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Wednesday 14.00 - 18.00

Saturday 09.00 – 13.00

## Next Parish Councils

**Great Braxted** The next meeting of the Gt Braxted PC Thursday 9th January 2019, 8:00pm – in the Pavilion  
Email: [greatbraxtedpc@gmail.com](mailto:greatbraxtedpc@gmail.com)  
Website: <http://greatbraxted.com/>

**Little Braxted** All are held at the Braxted Bakery, and start at 7.00 p.m.

The next dates are: To be confirmed

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



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## HAPPY NEW YEAR

Wishing you a new year rich with the blessings of love, joy, warmth, and laughter.  
Wishing you good health, happiness, and success in the coming year.

## WELCOME TO BRAXTED

Welcome to Audrey and Leslie Turner, who have recently moved from Canvey Island to Great Braxted.

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

## MONTHLY COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING \*free Tea & cake

Held the first Tuesday of every month, from 10am to noon at the Braxted bakery. Lots of information booklets available covering avoiding scams, safety advice, health etc When possible the local police attend and it is a great chance to meet other people from the villages. \*Tea & cake for Braxted residents.

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## READERS LETTERS TRIAL

It has been suggested to me that I should trial a readers letters section, to allow any local issues to be brought to every readers attention via this publication, so if you would like your voice to be heard away from Facebook, please forward me a brief letter, this can remain anonymous to readers, and sent to my email address [Lee.kane01@hotmail.com](mailto:Lee.kane01@hotmail.com)

## Polite Notice to Great Braxted Pavilion Users:

There have been a couple of instances in the past month, where dogs have escaped their owners and fled through the Pavilion car park main gate, resulting in potential near misses with passing traffic. So it would be appreciated if class and club organisers, could at the beginning and end of classes or clubs, ensure that the car park gate is closed, after the last expected attendee arrives and again after the last attendee leaves, thanks in advance for your understanding and consideration.

**RIP Janet Gilbert.** Sadly, Janet, who previously lived at Threadgolds Farm before moving to Wickham Bishops, died last week following a long illness. A lot of people from both the Braxteds will know Janet from her service on the committees for many of our fetes over the years; organising the WB parish magazine and running the Village Emporium magazine, plus much else in the community. Over 200 people attended her very moving funeral service at St Bartholomew’s Church in Wickham Bishops on Wednesday 18 December.

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# ST NICHOLAS, LITTLE BRAXTED

(In the Ecclesiastical Parish of Wickham Bishops with Little Braxted)

After running for four years the mid-week Carol Service continues to grow and we welcomed all who filled the church on the run-up to Christmas and particularly a big thankyou to Kit and Trudi for their hospitality.

A New Year dawns and we wish you all a happy one with the fulfilment of your hopes and dreams. We've celebrated the birth of the Christ-child and eagerly await the end of the journey of the Wise Men as we 'Follow the Star' with them up to twelfth night.

Down at St Nicholas' we continue preparations to celebrate the 900th anniversary of the founding of this beautiful little church in the Essex countryside [see separate update]. It is a church of renown, a treasure in this small parish of Little Braxted. The 9.00am Parish Eucharist on the 3rd Sunday of the month at St Nicholas' will be every month this year except for 12th April, Easter Sunday(2nd Sunday) and 27th September Celebration Eucharist with the Bishop, (4th Sunday). All are of course very welcome at these and at any of the services listed below:

## AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S, Wickham Bishops

St Nicholas' and St Mary's Chapel and other venues where shown

SUNDAY 5th	<b>Epiphany</b>
8.00 am	Holy Communion
10.30 am	Parish Eucharist
WEDNESDAY 8th	
10.15 am	Holy Communion
SUNDAY 12th	<b>Baptism of Christ</b>
8.00 am	Holy Communion
10.30 am	Parish Eucharist with Confirmation
WEDNESDAY 15th	
10.15 am	Holy Communion
SUNDAY 19th	<b>Epiphany 2 during Week of Christian Unity</b>
9.00 am	Parish Eucharist at St Nicholas
10.30 am	Morning Praise with Beacon Hill Churches Together
WEDNESDAY 22nd	
10.15 am	Holy Communion
SUNDAY 26th	<b>Epiphany 3</b>
8.00 am	Holy Communion (1662)
10.30 am	Parish Eucharist
WEDNESDAY 29th	
10.15 am	Holy Communion

<b>Contacts:</b>	Priest-in-Charge	Rev Hilary le Sève	01621 892867
Churchwardens		Barry Cousins	01621 891355
		Graham Wingrove	01621 891844

# Celebrating the 900th Anniversary of the founding of St Nicholas', Little Braxted

## 1120 — 2020

### MONTHLY UP-DATE –January

- ◆ Current discussions are taking place which will result in a film archive of the church and community and the year-long celebrations.
- ◆ The celebration signs will be erected on 6th January...
- ◆ The start of Celebrations and the first opportunity to join in will be at the 9.00am Parish Eucharist on 19th January , with a special guest The Ven. Archdeacon Ruth.....followed by breakfast, well, at least coffee/tea and bacon butties, a film and photo-shoot. Please register your interest on the form at the back of St Bartholomew's or let Elsie Rees know that you are coming at [donald.rees@btconnect.com](mailto:donald.rees@btconnect.com) or tel. 01621 893655
- ◆ The 9.00am Eucharist will take place on the 3rd Sunday of every month through the year except April and September.
- ◆ The date of the lunchtime concert 'Musical Meal Deal' has been changed to 20th March at 12.30pm for an alfresco lunch followed by an hour of light music. Watch this space for further details of tickets etc.
- ◆ Good Friday Service 'The last Hour at the Cross' will be at 2.00pm and the Easter Sunday Eucharist will be on 12th April at 9.00am.
- ◆ The Choral Evensong has been scheduled for 28th June at 4.00pm
- ◆ There will be an Open Day on Saturday 12th September coinciding with 'Ride and Stride'.
- ◆ Thursday 17th September at 7.30pm there will be the Talk on Rev Ernest Geldart by Dr James Bettley JP DL FSA. Tickets £8.00 to include a glass of wine. Apply [revhiliary@btinternet.com](mailto:revhiliary@btinternet.com)
- ◆ At 10.30 on 27th September we hold the Celebration Eucharist with Bishop Stephen [unless he has already taken up his new post as Archbishop of York – again watch this space]
- ◆ ....more next time [stnicholas@churchinwickhambishops.org.uk](mailto:stnicholas@churchinwickhambishops.org.uk)



**ALL SAINTS GREAT BRAXTED  
CHURCH NEWS  
JANUARY 2020**

A very happy, healthy and peaceful New Year to everyone!

A time for resolutions – and getting rid of the recently acquired couple of pounds of weight. Maybe use the outdoor gym equipment in the park?

Schools will be back and believe it or not the days will be getting longer.

At the Christingle service in December over £100 was collected for the charity The Children's Society . Thank you.

In church Christmas is not quite over as on Sunday 5th January it is EPIPHANY which marks the time when the three Wise Men or Magi or Kings come to see the baby Jesus and give him gold, frankincense and myrrh (which is why we give presents at Christmas)

The church services at All Saints for the coming month are as follows:-

SUNDAY	5th January	Family Service at 11.15 am
		Followed by a Baptism at 12.45 pm
SUNDAY	12th January	Communion at 11.15 am
SUNDAY	19th January	MATINS (Morning Service) at 11.15 am
SUNDAY	26th January	Communion at 11.15 am
SUNDAY	2nd February	Family Service at 11.15 am

**Contacts:**

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Churchwardens	Mike Puttick	01621 816830
	Toni Curson	01621 819149
Admin Assistant	Christine Hall [office hours]	01621 819557

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## Message from the District Councillor

Having gone to my first Parish council meeting in Great Braxted, it was very good to meet the councillors and residents.

I had very disappointing feedback about Tiptree Road from Essex County Council. They decided that the condition of the road did not require immediate repair. I was very surprised to get this information and I will continue to monitor the road over the winter and raise concerns if the road deteriorates further. If you notice serious concerns, please let me know.

Along with the Parish council, we have completed highway request schemes for Maldon Road and the dangerous congested junction at the end of Braxted Park Road. I will ensure that we keep pressure on Highways to get the road improvements the areas need.

The date for the next district council surgery 18th January at 11am in The Swan, Little Totham.

Kind regards

Councillor Richard Siddall

## Yomelelani Bridge Day

The Bridge Day held in St Bartholomew's church hall was much enjoyed by the 48 participants who attended on the 26th November. Organised by Richard Shail and Barbara, the event involved a welcome coffee, bridge in the morning, a light lunch with a glass of wine and another session of bridge in the afternoon. Thanks are due to all who attended and to those who donated prizes for the raffle and the quiches & wine for the lunch. At the end of the day the event raised £1687 for Yomelelani Trust, a wonderful contribution to the running costs of a pre-school in a South African township providing hope and support to 150 deprived but delightful children.

Bryan Littlewood

(Trustee)

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**School News**

**Year 3 Visit to St Peter's Church**

On Thursday 28th November, Year 3 had their school trip to St Peter's Church. All of Year 3 were very excited. I was wondering, 'Had anyone in Year 3 really been to a church before?' It sounded like fun!

On the way there and back, we got very tired because we had nearly walked 2 miles. What a long journey that was! We walked across roads, past cars etc... We went to the church because in R.E. we had been learning about a church's features.

We went into the church and quickly admired it. How amazing a church actually is! We got a sheet and identified its features. It was such fun and thank you to Isobel, Vicky and everyone else who gave up their time for such an amazing trip.

*Written by Isla, Year 3.*

**Dates for the Diary**

Saturday 16th May 2020 – Sponsored Walk (10am start)

Saturday 13th June 2020 – Summer Ball

Friday 10th July 2020 – Summer Fete (5-8pm)

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### Junctions 18 to 25

### What's happening when?

<b>Junctions 18 to 23</b>	Eastbound carriageway	25 November 2019 to 16 January 2020  Note: No work will take place between 20 December and 5 January
<b>Junctions 18 to 22</b>	Westbound carriageway	17 January 2020 to 19 February 2020
<b>Junctions 23 to 25</b>	Eastbound carriageway	9 March to 24 March 2020
<b>Junctions 24 to 25</b>	Westbound carriageway	18 March to 31 March 2020
<b>Junctions 24 to 22</b>	Westbound carriageway	25 March to 21 April 2020
<b>Side roads and junctions</b>		27 January to 13 March 2020

Please note: these dates may be subject to change.

Further surveys are also likely during 2020 and 2021. Information and dates will be available at [www.highwaysengland.co.uk/A12](http://www.highwaysengland.co.uk/A12).



**Infrastructure first**

**No to West Tey, Monks Wood , Kings Dene  
The Second Inspector's Consultation in January 2010**

In only a few weeks, just after Christmas, the planning inspector, Mr Clews, will be examining the north Essex 'garden communities' plan.

Members of the public are welcome to attend. Sessions will be held at Colchester Stadium, CO4 5UP and are listed here:

**Matter 1** Habitats Regulations Assessment 14 Jan 9.30am

**Matter 2** Employment 14 Jan 1.30pm

**Matter 3** Housing need 14 Jan 3.45

**Matter 4** Build Out Rates 15 Jan 9.30am

**Matter 5** Delivery Mechanisms & State Aid 15 Jan 1.30pm

**Matter 6** Transport & Infrastructure 16 Jan 09.30 AM

**Matter 7** Viability – Technical seminar 21 Jan 9.30am ; Viability 22 Jan 9.30am

**Matter 8** – Sustainability Appraisal 23 Jan 9.30am

**Matter 9** – Suggested amendments to the Section 1 Plan 30 Jan 9.30am

CAUSE has submitted a set of hearing statements, which you can read on the following website, here: <http://www.cause4livingessex.com/about-cause/cause-papers-and-evidence/>

Also lined up are a team of experts to offer support, and CAUSE will have a seat at the table for all but one of the sessions (Matter 3, housing need).

The Inspector has already asked some in-depth questions of the authorities and it is known from his previous form that he will be forensic in his questioning on the day. The public are able to attend – so why not come and see how the Consultation works? Cause is very fortunate to have been invited to attend every session except one.

If you would like to know more go to website [www.cause4livingessex.com/about-cause/cause-papers-and-evidence](http://www.cause4livingessex.com/about-cause/cause-papers-and-evidence)

# St Nicholas Church, Little Braxted



**1120—2020**

**CELEBRATING**

**900 years of the founding  
of this wonderful gem in  
the heart of the  
Countryside**

St Nicholas is a small church with a rounded east end called an Apse built on a small mound at the bend of a narrow lane just south of the mill on the river Blackwater. It really is a wonderfully decorated hidden gem in the heart of the Essex countryside with an interior that belies the exterior. Its fame lies in the work of the Rev. Ernest Geldart, Rector from 1883—1900. Geldart was one of the most important church artists of the 19th century. He trained as an architect and took the opportunity to create a house of God which to his mind should be the most beautiful house in the village. There is no space on the inside walls that has not been decorated with designs and murals—there are statues gilded and stained glass in abundance, a low level rood screen. It is a treasure to behold. Geldart also extended the church with a north aisle and vestry.

The porch is of wood and stone built in the Tudor period.

As can be seen in the visitors book the fame of the church brings visitors from all over the country and even from as far afield as the USA, New Zealand and Australia.

The church lies south of the A12 on the east side of the river Blackwater about a mile east of Witham, in Little Braxted Lane, CM8 3EU.

It is normally open everyday but if closed there is a note that tells where the key can be borrowed.

Regular Services are held on the 3rd Sunday of each month as well as Good Friday, Easter Sunday, St Nicholas Day and a Candlelit Mid-night Mass on Christmas Eve.

Visitors should be aware that there are no facilities at the church. However we can recommend tea/coffee and lunch stops at Braxted Bakery just a half a mile further south along the lane on the left. Booking advisable for large parties. Phone 07740 117688

By arrangement 'Guided Tours' are especially accommodated for Clubs and Societies with a reasonable sized group. They take about 1½—2 hours. Any proceeds are allocated to the Fabric Fund which, as can be imagined take up a lot of attention particularly after each 'Quinquennial' [the Architect's five yearly inspection] — the last cost some £20K in stonework repairs.

Enquiries to [stnicholas@churchinwickhambishops.org.uk](mailto:stnicholas@churchinwickhambishops.org.uk)



## Traffic signal renewal starts 13 January: Newland Street / Collingwood Road / Maldon Road, Witham

We are planning to renew the traffic signal equipment at the junction of B1389 Newland Street with B1018 Collingwood Road and Maldon Road, Witham from 13 January 2020. These signals are nearing the end of their life expectancy and need to be replaced to improve reliability of the traffic signals and pedestrian crossings. Works are expected to take approximately four weeks to complete.

This is a busy town centre location and we have considered all traffic management options carefully to keep disruption to a minimum. Traffic management arrangements will be subject to change as the scheme progresses so we would encourage road users to observe signage and take additional care when travelling in the area.

Collingwood Road and Maldon Road will be fully closed at the junction with Newland Street for the works. This is needed to keep local traffic flowing. Local diversions will be in place however drivers are advised to allow additional travelling time. Newlands Drive car park will be accessible from Guithavon Street and via the diversion route from The Avenue.

During certain phases of the works restrictions will be required on Newland Street. This will include two-way traffic lights for the safety of the public and the workforce when work is needed in the carriageway. Traffic management will be lifted when it is safe to do so.

Temporary pedestrian crossing provisions will be made available during the works and access to all businesses and properties will be maintained.

Essex Highways website as a link to your parish website so that local residents and business have the latest information readily available. Full link: <https://www.essexhighways.org/highway-schemes/witham-traffic-light-renewal.aspx>

## VILLAGE ACTIVITIES IN BRAXTED PAVILION & GROUNDS

Lettings Officer & Key Holder: Yvonne Hunter 892034

**Monday**      **U3A Bridge Group** 09.30 am, - 12.30 pm (Ken Hornett 891424)

**Metafit [keep fit]** 6:30pm – 9pm. *Lisa Brand*  
*01621 893720*

**Tuesday**      **Whist Club**, 7pm every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month from October to April. *Roy Copsey*01621 892697

**Wednesday**      **Pilates Class** 4:30pm - 5:30pm. *Maureen Barnes*  
*07718741362*

**Thurs& Sat**      **Dog Club** Thursday 09:30am-1:30pm, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month (Excl Jan), from 10am. *Diane Sawford* 01621 893664

**Friday**      **Braxted Art Club** 12pm-5pm. *David Joyce*01621 891241

**Pop-Up Pub**, bring drinks & nibbles, all welcome, £1 a head, *every second Friday evening of the month from April-December*

**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

*The cost of the Pavilion is £25 or £10 for residents of Great and Little Braxted.*

