

Neighbourhood Coronavirus Support Network (NCSN)



We are working closely with, and taking referrals from:

- Maldon & District CVS
- Essex Welfare Service
- Farleigh Hospice
- Community Agents Essex

Please contact us on **07791 397160** if you or a self isolating/shielding family member could use some support. Our volunteers are waiting · If you want to volunteer with NCSN please complete this short registration form: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CHZXQ3T>

Over the last 10 weeks NCSN volunteers have done much to be proud of:

- shopped, collected and delivered food and medicines for those in isolation during Covid19
- made somebody's day with a caring and thoughtful phone call or doorstep call
- delivered a surprise gift on VE Day to lift the spirits
- Listened to those that needed an ear
- Reassured those who are finding this time anxious
- Taken book bundles to households that are missing the libraries

This week they provided the 374th instance of support to neighbours. Almost 100 times each in Wickham Bishops and Great Totham South, 35 times in the Braxteds and a whopping 149 times in Great Totham North & Little Totham - but each act of assistance as valuable as the next.

Unsurprisingly, food shopping continues to be the top request (188 times) closely followed by prescription related activity (114 times) but they have also helped with rarer tasks such as:

- putting out bins
- post office and banking activities
- collecting unwanted government food parcels for redistribution

VILLAGE INFORMATION

Clerks to the Parish Councils:

Great Braxted Sarah Gaeta Tel 07307 891134

Little Braxted Gordon Musset Tel 01376 520103

Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator:

Great and Little Braxted Mandy Chapman Email:

thebraxtedsneighbourhoodwatch@yahoo.com

Non-urgent contact for Police: 101 or 0300 333 4444

Non-urgent contact for medical concerns: 111

Water 0345 7820999, **Electricity** 0800 0294285

Responsibility for Essex Highways:

Essex County Council 0845 603 7631

Library Information:

Wickham Bishops Library

School Road, Wickham Bishops, Witham CM8 3NU Tel 0333 013 2706

~~Opening times~~ *Closed until further notice due to Government guidance on Covid-19*

(PINK /RECYCLING SACKS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM GREAT TOTHAM POST OFFICE)

Next Parish Councils

Great Braxted The next meeting of the Gt Braxted PC - 2nd July 8pm

Email: greatbraxtedpc@gmail.com

Website: <https://e-voice.org.uk/greatbraxtedparishcouncil/>

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

The next dates are: To be confirmed Email:

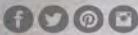
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WELCOME TO JUNE

This month is the Queens official birthday on the 13th June and Fathers day on the 21st June.

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, or would like a copy emailed to them, please let me know at lee.kane01@hotmail.com

I hope you and your family all remain well, during this worrying time.

WELCOME TO BRAXTED

Welcome to Michael & Shelby who recently moved to Great Braxted, we hope they will be happy here... 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/>

GREAT BRAXTED PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

<https://e-voice.org.uk/greatbraxtedparishcouncil/>

The above referenced website is updated by our parish clerk, and includes local information, including planned road closures, as well as news from Maldon District council including campaigns, news and bulletins.

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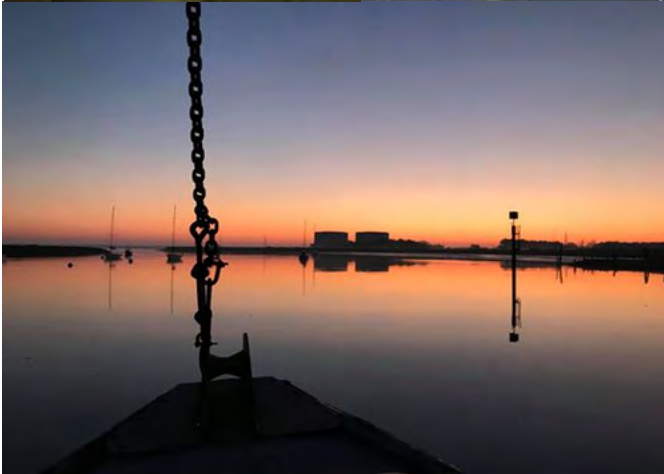
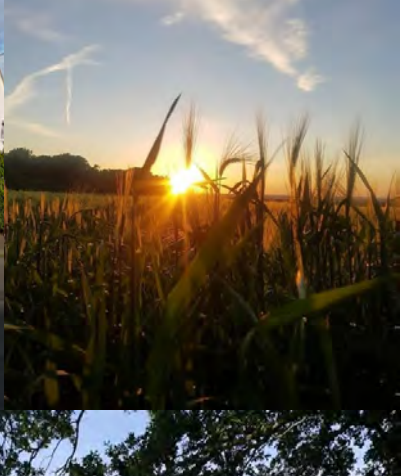
Cut off for next month's Bulletin – approx. 20th day of the previous month

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Village life in lockdown

The below pictures were taken during isolation & around VE Day celebrations



ST NICHOLAS, CHURCH LITTLE BRAXTED

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

Although some church guidance has been relaxed our weekly Sunday Service Live will continue to be streamed from the Rectory as the technology in St Bartholomew's is not quite up to scratch and we just couldn't contemplate streaming from St Nicholas! What we have noticed is that a considerable number of people 'attend' the Face Book Live Service on Sundays and although we can't wait to get back to holding services in the church buildings, it is giving us something to think about for the future. Watch this space!

The 'Zoom' prayer meetings on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays continue to be well 'attended' and give participants a chance to join in or, if they prefer simply to just 'attend'. If you want to join it is quite a simple process but you need to let me know so that I can add your email address to the invitation list.

The Sunday Service 'script' as well as the weekly Pew Sheet, double the usual size, with the Collect and Readings for the day and other information about other podcast or online services is available on our Website to read or download.

This continues to be a challenging time for all of us so may we assure you of our love and prayers; that we are thinking of you.

Rev. Hilary

'Our doors may be closed, but our hearts are open'

Sunday Service Orders of Service, prayers and sermons are posted on the parish website.

<https://www.churchinwickhambishops.org.uk/>

SUNDAY 7

Trinity Sunday

10.30 am

Sunday Service on FaceBook Live

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

4.00pm

Messy Church Coffee and Chat on Zoom

(please email revhilary@btinternet.com if you wish to be part of this)

SUNDAY 14

Trinity 1

10.30 am

Sunday Service on FaceBook Live

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

SUNDAY 21

Trinity 2

10.30 am

Sunday Service on FaceBook Live

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

SUNDAY 28

Trinity 3

10.30 am

Sunday Service on FaceBook Live

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

MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS and FRIDAYS

10.15 am

ZoomPrayers

(please email revhilary@btinternet.com if you wish to be part of this)

Prayers for use during the Coronavirus outbreak. Please find in the booklet on our website

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ALL SAINT'S GREAT BRAXTED CHURCH NEWS JUNE 2020

At the time of drafting this note, churches remain closed and events such as weddings and baptisms cannot take place. Funerals can be held but not with a service inside the church and with limits on attendees. Thankfully we have not had a funeral in Great Braxted. It is possible that some churches may open in early July but social distancing and sanitization will be necessary.

It is planned to have a service of Morning Prayer at 10.15am on Thursdays via Zoom if the trial on 14th May goes well.

Please check the website for up to date details. It is a fast moving situation and changes are likely to happen soon.

The Bishop of Chelmsford is on "gardening leave" prior to taking up his new position as Archbishop of York as soon as he can.. The church will need to appoint a new Bishop of Chelmsford the and work has now started

The pandemic and the restrictions mean that churches income is severely reduced as there are no collections nor fees and fund raising events cannot take place. The Big Band concert planned for June is cancelled; there will be no fete and quiz this year and the golf day in September is at risk.

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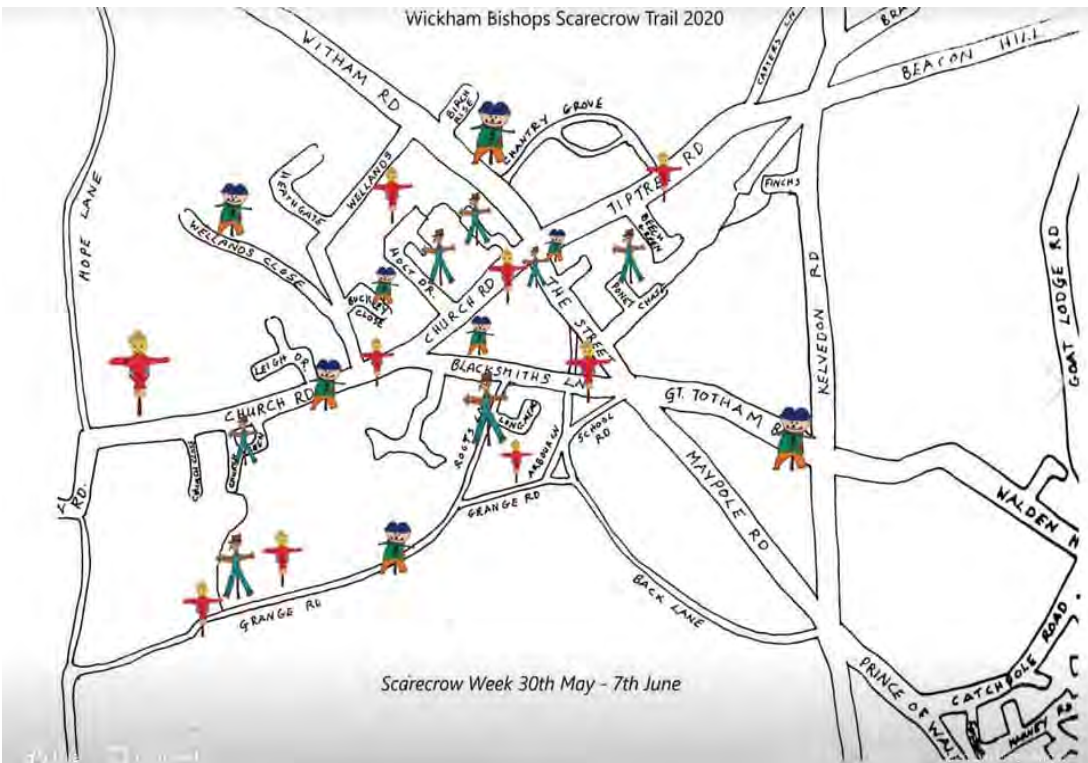
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Wickham Bishops Scarecrow Trail 2020 article courtesy of Ali Aldis

If you fancy a walk, below shows where to find the Wickham Bishops scarecrows.

There are a few posted and some people have gone to such a lot of effort so worth a wander out.

Please share some pics on Braxteds Facebook groups for those that are shielding, if you do go.



Message from District Councillor

It has been fantastic to see the community response to the Covid-19 and the support we have given to each other. We are lucky to live in a wonderful rural community and have the support of good neighbours. Maldon District council has worked hard with different community and volunteer groups to provide support and information to residents. If you are in need please make use of the support network.

The council has been working hard to support residents and businesses during this unprecedented time. If you run a business in the Maldon District, and haven't applied for a loan or support, please ensure you go to the council website, to complete the very simple application form.

Covid-19 has now created further pressure on resources, and we will have to ensure that the council, manages this effectively. The council has to meet the needs of residents and businesses and at the same time manage its resources. Its priority should be providing an effective and efficient service.

Currently the council is starting to hold meetings virtually and however it is still under emergency measure. I am trying to ensure that the council remains democratic and accountable to the electorate. I will be pushing for the council to get back to a normal way of working, that is safe, and also ensures we meet the needs of the district.

kind regards

Councillor Richard Siddall

www.facebook.com/tothammatters/

Fake TAX rebate Email

warning, there are reports of a scam email purporting to be from the government saying that they are giving a tax rebate of £500+ to help cope with covid19. As if! It comes from Gov.uk Team and is signed Government Gateway but it is a fake.

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School News

We have continued to open our doors for the children of critical workers with teachers planning a range of activities based on a theme each week. The children (and teachers) have enjoyed lessons and activities based on: the circus, pond, explorers and mini-beasts

VE Day

The school was decorated to mark the anniversary of VE Day. Amongst other activities, the children flew Spitfires and measured how far they could fly and also painted rocks to commemorate this special day.



Home Learning

Teachers are also working from home ensuring that there are a range of learning tasks and activities available for children to complete from home.

Teddy in Year 4 worked hard to create this wonderful seascape, when completing an activity on an 'exploring the oceans' theme.

Wickham Bishops Scarecrow Week 2020 (30th May - 7th June)

We are delighted that 3 winning posters for the first ever Wickham Bishops Scarecrow Week were picked from the many wonderful entries produced by our children.



The chosen eye-catching creations were designed by Esme (Y5), Riley (Y4) and Ethan (YR). Congratulations and well done!

Please visit the Facebook page 'Wickham Bishops Scarecrow Week 2020' for more details on the event, it is still going ahead but the committee have made a few changes in light of the Covid19 situation.

Rainbows for Aesthetics in Maldon

We were delighted to be asked by a former parent at our school, Jo McCulloch, to create some artwork to brighten up a window of her hair salon, Aesthetics in Maldon.

Thank you to the children who are still attending school for creating these colourful rainbows showing support for all critical workers, especially those in the NHS.



M&S Seeds

A big thank you also to M&S for providing the school with seeds to plant and grow. The children enjoyed sowing the seeds and will be carefully looking after the plants. Hopefully, we will soon see excellent results from our green-fingered pupils!

A circular walk of 2 halves for both Braxted villages

I have recently been inspired by the below pictures of the bell at Scripps Chase, and other villagers to create a brief guide to a circular walk, that takes in the beautiful countryside that we are surrounded by.



Have some fun. Another lock-down experience to try out using the above contraption found at Scripps Chase to ring the bell for the NHS

The Walk in brief: I am deliberately starting at the top of Goat Lodge Lane at the junction with Beacon Hill, as it is easy to find, and dependent on which village you are in, you will use different routes to reach here. While you are here, take in the great view across Scripps farm and on a clear day the Blackwater in the distance, maybe even make use of the bench on Beacon Hill that overlooks the view.

When you are ready walk down Goat Lodge Lane, and use the first unmade road/bridleway you come to on your left, which is a public right of way.

Follow this path past the farm house, and you will find the above pictured bell ringing device just at the side of the path to your left. After that brief interlude, continue all the way to the bottom of the path, that will bring you onto the Colchester Rd, then if you are circling back to

1. Great Braxted, cross the road and proceed down Beckingham Rd, at the first fork in the road keep to the left proceeding up Totham Hill Green, until you reach the junction with Chapel Rd and Mill Rd, proceed up Mill Rd until you again reach Colchester Road and cross over into Braxted Lane following this to the top back into Great Braxted.
2. Little Braxted, cross the road and turn right, this will take you past The Bull Pub, of which there is a public footpath to the left of the pub that takes you back to Goat Lodge Lane, or continue on until you reach the Post Office, and cross over at the Zebra crossing and proceed up Walden House Road, and take the first turning on your right back into Goat Lodge Lane, proceeding to the top of the road back to the starting point of this walk. The longer walk would be No.1 and is approximately 4 miles.

Farleigh Hospice launches Walk for Life 2020

On Sunday 11th October the residents of mid Essex are being invited to dust off their walking boots and join Farleigh Hospice for the charity's annual Walk for Life 2020!

Walkers can choose between two scenic routes taking in the peaceful towpaths of the Chelmer and Blackwater Navigation: a leisurely 12km ramble from Paper Mill Lock, or a more challenging 24km from Heybridge Basin. Dogs are also welcome to join in the fun!

Dominique Brunning, Fundraising Manager for Farleigh Hospice said: "Walk for Life has been running for 27 years and its popularity has grown year on year. On the day you will enjoy a beautiful walk along the picturesque waters of mid Essex, crossing six bridges and passing 11 locks. It's a fantastic opportunity to enjoy the spring air, get fit and help raise money for your local hospice. All the money raised from this event will go towards helping people living with a life-limiting illness or bereavements, across mid-Essex, free of charge.

"Nature and wildlife is at the heart of this beautiful walk and that is why we have been working hard to make this event as eco-friendly as possible. From environmentally sourced promotional materials, wooden medals to no longer using plastic water bottles and encouraging our regular supporters to reuse their Walk for Life t-shirts. We want to protect the very environment that makes this event so special!"

There is a £20 registration fee for adults and £8 for under 18s (under 16's must be accompanied by an adult). All walkers will receive a t-shirt, walker number and a medal.

To register visit www.farleighhospice.org/walk or call Farleigh Hospice Events team on 01245 457354.

NOTE: *In regard to the events mentioned above and on the next few pages, due to the current situation in the UK, please refer to event organisers, before attending any event, to ensure that events are still going ahead!*



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Sadly fraudsters will look to take advantage of any situation. This means tricking people into parting with their money and information, including posing as government officials, bank or other financial services employees by text message, online or by knocking at doors.

While we have only received a handful of incidents, it's important that people be mindful before handing over money or personal details.

Some simple steps you can take are:

- Do not assume or believe a call, a knock on the door or a deal online is genuine.
- Take five minutes before taking action and trust your instinct. If it doesn't feel real or genuine, it probably isn't.
- Challenge any calls, visits or messages you may receive.
- Never click on links and never divulge personal information – the police and government departments will never ask you for these details.
- If you receive any fake gov.uk/coronavirus messages, please report these to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040.
- **Contact your bank immediately if you think you are a victim of a scam.**



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You can also call Crimestoppers anonymously on **0800 555 111** or report information to Action Fraud by visiting **www.actionfraud.police.uk**



No to North Essex Garden Communities

Time for Braintree Council to start asking residents what THEY want for the future of the district.

Both new towns proposed in Braintree District have been thrown out by a planning inspector. 24,000-home West Tey and 10,000-home 'West of Braintree' garden community were found unsound in a letter this week. The inspector said that a garden community East of Colchester could be made sound and advised either withdrawing the plan or dropping West Tey and West of Braintree. This is amazing news for residents who have lived in the shadow of the loss of 5,600 acres of countryside and car-dependent dormitory sprawl on an enormous scale.

Delays to Braintree's Local Plan have been a disaster for the district. Developers have had carte blanche to develop, under a government clause which allows development if there is no plan in place (or no five-year supply of housing land). Our money has been wasted, with around 8 million diverted to the garden communities project.

Now CAUSE (Campaign Against Urban Sprawl in Essex) believes it is time to do things differently. It urges Braintree Council to do three things:

1. Involve local people. Engage properly & listen to feedback;
2. Put the environment & sustainable travel at the heart of a new plan;
3. Plan for what we need. Revisit all assumptions about infrastructure and affordable housing.

Oh, and Stop wasting money on NEGC Ltd.

CAUSE would like to say a HUGE thank you to all of our supporters in all the local and neighbouring parishes

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 Whist Club, 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>
Tuesday	Whist Club , 7pm every 1 st & 3 rd Tuesday of the month from October to April. <i>Roy Copsey 01621 892697</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>
Friday	Braxted Art Club 12pm-5pm. <i>David Joyce 01621 891241</i> Pop-Up Pub , bring drinks & nibbles, all welcome, £1 a head, <i>every second Friday evening of the month from April-December</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

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

