



The Braxted Bulletin

December 2022

VILLAGE INFORMATION

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Great and Little Braxted Mandy Chapman
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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 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 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:

Hello from me! I'm very pleased to be able to carry on publishing the Braxted Bulletin. December is upon us, and I will therefore take this opportunity to wish everyone a restful and enjoyable festive season, and best wishes for the new year.

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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ALL SAINTS' GREAT BRAXTED CHURCH NEWS DECEMBER 2022

December already and looking forward to the festive season. Christmas begins with CHRIST!

The Revd Jackson Crompton-Battersby was licensed as a Team Vicar on the 22nd November and has joined the benefice. We wish him well. He will be working mainly in Layer de la Haye and Copford.

Christmas services at our church will be as follows;

Sunday 4 th December	11.15 am	Christingle Service
Sunday 18 th December	11.15 am	Carol Service
Christmas Eve	10 pm	Communion with Carols

Everyone is welcome to join us for these services.

There will be no service at All Saints on Christmas Day or 1st January. Services at St Luke's, Tiptree are:

Christmas Day	10 am	Family Communion
1 st January	9.30 am	Family Communion

Best wishes for a happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year

Contacts: -

Rector	Revd. Anne-Marie Renshaw amlrenshaw@btinternet.com	01621 815260
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Administrator	Christine Hall [Tues-Thurs] thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com	07421 078981
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

St Nicholas' is normally open daily, if closed borrow the key from the Estate Office.
For Group visits contact: stnicholas@churchinwickhambishops.org.uk

We started the Church New Year last week with the four weeks of **ADVENT**, (from Latin *adventus*, "coming"). In the Christian church calendar, it's the period of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas. In Western churches, Advent begins on the Sunday nearest to November 30. Thus, the season of Advent in the Christian calendar anticipates the "coming of Christ" from three different perspectives: the physical nativity in Bethlehem, the reception of Christ in the heart of the believer, and the eschatological Second Coming.

HOPE : PEACE : JOY : LOVE

IN AND FROM OUR PARISH: SERVICES FOR DECEMBER

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

SUNDAY 4th **Advent 2**

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Advent Carols
3.00pm Christingle

WEDNESDAY 7th

10.00am Holy Communion

SUNDAY 11th **Advent 3**

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Parish Eucharist
3.00pm St Nicholas Patronal with Children's Communion and Christingle

WEDNESDAY 14th

4.00pm Carol Service at St Nicholas' - followed by Festive drinks/nibbles

SUNDAY 18th **Advent 4**

9.00 am BCP Holy Communion at St Nicholas'
10.30 am Sunday Praise
6.30pm Festival of Lessons and Carols with Choir

SATURDAY 24th **Christmas Eve**

5.00 pm Crib and Nativity Service 'Amazing Days'
11.30 pm **Midnight Mass at both St Bartholomew's and St Nicholas'**

SUNDAY 25th **Christmas Day**

10.00 am Celebration of Christmas with Holy Communion

Feast of St. Nicholas with Children's Communion and Christingle

Feast Day
6th December

*Santa (Ni)Klaus aka Father
Christmas*

St Nicholas was the Bishop of the port city of Myra in now modern Turkey; renowned for helping a poor family by dropping off Bags of Gold to assist a father provide a dowry for his three daughters.

In thanks and recognition, we have a 'child bishop' to assist with the children's Messy Church communion.

In addition, there will be traditional Christingle symbol for children to learn about and take away. [The word from German origin: Christkindl = Little Christ child]

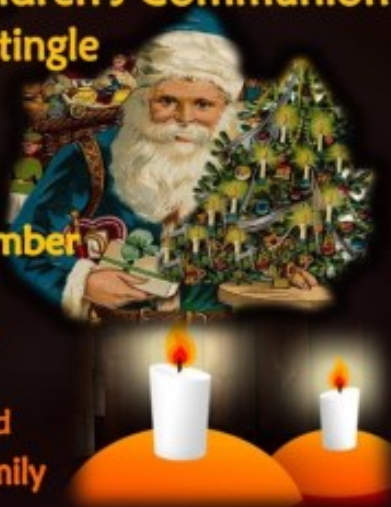
Do come and join us for this little Festival bring the whole family.

Plenty of parking behind the church courtesy of the Little Braxted Hall

Sunday
11th December

3.00pm

St. Nicholas'
Church
Little Braxted
Bring the family



Follow the
★ Star ★

Wednesday 14th December at 4.00pm

CAROL SERVICE at St Nicholas'

Especially for the village and the offices
in the Little Braxted Hall Estate.



We sing traditional carols and hear the
miraculous and wondrous story of the
birth of Jesus. Followed by mulled wine
and seasonal nibbles.

Christmas Eve at 11.30pm

MIDNIGHT MASS

At St Nicholas'

All are welcome at this first
Eucharist of Christmas.



A fully candle-lit service
with traditional carols.

Maldon District Councillor News

December News

I have raised the poor condition of Loamy Hill Road and Braxted Park Road, with the cabinet member at Essex County Council. These roads are in a very dangerous condition and at the national speed limit are not safe to navigate. A survey will be carried out on the roads, to assess the damage and then identify both short and long term solutions. I will keep residents updated

In the lead up to Christmas on Thursday afternoons, there will be free car parking in the town centre car parks. The car parking will be free from 2pm onwards, it is a great opportunity to support our local businesses.

At the district planning meeting, I voiced my concerns about the block of flats that were being located on Broad Street Green Road, as part of the next phase of development at the garden village. This application has now been deferred and I hope it will come back with revisions.

I also attended a meeting at Braxted park for the Country Food Trust. This is a charity which is feeding people in need. They donate to over 3.500 charities throughout the UK. If you would like to know more or would like to donate you can find details at www.thecountryfoodtrust.org

I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Best wishes

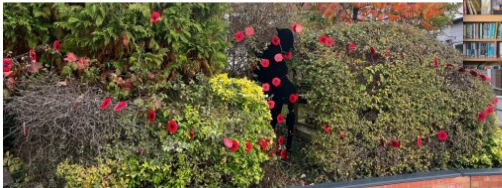
Richard

Richard Siddall

Remembrance Day

The children observed the 2 minute silence and have been learning about the significance of Remembrance Sunday and why we wear red poppies in support of our fallen heroes. The children in KS2 gathered round the Tommy soldier located in our playground to pay their respects.

GTPS paying their respects at 11am on Remembrance Day



Y4 Outdoor Learning

On the 8th November 2022, Year 4 had an outdoor learning day, which was all about the vicious Vikings! It was great fun!

First, we began making a Viking longship, which the Vikings used when they were travelling to and raiding different countries, although, we didn't make a real one (because that would take years!). We marked one out and put a flag in the middle. Next, we went into our outdoor classroom and made some clay models of a Viking longship. Later, we also did some Nordic braiding and fire lighting. My favourite part was writing my Viking name in the Runes. Our day was so much fun!

Nordic Braiding



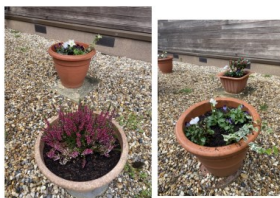
Marking out a Viking Longship



Gardening Club RHS Campaign For School Gardening Award - Level 2 Achieved!

Well done to our gardening club who, with the help of Mrs Priest and Mrs Hine, have achieved promotion to the next level of the Campaign for School Gardening Award. The certificates will be displayed in our Tomas Baldwin garden area.

Over recent weeks the club has planted pots and pots of daffodils, tulips and iris's. They have also re-potted the display outside the performance studio, made a fairy garden and moved some plants about in the garden area to make way for vegetable beds. In the next couple of weeks they will be planting more bulbs (alliums) in the garden area for a spring display. The children also visited the 'secret garden' (as the children call it!) by the Y4 classroom to cut back all the dead summer plants and gave it a tidy up.



Just for fun!



CHRISTMAS SCRAMBLER



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9. maiyfl

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SUPPORT AVAILABLE FOR THE COMMUNITY

Little Braxted Community and Educational Fund



This fund benefits people living in Little Braxted, neighbouring villages and the surrounding rural areas. It also supports educational opportunities in Wickham Bishops and Little Braxted.

To apply for a grant please call the friendly Essex Community Foundation team on 01245 356018 or visit: essexcommunityfoundation.org.uk




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