



The Braxted Bulletin

May 2023

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 meetings:

18th May 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:

I hope everyone is enjoying the warmer weather (finally!) The sun was certainly shining at the Pavilion on Sunday for the Big Lunch, and I hope a lovely afternoon was had by all. Thank you to Julie Green for this month's colouring pages!

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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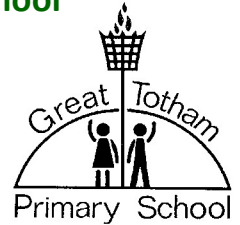
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News from Great Totham Primary School

www.greattotham.essex.sch.uk



Witham MP Gardening Visit



Rt Hon. Priti Patel MP visited school last month to meet with members of the Y3/4 Gardening Club as part of the 'Get Witham Growing' initiative.

We were presented with a basket of seeds and tools to supplement the hard work the children have already put into maintaining the garden areas around the school site.

Y6 Outdoor Learning

On 30th March, Year 6 had an outdoor learning day. We did a number of activities such as: bug hunting, pond dipping and bug hotels. My favourite was pond dipping even though it chucked it down whilst we were doing it. I caught lots of snails and even saw water skimmers and a fish. In bug hunting, I saw lots of spiders and spider eggs. Even though Ruben and I didn't catch anything, we still saw a lot of animals like: slugs, ants and beetles. For the bug hotels, you could put straw, sticks and colouring on your hotel so did stripes with stickers, cardboard and straw. I really enjoyed this outdoor learning despite the weather. By Alfie Y6



Football Tournament – 6th March 2023

On Monday 6th March, at Beacon Hill Rovers football ground, we hosted a football tournament with St Francis, Wentworth, and Heybridge schools.



In the girls' tournament, Great Totham scored some great goals with good defending too. By the end of the afternoon we were awarded 2nd place.

There were two boys' teams who played in separate groups for the first part of the afternoon. They both won their group so they played each other in the 1st and 2nd place play off! A battle well fought, with excitement from all those supporting.

Thank you very much to Stuart and Rachel Harwood of Beacon Hill Football Club for their help preparing the pitches and with running the event.

Tag Rugby – 24th March 2023

A whole day of tag rugby was on offer at Maldon Rugby Club on Friday 24th March.

In the morning, our two Year 3/4 teams played in the morning amongst 10 other teams from local schools. Both teams played really well - one team gained so much confidence as they played more games and the other team didn't lose a game and saw Ralphie score several tries as he sped past the opposition! The Darren Lines Cup was awarded to our team and was presented by Darren Lines' daughter, Caitlin. A lovely morning was had by all.

Our three Year 5/6 teams competed in the afternoon in a tournament with 17 other teams. After a good start the weather took over and made the afternoon wet and unpleasant - the children all worked hard to continue in the mud and rain! Eventually one team of our teams persevered in the nasty weather and came a respectable 3rd.

Red Nose Day 2023



In addition to the £687 raised at school from our non-uniform day, we were very impressed to hear that Dexter (Y5) and Leo (Y3) had been busy fundraising at home. The brothers took cake orders for friends and family (making and delivering) and also arranged a 'guess the number of sweets in a jar' competition at their cubs meeting. Their grand total was over £150! The brothers also helped with the donation buckets on the gates in the morning. Well done boys!

Witham Carnival Court

Sophia (Y6) and Sienna (Y5) will be representing Witham and the surrounding villages, as part of the carnival court! Sophia has been selected as the Junior Queen and Sienna as a Junior Princess. As part of the selection process the girls were both required to speak in front of a panel of judges and be interviewed, and then speak in front of a few hundred people in the audience on a microphone! The sisters will be helping to raise money for local charities and are really proud of their new roles. They will be attending a number of events over the next year with the Mayor of Witham and will be representing not only the local area but also the school. Well done girls, we hope you enjoy the experience.



ALL SAINT'S GREAT BRAXTED CHURCH NEWS April 2023

Summer is coming. The sun is shining and it is warmer and the world is showing lots of green and some flowers.

We have THREE bank holiday Mondays and of course the Coronation.

There will be an event on Sunday 7th at the Pavilion/Field which will be a Big Lunch 1pm to 5pm for the Braxteds to celebrate - bring you own food and drinks: there will be a BBQ for you to cook on if you want to, Entertainments including a Singer and a Band and a bouncy castle, teas will be available.

The services at All Saints will be as follows:

Sunday 7 th May	Communion at 11.15 am Followed by a Baptism at 12.30
Thursday 11 th May	Wedding at 1pm
Saturday 20 th May	Wedding at 1,30 pm
Sunday 21 st May	Matins (morning service) at 11.15 am
Sunday 3 rd June	Communion at 11.15 am

Contacts: -

Rector	Revd. Anne-Marie Renshaw	01621 815260
Churchwarden	Mike Puttick	01621 816830

Administrator 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

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 MAY

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

Fri 5th

7.30pm **A vigil of prayer ahead of the Coronation of King Charles III**

Sun 7th Coronation of King Charles III – celebration weekend

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.30 am **Celebration Service for the Coronation of King Charles III**

followed by Holy Communion in the Chancel / refreshments in the hall.

12.30pm **Coronation BIG (Bring / Share) Community Lunch** in hall

Sun 14th Sixth Sunday of Easter

8.00am Holy Communion

10.30 am Sung Holy Communion

12.00 noon Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Thurs 18th Ascension Day

7.30pm BCP Evening Prayer

Sun 21st Rogation Sunday Celebrations

9.00am BCP Holy Communion at **St Nicholas' Little Braxted**

10.30 am Rogation Holy Communion Sunday Service at old St Peter's Wickham Bishops down by the old railway track – followed by a bring your own picnic. Walkers gather at St Bartholomew's at 10.00am to walk down to St. Peter's.

WED 24th May Service of Holy Communion in St Bartholomew's Church Hall 10.00 am

Sun 28th Feast of Pentecost

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

10.30 am Sung Holy Communion

Nomination forms for membership of the Parochial Church Council and the Churchwarden roles are now available. Please speak to Geraldine (PCC Sec) or Rev. Hilary if you would like more info. The Annual Meeting is on Sunday 14th May.

Great Braxted Annual Village Litter Pick

On a cold, windy and wet Saturday in March (18th), kind village volunteers gave up a few hours to help keep our village beautiful and litter free.

Over 10+ large black sacks full of everything you can imagine was picked up from old helium balloons to paint cans and gin bottles to crisp packets.

Once finished volunteers were thanked with tea/coffee and donuts.

The Great Braxted Parish Council sincerely thanks all those who attended.



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
	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

National Mills Weekend



Beeleigh Mill, Maldon

Open Days on Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th May 11am-4pm



Photograph by Paula Wiseman

A hidden gem nestling by the Chelmer and Blackwater Navigation, Langford, Maldon

A rare opportunity to visit this historic mill - part of our industrial heritage

Free guided tours by the enthusiastic and knowledgeable members of the Beeleigh Mill Restoration Group

Beeleigh Mill is a unique steam powered mill under restoration. Until 1875 it was part of one of the largest flour mills in Essex. A fire destroyed the 5 storey water-driven mill leaving the steam mill almost entirely intact.



Photographs by BMRG

See :

- the rare elephant boiler
- the original milling machinery
- one of only 3 surviving Wentworth Beam Engines

Find out about :

- the Mill's history
- its connection to the Chelmer and Blackwater Navigation
- and the Mill's wartime secret



For Directions to the Mill visit www.beeleighmill.org.uk or follow signs from the Museum of Power, Langford (Parking available at M of P, limited parking by Beeleigh Falls)

www.nationalmillsweekend.co.uk

Celebrating our villages

Many villagers enjoy taking photos of the Braxteds while out and about and we certainly have some picturesque moments to capture!

If you would like a photo featured in the Bulletin please do email it in to braxtedbulletin@yahoo.com



The above was taken by Edward Miles on a particularly changeable afternoon at the park, and the resulting rainbow speaks for itself!

Just for fun!

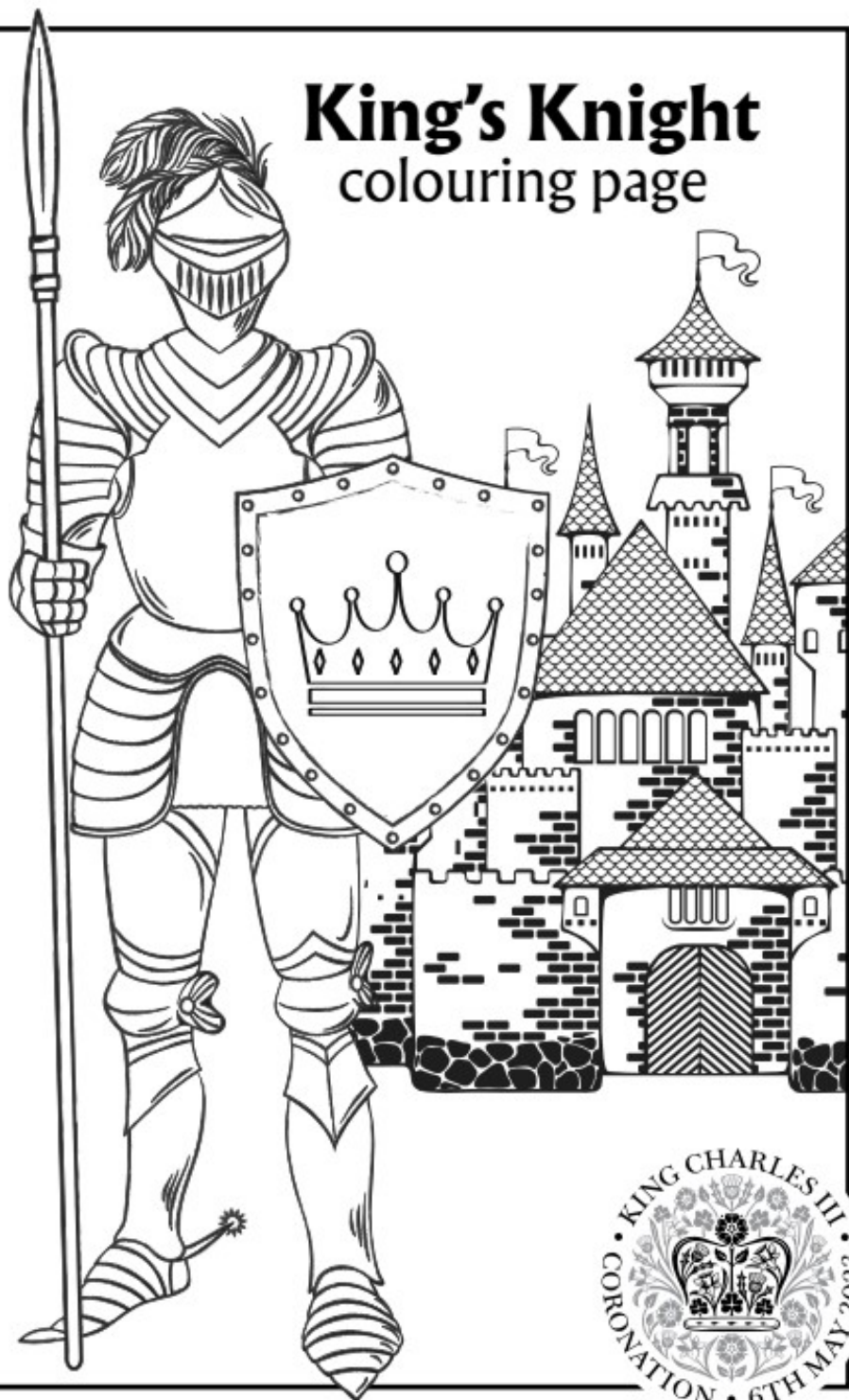


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The King



King's Knight

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King Charles

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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 355947 or visit: essexcommunityfoundation.org.uk




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