

VILLAGE INFORMATION

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Next Parish council meetings

Great

Braxtedd Gt Braxted PC next meeting Thursday 14th January 2021

Email: greatbraxtedpc@gmail.com

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 DECEMBER

And so we come to December, which is traditionally a time when everything picks up pace – at least for the first 24 days of the month!

So here is part of a Christina Rossetti poem for you.

"In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter, long ago."

In regard to the subject of the CoronaVirus and isolation, the governments lockdown announced on the 23rd March, means that this edition of The Bulletin, will only be distributed via email and the Braxteds Facebook groups.

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

WELCOME TO BRAXTED

Congratulations to Denny and Robert of 3 Village Farm Cottages on the safe arrival of their Daughter Isabelle. Mother and baby are doing well

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

BRAXTED RESIDENTS 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 Aldi.

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

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ST NICHOLAS, CHURCH LITTLE BRAXTED



In the Ecclesiastical Parish of Wickham Bishops with Little Braxted

St Nicholas'

To mark the resumption of Public Worship and to celebrate St Nicholas' Day there will be a **9.00am** Patronal Festival Eucharist on the 6th December. Please **Book your Pew** with Elsie. **The 9.00am Service on the third Sunday each month** continues using the Book of Common Prayer (1662). We can only accommodate a maximum of 18 worshippers and so, ask that you '**book a pew**' with Elsie, text or call on 07960558587.

St Bartholomew's

The weekly 10.30am Sunday service will be in St. Bartholomew's Church Hall while redecoration takes place until 13th Dec. Numbers will be limited, taking into account social distancing. The first part will be streamed on Face Book Live. All Services **Bookable** please text 07910 109396. **Wednesday Communion Service** continues in the Hall; and Friday Zoom Prayer meetings on-line. **For Pew Sheet** and Orders of Service Log in to <https://www.churchinwickhambishops.org.uk>

December

SUNDAY 6

Advent 2

9.00am **St. Nicholas' Patronal Eucharist – Book a Pew** as above

10.30am Service of Holy Communion in St Bartholomew's Church Hall & on FB Live.

4.00pm **Christingle** on FB Live – make your Christingle ready in advance for this short child friendly service.

MONDAY 7

9.00am Monthly Parish Prayers in St Bartholomew's Church Hall

SUNDAY 13

Advent 3 – Back in St Bartholomew's Church

10.30 am Service of Holy Communion in St Bartholomew's Church and on FB Live.

SUNDAY 20

Advent 4

9.00 am Service of Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) in St Nicholas'. Phone 07960558587 to book a Pew. (Limited to 18)

10.30 am Sunday Praise Service in St Bartholomew's Church Hall **Book a Place**

6.30 pm **A Quiet Christmas** at St. Bartholomew's. *This Quiet Christmas service offers a space where people can find some calm and care in the midst of it all. Musical accompaniment*

THURSDAY 24

CHRISTMAS EVE

5.00pm **Crib and Nativity Service on FB Live only** followed by joining in the **Christmas Eve Jingle** at 6.00pm – making a joyful, celebratory sound as we cheer and jingle bells from our doorsteps.

11.30 pm **Midnight Mass** Reflective services of Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's Church (with music and on FB Live.) and a candlelit St Nicholas' Church.

FRIDAY 25

CHRISTMAS DAY

10.30 am

A Celebration of Christmas at St Bartholomew's Church and on FB Live.

SUNDAY 27

Christmas 1 – Feast of St John

10.30 am

Service of Holy Communion in St Bartholomew's Church

Priest-in-charge - Rev Hilary Le Sève 01621 892867 Churchwardens - **Barry Cousins**

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Christmas

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**ALL SAINTS' GREAT BRAXTED
CHURCH NEWS DECEMBER 2020
Christmas begins with "CHRIST"**

We are pleased that churches have been able to reopen again but with guidelines. We provide hand sanitization and social distancing, face coverings or masks are needed. We also take note of names and contact details for test and trace but do not keep this information or use it for anything else. Such details will be disposed of after 21 days. Also, at present there is no singing of hymns but we can have music by the organ or recorded on CD or iPod.

We can now have weddings but with numbers limited to a maximum of 15.

It will be very different this Christmas and it will be necessary to book places at the popular services on 24th and 25th December. Please contact Christine by phone or email thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com to book for Christmas Eve or Christmas Day and for the link to Zoom services.

Services this month are as follows:

- Sunday 6th December Family Service at 11.15am
- Sunday 6th December CHRISTINGLE via Zoom At 4.30 pm
- Saturday 12th December WEDDING at 1.30 pm
- Sunday 13th December Parish Communion at 11.15am
- Sunday 20th December Matins at 11.15am
- Sunday 20th December CAROL SERVICE via Zoom at 6 pm
- Monday 21st December WEDDING at 12 noon
- Tuesday 22nd December WEDDING at 12 noon
- Thursday 24th December CHRISTMAS EVE Carol Service via Zoom at 4 pm
- Thursday 24th December CHRISTMAS EVE Communion at 10pm
- Friday 25th December Family Communion at 11.15 am

NO SERVICE ON Sunday 27th December

Contacts: Rector	Revd. Anne-Marie Renshaw	01621 815260
Churchwardens	Mike Puttick	01621 816830
	Ken Hornett	01621 891424
Admin Assistant	Christine Hall [office hours]	01621 819557

Remembrance Sunday at the memorial

On remembrance Sunday. Quite a lot of people came to pay their respects, all standing 2mtrs apart. Ken Hornett laid a wreath on behalf of Great Braxted and Kit Speakman laid one for Little Braxted.. There was also a wreath from the British Legion.



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Remembrance Day 2020



Each year group bubble held their own remembrance assembly and observed two minutes silence to remember those who have fought and died at war.



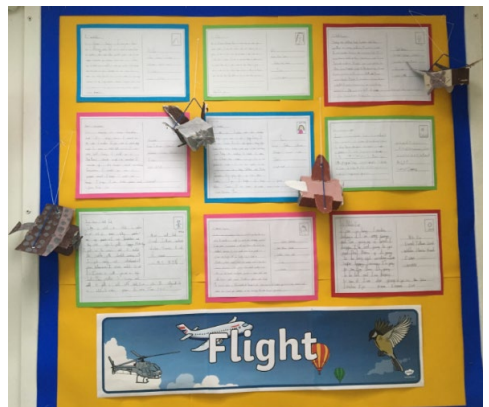
New Intake September 2021

We are sad not to be able to offer face to face tours of the school this year. If your child is due to start school in September, please view our video and look for details of how to book a telephone call on the 'New Intake' page of the website.

Wonderful Work

The autumn term topics are well underway and the school is filling up with the children's amazing work.

Year 2 have been practising their weaving skills and enjoyed making their own planes after studying The Wright Brothers.



Year 5 – All our watercolour artwork has been placed on a display wall just outside our classrooms so people walking past have an opportunity to admire it. We have been using watercolour pencils over the past few weeks, and we've been working on our skills and techniques which have been improving by the minute! It took us three lessons to perfect our artwork before it was ready to go up on display. We have been really excited for people to see our art as we worked really hard on it. Our deputy head teacher come up and complimented us on it, and so have all the teachers and pupils! We are really proud of our final pieces and were inspired by everyone's work. We hope you are too!

Written by Lilia and Annabelle, Year 5

Observational drawing: In Year 6, the children have learnt how to use geometric shapes to help them sketch and learn more about how to add shading and texture to their work.



Wall Art

We are constantly investing in the site to create an exciting and stimulating environment for our children. Over the October half term, we had three amazing pieces of wall art installed around the school – the scene from the Red Sea is a favourite of many of the children (and staff)!



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December News from your local district councillor

As you may be aware for the first time in its history the council is now being run by the independent group. The independent group's councillors now represent all areas of the district, from the furthest north of the district in Great Braxted, through to the banks of the Crouch in Burnham. I along with the other independent councillors will continue to work hard for your needs. My focus will continue to meet the needs of the residents of the Totham ward

We need to ensure that we keep on delivering for the community in these very challenging times. The Covid-19 crisis has put financial strain on the resources of the council and this will mean we have to make careful monetary decisions. We need to ensure that we focus on delivering the key services and at the same time, clear about the future strategy for the council.

In this very difficult year, a battle against an invisible enemy has been fought. In a war it can bring out the best and worst in people. In this particular battle, it is something that we as members of our community can demonstrate that it has brought out the best in us. We can be proud of our villages and the way we have supported each other.

I would like to thank everyone who has supported and aided their fellow residents, during these troubling times.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and that you will be able to have time with your family and those that you love. I hope that 2021 will be a very good year for us all and that we will be able to resume some form of normality.

Please contact me at any time either by email or telephone 01621 890809

cllr.richard.siddall@maldon.gov.uk

Stay safe and well

Merry Christmas

Richard

Essex Highways, Parish information: Emergency Road closure - Little Braxted Bridge, Little Braxted Lane

Please be aware an emergency road closure has been implemented on Little Braxted Lane at Little Braxted Bridge (No. 416) following reports that the newly-repaired parapet has been demolished by passing vehicles. Temporary safety barriers have been put in place however the bridge, which is located near the A12 and passes over the River Blackwater, is currently unsafe for use by vehicles. Access will be permitted only for pedestrians and cyclists.

The bridge is expected to remain fully closed for a minimum of 5 weeks from 17th November due to the current high water levels which need to reduce to allow access, and due to the minimum timescales relating to the supply of any materials that would be needed to carry out repairs.

In the meantime a diversion is in place. Details will be reflected on [one.network](#) in due course.

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NB. The above announced work will undoubtedly see increased traffic through Great Braxted for the duration of the scheduled work. So please be extra careful when out walking.



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Dear Great Braxted Villagers



The Great Braxted Parish Council has purchased some 30mph self-adhesive vinyl warning signs, which would have been distributed to specific households by now, and we hope you will stick these on your black / green / food / glass waste wheelie bin(s). (x3 per household)

The GBPC is acutely aware of the occasional visitor exceeding the speed limit in our parts of the village that are restricted to 30mph, and as there are more children, pensioners, cyclists and walkers in general using the road and playground in the village than there has been for some years, we are keen to find solutions wherever we can, and these wheelie bin stickers are a small first step to making drivers more aware.

We appreciate that wheelie bins go out on a rotational basis however we feel the stickers are a great visual reminder to motorists to drive safely.

It is believed that temporary signs of this nature have a great effect of disseminating the message of sticking to the speed limit along our village roads.

The stickers are screen printed onto high grade self-adhesive vinyl using UV stable inks.

We hope you will be on-board with this initiative and the GBPC will continue to push through more initiatives to improve our villager's safety on village roads, as a paramount objective.

Sincere thanks

Great Braxted Parish Council

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VILLAGE ACTIVITIES IN BRAXTED PAVILION & GROUNDS

Lettings Officer & Key Holder: Yvonne Hunter 892034

NOTE: Several of the below regular activities have been suspended including, The Bridge Group, The Art Club and Parish Council meetings, all separately decided to close for the time being. This is in line with government recommendations. There may be others that hold activities within the pavilion building, so please check with organisers before attending.

The pavilion itself will be subject to daily checks to ensure it is OK and things such as maintenance, cleaning, decorating and the like will continue, as these do not involve "gatherings" of more than a very few people

Monday	U3A Bridge Group 09.30 am, - 12.30 pm (Ken Hornett 891424) Metafit [keep fit] 6:30pm – 9pm. <i>Lisa Brand 01621 893720</i>
Wednesday	Pilates Class 4:30pm - 5:30pm. <i>Maureen Barnes 07718741362</i>
Thurs& Sat	Dog Club Thursday 09:30am-1:30pm, 1 st Saturday of the month (Excl Jan), from 10am. <i>Diane Sawford 01621 893664</i>
Thursday	Braxted Art Club. <i>David Joyce 01621 891241</i>
Saturday	Braxted Bombers Keep Fit (outdoors when weather good) 8.30am -9.30am. Terry Martin 07976617534
Misc	Parish Council and Pavilion Committee Meetings (details in Bulletin) Home school intermittently some weekday Wednesday's

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