



The Braxted

Bulletin

April 2023

VILLAGE INFORMATION

Clerks to the Parish Councils:

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Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator:

Great and Little Braxted Mandy Chapman
Email: thebraxtedsneighbourhoodwatch@yahoo.com

Non-urgent contact for Police: 101

Online: <https://www.essexpolice.uk/.../af/how-to-report-a-crime/>

Non-urgent contact for medical concerns: 111

Water: 0345 7820 999 **Electricity:** 0800 029 4285

Responsibility for Essex Highways:

Essex County Council 0845 6037 631

Library Information: Wickham Bishops Library

Wickham Bishops Library Opening hours:
Monday 2-5:30pm; Weds 2—5:30pm; Sat 9am—5pm
Contact 0345 6037 628

The library is a collection point for Maldon District Council recycling sacks

Next Parish Council Meetings

Gt Braxted PC next meetings:

12th January and **9th March** 2023 at 8pm in the Pavilion

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 7pm. Next dates are TBC.
Email for details:

littlebraxtedpc@hotmail.com

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

Message from editor:

Happy Easter to all! I hope everyone has been enjoying the warmer weather—I know I have. Please do reply to the email if you are planning to attend the Coronation Lunch, and a reminder of ID types required for the upcoming elections.

Braxted Facebook Groups: 

For local updates and issues please feel free to join the following Facebook groups:

Search 'Great Braxted Residents' or use the link

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1637978482902828>

Search 'Little Braxted' or request to join via Facebook message to Ali Aldis

Great Braxted Trucam Patrols—speed camera checks

Speed camera checks are still taking place regularly in Great Braxted in an ongoing effort to maintain safety through the village.

Parish information

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, such as campaigns, new and bulletins

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

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You're invited!

Sunday 7th May, 1-5pm

The Cricket Ground & Pavilion,
Great Braxted



The Braxteds Coronation Big Lunch

Live Singer and Band

Bring your own picnic and chairs

Teas and coffee available

**BBQ available for those who
want to bring own food to cook**

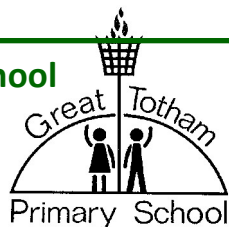
**Raffle to raise funds for
Pavilion repairs**

Please confirm attendance to:

braxtedbulletin@yahoo.com

News from Great Totham Primary School

www.greattotham.essex.sch.uk



Tag Rugby News - GTPS Winners!



In February, the Colchester and Blackwater School Sport Partnership organised a tag rugby tournament in Colchester. With 15 schools attending we were organised into groups. We won our group with some tight games which progressed us through to the top 4 place play offs. We won 2 games and drew one which made us overall winners of the competition!

Winning the tournament has given us a route through to the next round against Clacton and Witham schools - this will be arranged after Easter. Thank you to our Rugby Coach, Stuart Pearson, and the parents who braved the cold weather to support us. Look at those happy faces!

Gardening Club

Year 4 sowed some parsley, chilli seeds and sweet pepper seeds. They also 'chitted' some potato tubers - this helps the potatoes sprout once they go in the ground.



The garden already attracts a lot of wildlife to the area through the different varieties of plants and numerous bird feeders. We thought a nice addition to this would be a small pond so we created one with an old barrel and a small solar water fountain. Hopefully we will see lots more wildlife over the coming months.

Perrywoods Garden Centre kindly offered local schools packets of seeds to use. The children sorted the packets and we have organised them so we know what to sow and when. This year we will be growing carrots, tomatoes, runner beans, French beans, cucumbers, raspberries, strawberries and much more.



The children have enjoyed painting pebbles to brighten up the garden. These can be hidden for others to find.

World Book Day 2023

The children took part in various book-related activities and we enjoyed chatting about favourite books and characters.





ALL SAINT'S GREAT BRAXTED CHURCH NEWS April 2023

The clocks have gone forward so it must be spring! Flowers are everywhere, the daffodils are really lovely. It is nearly Easter

The services at All Saints will be as follows:

- Sunday 2nd April PALM SUNDAY Communion at 11.15 am
Followed by a Baptism at 12.30
- Sunday 9th April EASTER DAY Communion at 11.15 am
- Friday 14th April WEDDING at 2pm
- Sunday 16th April Matins (morning service) at 11.15 am with The Oddsong Choir
- Thursday 20th April WEDDING at 1.30pm
- Sunday 23rd April APCM at St Luke's 11.45 am
- Sunday 30th April Communion (Order 2) at 11.15 am
- Sunday 7th May Communion at 11.15 am
Followed by a Baptism at 12.30

There will be services, etc., at St Luke's Tiptree during Holy Week
Maundy Thursday (6th); Good Friday (7th) and Easter Eve (8th)
See website for details

Contacts: -

Rector	Revd. Anne-Marie Renshaw	01621 815260
Churchwarden	Mike Puttick	01621 816830
Administrator	Christine Hall [Tue to Thurs]	07421078981
Website:	www.thurstablewinstreechurches.org	

St Nicholas' Church, Little Braxted

In the Ecclesiastical Parish of Wickham Bishops with Little Braxted

Priest-in-charge Rev Hilary Le Sève 01621 892867
Churchwardens Graham Wingrove 01621 891844
Rick Smith 01621 928017

WEBSITE: churchinwickhambishops.org.uk


St Nicholas' is normally open daily, if closed borrow the key from the Estate Office.

For Group visits contact: stnicholas@churchinwickhambishops.org.uk

IN AND FROM OUR PARISH : SERVICES FOR APRIL

At St Bartholomew's except at St Nicholas' shown in red.

Sunday 2nd	Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week
8.00 am	Holy Communion
10.30 am	Palm Procession from Village Hall (10.10am) with Holy Communion
Wednesday 5th	
11.00 am	Quiet Reflection followed by cheese and roll lunch.
Thursday 6th	Maundy Thursday
8.00pm	Holy Communion with Foot Washing & vigil
Friday 7th	Good Friday
10.00am	Good Friday Holiday Club for families – craft + Hot Cross Buns
2.00pm	Last Hour at the Cross St Nicholas' Little Braxted - reflective
Sunday 9th	EASTER DAY
6.00 am	Dawn Eucharist followed by a cooked 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 16th	Second Sunday of Easter
9.00am	BCP Holy Communion at St Nicholas' Little Braxted
10.30 am	Sunday Praise Service
Sunday 23rd	Celebration of Feast of St George
8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
10.30 am	Service of the Word with 1 st Beacon Hill Scout Group + Red Cross Buns etc. followed by Holy Communion at 12 noon.
Sunday 30th	Fourth Sunday of Easter
8.00am	Holy Communion
10.30am	Holy Communion
WEDNESDAY	10.00 am 26 th April Holy Communion in St Bartholomew's Church

All Scouts and 'old Scouts' welcome to join us on St George's day for interactive service with traditional renewal of revised Scout Promise changed to 'duty to King!' 

Annual Parochial Church Meeting 14th May – details will be on website

1st Beacon Hill Scouts



TABLE TOP AND CAR BOOT SALE

No, it's not our county, possibly nationally famous jumble sale of past years, but we are back, this time with a table top and car boot sale.

This will take place on Saturday, 22nd April between 10.30am and 2.30pm. Numbers for the car boot section will be limited, so it will be on a first come, first served basis. Table top access will be between 8.00 – 9.00am, after which cars will need to be removed from the site. Car access will be between 9.00 – 10.00am. Tables will be provided. All pitches [£10] MUST be pre booked and paid for before the event. To pre book and pay for your pitch or for more information please e mail 1stbeaconhill.org.uk or janet_richardson_53@hotmail.com.

Refreshments [mandatory bacon and/or sausage butties] will be available.

There will be bric-a-brac, second hand tools, tombola table just to mention a few. Why not have a spring clean, tidy your house and raise some cash.

Even if you are not selling, please come along and support your local scout group.

We look forward to seeing you on 22nd April.

VILLAGE ACTIVITIES IN BRAXTED PAVILION & GROUNDS

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

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

The pavilion can be booked by Braxted residents for private hire.

The cost is £20

Monday	U3A Bridge Group 9:30am—12:30pm (Ken Hornett 01621 891424) Metafit [keep fit] - 6-7pm (Lisa Brand, 01621 893720)
Tuesday	Metafit [keep fit] - 8:30-9:30am (Lisa Brand, 01621 893720) Pilates Class—1:30-2:30pm (Maureen Barnes, 07718741362)
Wednesday	Home Schooling—All Day—Fortnightly
Thursday	Braxted Barkers Dog Club Thursday 11:30am—1:30pm Diane Sawford, 07840 778042 Band Rehearsal 7:00pm PC Meeting Bi-monthly
Friday	Braxted Art Club from 11:00am. David Joyce, 01621 891241
Saturday	Summer Cricket matches May to September 1pm
Sunday	Braxted Barkers Dog Club, first Sunday each month. Diane Sawford, 07840 778042

Braxted Pavilion Committee Announcement

After over 12 years, the Pavilion Management Committee have had to decide to increase the hire fees. This is due to inflation and maintenance costs.

They still remain very competitive.

Village clubs and societies £10
Other village hires £25.00
Outside GB and LB hires £50

Sarah Mann Secretary
Ken Hornett Chairman

The
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Commission

Voter ID -
Your
Guide

Everything you need to know
about photo ID for the May
2023 English local elections

The Electoral Commission

On Thursday 4 May 2023, local elections are taking place across England.

At these elections, you will need to bring photo ID to be able to vote at a polling station.

This booklet will explain which forms of photo ID you can use to vote. It also explains how to apply for a free voter ID document, known as a Voter Authority Certificate, if you need one.



How do
I register
to vote?



To vote in these elections, you must be registered to vote by
11:59pm on Monday 17 April 2023.

If you've never registered, have recently moved to a different address, or changed your name, register to vote online at gov.uk/register-to-vote. You can also apply by completing a paper application form.

If you need help registering to vote, or want to request an application form, contact your local council.

To find the contact details for your local council visit **electoralcommission.org.uk/voter** or call our helpline on **0800 328 0280**.

Which
elections am
I voting in?

Local elections are taking place across 230 areas in England on **Thursday 4 May 2023**, including local council, mayoral and parish elections.



To find out if there are elections happening in your area go to **electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID**



Or call our helpline on **0800 328 0280**.

Which forms of ID can I use to vote?

You will only need to show one form of photo ID, but it needs to be the original version and not a photocopy.

You can use any of the following accepted forms of photo ID to be able to vote at a polling station.

 <p>International travel</p> <p>Passport</p>	 <p>Local travel</p> <p>Certain concessionary travel cards</p>
 <p>Driving and parking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Driving licence (including provisional licence) • Blue badge 	 <p>Other government-issued documents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biometric immigration document • Defence Identity Card • National identity card
 <p>Proof of age</p> <p>Identity card with PASS mark (Proof of Age Standards Scheme)</p>	

If you have a form of accepted photo ID which is out of date, you can still use it to vote at a polling station if it still looks like you.

If you don't already have an accepted form of photo ID, or you're not sure whether your photo ID still looks like you, you can apply for a free voter ID document, known as a Voter Authority Certificate.

You need to be registered to vote before you apply for a Voter Authority Certificate. When you register to vote, you'll be asked whether you have photo ID or if you want to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate.



For more information about which forms of ID will be accepted visit electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID

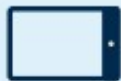


Or call our helpline on **0800 328 0280**.

Applying for a Voter Authority Certificate



The deadline to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate for use at these elections is **5pm on Tuesday 25 April**, but you should apply as soon as possible in case your local council needs to check any details with you.



You can apply for a Voter Authority Certificate online at **voter-authority-certificate.service.gov.uk**

You can also apply by completing a paper application form and sending this to your local council. You may also be able to apply in person at your local council office.

If you need any help with applying for a Voter Authority Certificate or want to request an application form, contact your local council. To find their contact details visit **electoralcommission.org.uk/voter** or call our helpline on **0800 328 0280**.

What information do I need to give when I apply for a Voter Authority Certificate?

When applying for a Voter Authority Certificate, you will need to provide your:

- **Name**
- **Date of birth**
- **Address**
- **National Insurance number**

If you don't know your National Insurance number, or don't have one, you can still apply. Your council will contact you to request alternative proof of your identity.

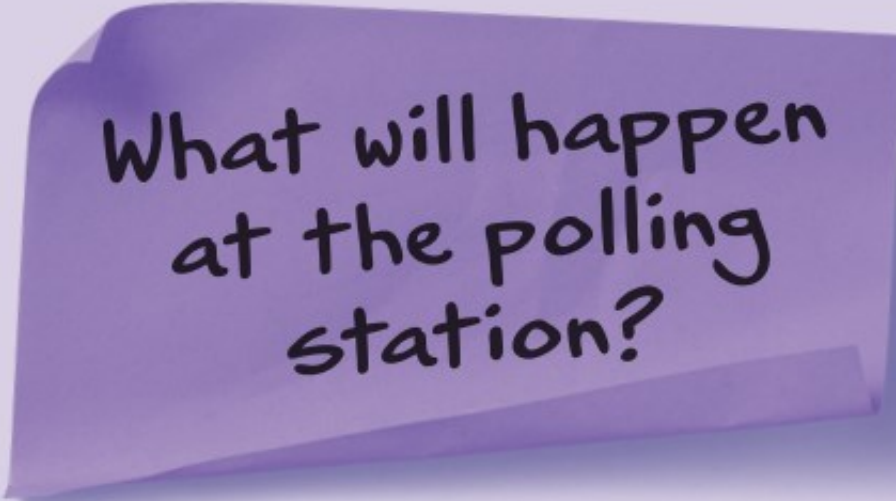
You will also need to submit a photograph with your application. The requirements for the photograph are similar to the requirements for a passport photo.



Find out more about the requirements at
electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID



Or call our helpline on
0800 328 0280.



What will happen at the polling station?

When you arrive at the polling station, a member of staff will:

1. Ask you for your name and address so they can find you on the electoral register
2. Ask for your photo ID, and check if it is acceptable
3. If your ID is acceptable, they will give you your ballot paper and direct you to complete it in a polling booth as usual

A private area will be available at the polling station, so you can choose to have your photo ID viewed in private if you like. This might be a separate room, or an area separated by a privacy screen, depending on the polling station.

Staff at the polling station are there to help. If you need assistance at any point, just ask.

Are there
other ways
to vote?

Voting by post

You don't need to provide photo ID to vote by post.



To apply to vote by post, you'll need to complete a postal vote application form and make sure it arrives with your local council by **5pm on Tuesday 18 April 2023**.

You will receive your ballot paper in the post. Complete and return your ballot paper, ensuring you leave enough time for it to arrive at your local council by **10pm on Thursday 4 May**. If you can't post your postal vote pack in time, you can take it to your polling station or to your local council office on polling day.

Voting by proxy

(allowing someone you trust to vote on your behalf)



To apply to vote by proxy, complete an application form and send it to your local council to arrive by **5pm on Tuesday 25 April 2023**.

The person you choose to vote on your behalf will need to go to your polling station to vote and will need to show their own photo ID to be able to cast your vote. They will not need to show your ID when voting on your behalf.

In an emergency where you cannot go to the polling station in person, you can apply for an emergency proxy up to **5pm on Thursday 4 May**.

For more information or to get a postal or proxy application form, visit **electoralcommission.org.uk/voter** or call our helpline on **0800 328 0280**.

How can I
find out
more?

If you have any questions or would like to obtain this information in an accessible format, go to **electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID**, call our helpline on **0800 328 0280** or scan the QR code below.



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- Have I registered to vote?
- Do I have photo ID?
- Have I got photo ID to take to the polling station?
- If not, have I applied for a free voter ID?
- Have I voted?

The deadline to register to vote in the 2023 local elections is **11:59pm on Monday 17 April.**

The deadline to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate for the 2023 local elections is **5pm on Tuesday 25 April.**

Visit electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID or call **0800 328 0280** for more information on:

- Registering to vote
- What ID will be accepted when voting
- How to apply for free voter ID

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2023





New for Easter 2023
10-14 April



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Cost: £225
Times: Arrive 19:30 Mon
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For school years 11-13

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To apply for a grant please call the friendly Essex Community Foundation team on 01245 355947 or visit: essexcommunityfoundation.org.uk




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