



The Braxted Bulletin

January 2023

VILLAGE INFORMATION

Clerks to the Parish Councils:

Great Braxted	Lynda Townend	Tel 07307 891134
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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 New Year too all. I hope everyone came through the cold snap unscathed! I hope 2023 brings health and happiness: "Life's not about expecting, hoping and wishing, it's about doing, being and becoming." (Mike Dooley)

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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GREAT BRAXTED PARISH COUNCIL

With effect from the 1st December 2022, the Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer will be LYNDA TOWNEND replacing Sarah Gaeta who is taking up a full time position with Uttlesford District Council.

We wish Sarah all the best for the future and she leaves with our grateful thanks for her splendid service over the last few years.

Contact details: 07852 810406

Email: parishclerk@greatbraxtedpc.org.uk

Welcome Lynda!

From Waste Services

A reminder of the amendment to fortnightly winter schedule for Garden Waste Collection

The garden waste will be collected on the same day as recycling during December, January and February:

Saturday 31 December 2022

Friday 13 January 2023

Friday 27 January 2023

Friday 10 February 2023

And weekly from this date onwards.

For all other services follow the waste collection calendar.



Maldon District Councillor News

January News

The district is one of only 3 councils in the country that has been selected to take part in a trial of food wrap and plastic kerb side collection. This will happen during 2023, unfortunately only part of the district will take part in the trial.

I am working with the tree trust to get sights assessed within Little Totham for new trees in commemoration of HM Queen. This will also help towards the climate challenge we all face.

The council has been applying for levelling up grants, and has been successful in the bid. News of how this money will be spent across the district will be announced later in the year. We have also applied for rural grants, which if successful, will benefit the community and small businesses in the area.

The Bellway application for Broad Street Green was approved, after the developer came back with revised for the apartment blocks. They are now 2 storey and in keeping with the surrounding properties.

The changes to the speed limit outside Great Totham Primary School, along with safety measures and the walkable footpath has been approved on School Road Little Totham. I hope that these will be implemented in 2023. I will keep residents about other applications, when they have been approved.

Best wishes for 2023

Richard

Richard Siddall



Christmas is over and we are in another NEW YEAR which we hope will be peaceful and happy. Best wishes to you all for 2023. The week of snow and ice in December might have been seasonal but let's hope that is it for winter.

Getting back to a pattern now, no service on 1st January so the next one here will be on Sunday 15th. There will be communion service at St Lukes on 1st at 09.30am.

The services will be as follows:

Sunday 15th January MATINS (morning service) at 11.15 am

Sunday 29th January COMMUNION at 11.15 am

Contacts: -

Rector Revd. Anne-Marie Renshaw 01621 815260

Churchwarden Mike Puttick 01621 816830

Admin. Assistant Christine Hall [office hours] 07421078981

Website: www.tk-tiptree-braxted-benefice.org.uk

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

A very happy and peaceful New Year from the team at St Bartholomew's with St Nicholas'

IN AND FROM OUR PARISH : SERVICES FOR JANUARY

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

SUNDAY 1 st	Christmas 1 – The naming of Jesus
10.30 am*	Holy Communion
SUNDAY 8 th	The Epiphany
8.00am	Holy Communion
10.30 am	Holy Communion
SUNDAY 15 th	Epiphany 2
9.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP) in St Nicholas'.
10.30 am*	Sunday Praise Service followed by hot pot lunch
SUNDAY 22 nd	Epiphany 3
8.00am*	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am	Beacon Hill Churches Together (BHCT) Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity- St. Peter's Church, Church Road, Great Totham CM9 8NP
WEDNESDAY 25 th	
10.00 am*	Monthly Service of Holy Communion in St Bartholomew's
SUNDAY 29 th	Epiphany 4
8.00am*	Holy Communion
10.30am*	Holy Communion or Service of the Word

***To be held in St Bartholomew's Church Hall**

Very many thanks for all who helped or participated in the December and Christmas Services at St Nicholas' – *the Patronal Festival, the midweek Carol Service and Midnight Mass.*
Thanks also for record collection at the Carol Service for Braintree Food Bank.

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

A special message from a member of our community: the family of Philip and his Mother Jean from Stoneylands, Kelvedon Road, Little Braxted. Their home was lost to fire on the afternoon of November the 5th. The response from the village was kindness and their family asked for this to be sent on so they could be thanked.

"Hi all. Sorry that this is late coming. As you can imagine, we've been chasing our tails over the last few weeks trying to get things as straight as we could and make sure that Mum (and Philip) are as comfortable as we could get them – as well as chivvy people along to get things done.

It's hard to believe that the fire at Stoneylands was only just over 5 weeks ago. And some very grateful thanks are due – overdue in fact – to some really great people:

To Mandy Chapman for "taking charge" and liaising with the firemen over traffic control and acting as a go-between from the firemen to Mum and Philip and myself. Since then, she's also acted as my go-between in terms of acquainting everyone about movements to and from the property – and there have been many of those over the past few weeks. She also made sure that the place looked "lived in" by putting bins out and parking her car on the drive at times to simulate occupation; whereas the only occupants have been the mould growing on the walls and the asbestos in the fabric of the building – and Bill and Lesley's cat who decided, for reasons known only to him, to take up temporary residence by sneaking in, ending up on the roof, from where he had to be rescued! I gather he's since tried to get in again and clearly has never heard of the phrase "Curiosity killed the cat"!

Thanks are also due to Marion Stephens, who I've kept updated as much as possible, since she's "Johnny-on-the-spot" – and for allowing me to use her drive on occasions (and the loo!) Marion also comforted Mum and lent her a blanket while the fire was still raging – and they (Mum and Philip) were parked on her drive – before they moved up to the Green Man car park. Marion was one of the first to call the fire brigade and she was the one who alerted Philip as to the smoke squeezing out from the roof tiles. She, in turn, had been alerted by Bill and Lesley Howard, who didn't have a direct number for Mum and Philip – a salient lesson in having complete lines of communication! Bill and Lesley also called the fire brigade anyway – there can never be too many phone calls at that sort of time. Philip called them too, I believe.

Anyway, the early warning enabled Philip to get Mum out of the house and into the car. Here, I must thank James Barke, as he spoke to them both as they were leaving and gave words of encouragement. He also took some very helpful photos and a short video, which he duly sent to me. These were provided to the loss adjuster to assist with his assessment of the case for the insurer.

Several other people offered and/or gave help later on; The family at Mulberry House, next to the Green Man, made dozens of cups of tea and coffee for the fireman, Mum and Philip – and I was even lucky enough to get one myself. Hayley at Longlands also offered food and drinks for the emergency services – and Connie Bateman from Garth End offered to house Mum and Philip until something more permanent could be arranged; and of course, at that time, none of us appreciated the extent of the devastation.

And there were many more people who came out to offer help; trouble was that Mum's mobility issues meant that she really needed accessible accommodation - which we found for a few days at the Travelodge in Maldon; however, they moved from there to the Premier Inn in Colchester for about three weeks – and now they're in an adapted rented bungalow in Tiptree for the duration of the repairs to their home – at 37 Station Road, Tiptree CO5 0BB. There's no landline phone there at the moment – that should be installed on Wednesday, together with broadband internet, using the same phone number as before. 891799.

In terms of the property – it's a wreck. The insurers have accepted the liability and have paid for all Mum's accommodation in the two hotels and will pay ongoing for the bungalow. Everything in the loft was incinerated – as could be seen from afar – and the roof almost completely destroyed. Tiles collapsed inwards and, combined with the water used by the fire-crew, and the loft insulation which comprised vermiculite, brought down most of the ceilings into the upper floor bedrooms. All that formed a mush of debris that has been difficult to negotiate. However, all the paperwork was retrieved from the first floor with the help of the firemen – photos, financial stuff, etc etc etc – and that now resides in my living room at home.

Ceilings have also come down into the kitchen, dining room and lounge and tiles have fallen off the walls in the kitchen. Most of the hardwood furniture is safe, but all their clothes, carpets, curtains, and fabric covered-furniture (sofa, armchairs, cushions) are all a write off because the whole place is riddled with asbestos and that has to be cleared before anything else is undertaken.

So, the whole house has been cocooned in scaffolding, water-proof material and corrugated iron while that work takes place. It's all likely to take upwards of a year to complete – but hopefully, a lordly butterfly will emerge in due course from the cocoon and Mum and Philip will come back to a new house; inside, at any rate.

So, very many thanks to everyone for their help, their offers of help and their interest. It's all been very heart-warming to see how much people care. And I know that Mum and Philip are very grateful too. They'll be OK. They're a lot happier now in their bungalow. At least it gives a greater autonomy over movement and eating. And it's a cosy place inside.

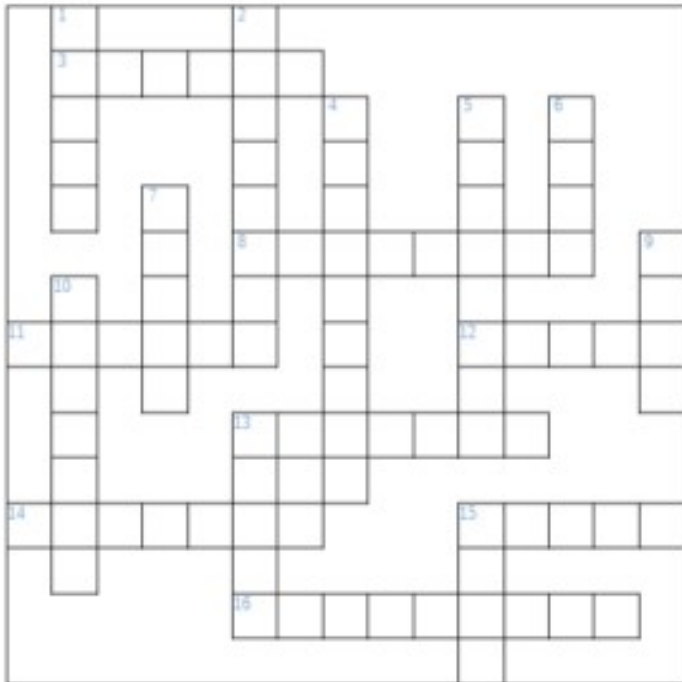
Warmest regards - and, of course, the compliments of the Season.

Steve Everitt
07980 692174
stevee23@btinternet.com

P.S. When I've let my drone loose on Little Braxted Church (with kind permission of John Popham) - and purely for a photographic and videography perspective, I'll provide a copy for you all to view it. And I'll happily send it up over any of your properties if you'd like an aerial view. It was quite handy to see the damage to the roof of Stoneylands close up and from a different angle.”

Just for fun!

Winter



Across

- 3 Ice sport played with a puck
- 8 Snowstorm
- 11 The coldest season
- 12 House made of ice
- 13 Gliding on ice
- 14 Sometimes has a carrot nose
- 15 Hot sweet drink
- 16 House warmer

Down

- 1 The color of snow
- 2 Christmas month
- 4 Holiday of giving
- 5 Time off from school or work
- 6 Fun ride down a snowy hill
- 7 Direction birds fly for the Winter
- 9 Frozen rain
- 10 Keeps your hands warm
- 13 Neck warmer
- 15 Opposite of hot

Winter

G F Q A W E K W A N Z A A Y Q
U S C O C O A S K A T I N G E
V C D M H I C I C L E E T T D
Z A R V R D D N G O T I A P O
V R C H I D P V K A X N D S Y
P F Z A S I H S R T R M E L H
F B Z N T O I G G E N I C E G
W H A U M I I G B S F T E D B
I O B K A M O I L N W T M C P
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R Y Y U H F C V A A E S N O R
F I R E P L A C E N L W J F O
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WORD LIST

BLIZZARD	CHRISTMAS	COCOA
COLD	DECEMBER	FIREPLACE
FROST	HANUKKAH	HIBERNATE
HOCKEY	ICICLE	IGLOO
KWANZAA	MIGRATE	MITTENS
SCARF	SKATING	SLED
SNOWMAN	VACATION	WINTER



WINTER

Word Scramble

KYHCOE

SSKOC

OLCD

MRBEDCEE

FNRZOE

SATEK

IAEDREGNBGR

SWON

IENMSTT

SBOTO

CAOT

ICELIC

LPERCFIEA

UYAJNAR



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 355947 or visit: essexcommunityfoundation.org.uk




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