of villagers interested in wine & home-made wine production. Over the years the Circle has become more of a social group, but wine appreciation is still a key component of our now, more varied, activities. Along with tastings of commercially produced wine & occasional vineyard visits, we invite speakers on a variety of subjects, and arrange outings and a summer garden party. Meetings are monthly, on a Friday, in the Main Hall at Wickham Bishops. Membership is currently over 80 and we are happy to welcome new members. For further details please contact our Secretary, Peter Elvish at beaconwinecircle@btinternet.com.

Beacon Hill Rovers play at the Wickham Bishops Sports Field in Great Totham Road, behind the Mitre. Last Year the Club celebrated their Centenary and are pleased to continue to be a centre for the local community with teams for all: starting at six through to Walking Football at over 50s and 60s; men, women, boys and girls. The Mens' teams play on Saturday afternoons, the Women on Sunday afternoons whilst the youth teams practise on Saturday mornings and play matches on Sunday mornings. The tea bar is open to all as is the Clubroom when football is going on. Further details and fixture lists can be obtained at the Club website www.beaconhillrovers whilst contacting the Club Secretary via stevecarter@cuttingandcarter.com.uk will put you in touch with the Club.

The Beacon Hill Social Club (BHSC) was established in 1929 and is housed on the top floor of the Wickham Bishops Village Hall. It provides recreational facilities for use by residents of the local Parishes. It has a Bar and Social area, along with 3 Snooker Tables and a Dart Board. The Club is run by a Committee, drawn from a membership of around 130. New Members are required to be sponsored by an existing member. Opening Times are from 0900am till Midnight. Contact details: beaconhillsocialclub@outlook.com

Rainbows - girls 5-7 years of age and **Brownies** - girls 7-10 years of age meet at the Village Hall in Wickham Bishops. More details can be found at www.girlguiding.org.uk Contact details: tel. 01376 570464 email: enquiries@girlguidingesssexne.org.uk

Thursday Ladies Badminton Club

We are a badminton club who meet on Thursday afternoons from 1.45 to 3.45 pm in Wickham Bishops Village Hall. If you are interested in playing please contact Lilian Laccohee by email at Lilian.laccohee@sky.com or by telephone on 07562 321049.

Tuesday & Wednesday Badminton

We are a badminton club that plays ladies on Tuesdays 2-4pm and Wednesdays 1.30-3.30pm in Wickham Bishops Village Hall. The men play on Tuesday nights 8-10pm. If you are interested please contact Sue Harding at sjharding20@btinternet.com

What's On in Wickham Bishops? /Contd ...

Starlight Dancing - Ballroom & Latin Dancers for Adult Beginners

Come and join us for a bit of beginner Strictly fun in the Wickham Bishops Village Hall! Each month we will be teaching a new Ballroom and Latin dance from the very beginning at a fun, relaxed pace. No prior experience needed! For information: www.starlightdancing.co.uk or call us on 07739518890.

Wickham Bishops Tennis Club is a family friendly and popular club situated in Great Totham Road. It has four well maintained hard courts, which are all floodlit and a light and spacious pavilion overlooking the courts. The Club encourages both social and competitive tennis through a full programme of club sessions, coaching, tournaments, and local league matches for adults and juniors alike. Adult enquiries: 07946 518614 Junior enquiries: 01621 892816

Wickham Bishops Jazz Club meets on one Saturday a month in Wickham Bishops Village Hall. WBJC has been running in one guise or another since the early to mid 1950s, and still provides a venue for jazz lovers to enjoy top UK & international bands. Further details can be found at wickhambishopsvillagehall.com/jazzClub.php or by emailing wickhambishopsjazzclub@gmail.com

Community Cinema in Wickham Bishops Village Hall, screening the last Friday of the month. Doors open at 7pm, film starts at 8pm. Licensed bar selling food and drinks, old fashioned interval selling ice cream.

April 29th - On the Basis of Sex. The true story of a struggling attorney and new mother facing adversity in her fight for equal rights.

Coming soon ... The Courier, The Duke, and Belfast

Tickets are available from the Health Food Shop for £6 or online for £6.50 <https://spectrumscreen.ecwid.com/>

Wickham Bishops Drama Club

Amateur Dramatics has long been a tradition in the local area. Originally called the 'Great Totham & Wickham Bishops Amateur Dramatic & Operatic Society', the Club's first production was HMS Pinafore in the old church hall in 1928.

Today the Wickham Bishops Drama Club stages a Panto, play and Revue each year (Covid permitting). To stage these productions requires a cast – people with thespian abilities. But there are many other skill sets that are required. Each show requires set designers, set constructors, set painters, costume makers, choreographers, stage crew, lighting and sound engineers, directors, and front of house volunteers.

If you dream of the limelight, or the dark recesses of back stage, do come along to the village hall on a Monday or Thursday evening between 8pm and 10pm. For more information please see www.wickhambishopsdrama.co.uk

What's On /Contd ...

Wickham Bishops Bridge Club

Meets every Wednesday evening at 7pm in the small meeting room In the Village Hall at Wickham Bishops. We are a friendly bunch of bridge enthusiasts and welcome new members. We have an automatic scoring system using mobile phones, so you will know the result instantly at the end of the evening. Our membership is £10 a year with table money of £1.50 a person which is extremely reasonable. Non members would pay £2 table money. Even if you don't have a partner we often have people looking for partners due to holidays, illness etc. If you would like more information call Ann on 07929 005825. I look forward to hearing from you.



No longer in full-time work or raising a family? Make the most of life - explore new ideas, skills and interests with us.

Maldon and District u3a has approximately 400 members; it's one branch of a UK-wide movement. We hold a monthly meeting with a guest speaker in Wickham Bishops Village Hall at 1.30 pm on the 3rd Monday each month. (Except Bank Holidays) We have nearly 40 different activity groups which meet throughout the month and organise outings for their particular interests, also social events for all members. Interested? Call Alec Fraser 01621 892138 or email: alecfraser40@hotmail.com <http://www.maldonu3a.co.uk>

The Arts Society Blackwater

Following the restrictions caused by Covid 19 the society with its 150 plus membership is now back running monthly lectures in the village hall at Wickham Bishops on the first Thursday of the month and in May on the second Thursday at 11am. Coffee and Tea is available from 10.30am. Our first day of special interest, when we have 3 lectures, is on April 25th. The cost is £38, including lunch, and the subject is Tutankhamun. Our first day visit is to Hatfield House on June 23rd, cost £43. For membership and all enquiries please look on the website theartsocietyblackwater.org.uk or contact David Anderson on 01621 840956.



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VILLAGE ACTIVITIES IN BRAXTED PAVILION & GROUNDS

Lettings Officer & Key Holder: Sarah Mann 892821 , email sarahm66@btinternet.com

NOTE: Several of the activities have been suspended recently due to the Covid19 pandemic but are now gradually coming back see below.

The pavilion itself is subject to regular checks for such things as maintenance, cleaning and decorating, etc.

Monday **U3A Bridge Group 09.30 am, - 12.30 pm (Ken Hornett 01621 891424)**

Metafit [keep fit] - 6pm - 7pm , Lisa Brand 01621 893720

Tuesday **Metafit [keep fit] - 8:30am - 9:30am , Lisa Brand 01621 893720**

Pilates Class - 1:30pm-2:30pm Maureen Barnes 07718741362

Wednesday **Home Schooling - All Day - Fortnightly**

Thursday **Braxted Barkers Dog Club Thursday 9:30am-1:00pm**

Band Rehearsal 7:00pm

PC Meeting Bi-monthly

Friday **Braxted Art Club from 11:00am.
David Joyce 01621 891241**

Pop-Up Pub monthly 7pm

Saturday **Braxted Bombers Keep fit (outdoors when weather good) 08.30 – 9.30am**

**Summer Cricket matches May to September
1pm**

Weekends booked - 2nd&3rd April, 10th April, 23rd April&24th April and 30th April

** Private hire available*

The cost of the Pavilion is £25 or £10 for residents of the Braxteds.

