

The Braxted Bulletin

MARCH 2022



VILLAGE INFORMATION

Clerks to the Parish Councils:

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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.essex.police.uk/.../af/how-to-report-a-crime/>

Non-urgent contact for medical concerns: 111

Water 0345 7820999, **Electricity** 0800 0294285

Responsibility for Essex Highways:
Essex County Council 0845 6037631

Library Information: Wickham Bishops Library (

Wickham Bishops Library Opening hours:

2pm - 5:30pm on Mondays and Wednesdays, 9am - 5pm Saturdays:

Contact 0345 6037628

The library is a collection point for Maldon District council recycling sacks and also free Lateral Flow test kits

Next Parish council meetings

Gt Braxted PC next meeting TBC. 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 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 MARCH

The front cover may seem to be a collection of random pictures this month, but in fact is a clue/reminder to some specific dates for your diary as follows, Thursday 17th March St Patrick's day, Mother's day Sunday 27th March and daylight saving time change Sunday 27th March, so your clocks should spring forward by 1 hour.

If you know anyone that does not access Facebook and would like a copy emailed to them, please let me know lee.kane01@hotmail.com

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

Great Braxted Trucam Patrols, speed camera checks

Please see below for statistic in regard to speed camera checks now taking place regularly in Great Braxted, as part of the Parish Council initiative in response to community concerns.

Parish/Town Council	Month	Total Number of Hours
Great Braxted	January	2
Number of Tru Cam Patrols	Hours Spent on Tru Cam	Number of Offenders
4	2	0

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 including campaigns, news and bulletins.

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

WELCOME TO BRAXTED

Welcome to Ian and Carol Gibson in Oak View House, Great Braxted. If you have new neighbors that you would like to add to this article next month, please let me know.

POPPY DAY

The amount raised in our area was a great £17,815.20 of which £77.85 was from Gt. Braxted village per the British Legion

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email:Maria.armstrong2@btinternet.com

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ALL SAINT'S GREAT BRAXTED CHURCH MARCH 2022

The government have relaxed the rules regarding precautions against COVID 19 and it seems that at last things are getting better.

THIS month it will be Shrove Tuesday [pancake day!] on the 1st March and Ash Wednesday on the 2nd. Special service at ALL SAINTS, GREAT BRAXTED at 8 pm. This will be for the benefice of our five churches

It is the start of LENT running up to Easter. What do you intend to give or give up? Chocolate is often a favourite.

Services this month are:

Wednesday 2nd March – Communion at 8 pm ASH WEDNESDAY

Sunday 6th March - Communion at 11.15 am

Sunday 13th March- Matins (or Morning service) at 11.15 am

Sunday 27th March– Communion at 11.15 am

Contacts: -

Rector	Revd. Anne-Marie Renshaw	01621 815260
Churchwardens	Mike Puttick	01621 816830
	Ken Homett	01621 891424
Admin. Assistant	Christine Hall [office hours]	07421078981
Website:	www.tk-tiptree-braxted-benefice.org.uk	



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(Monday to Friday from 8am – 7pm)

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St Nicholas' Church Little Braxted

In the Ecclesiastical Parish of Wickham Bishops with Little Braxted

Priest-in-charge Rev Hilary Le Sève 01621 892867
Churchwarden Graham Wingrove 01621 891844

Diary Date for all in the:

ECLESIASTICAL PARISH OF WICKHAM BISHOPS with LITTLE BRAXTED

The Annual meeting to elect Churchwardens for the ensuing year will take place at 12noon on Sunday 20th March in St Bartholomew's Church Hall. All on the Civil Electoral Registers for Wickham Bishops and Little Braxted plus those on the Parochial Church Electoral Roll are entitled to attend and vote.

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The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will follow the above meeting. Members on the Church Electoral Roll are invited to attend to elect new PCC members and hear a review of the previous year.

For further information, please contact our PCC Secretary,
Geraldine Spearman on 01621 893180 gspearmanpcc@gmail.com

IN AND FROM OUR PARISH: SERVICES FOR MARCH

At St Bartholomew's *except where shown...*

ASH WEDNESDAY 2ND

10.00am Holy Communion with Ashing

SUNDAY 6th 1st Sunday of Lent

8.00am Holy Communion

10.30 am Holy Communion

4.00pm Messy Church in St Bartholomew's Church Hall with pancakes.

SUNDAY 13th 2nd Sunday of Lent

8.00am Holy Communion

10.30 am Holy Communion with Junior Church

SUNDAY 20th 3rd Sunday of Lent

9.00 am Holy Communion at *St Nicholas'*.

10.30 am Sunday Praise followed by Annual Parochial Church Meeting

SUNDAY 27th Mothering Sunday

8.00am BCP Service of Holy Communion

10.30 am Holy Communion

WEDNESDAYS 10.00 am Holy Communion in St Bartholomew's Church *except the 16th March when we meet at St Mary's Chapel, Braxted Place.*

Lent, from Wednesday, March 2nd to Thursday, April 14, lasting for 40 days (not including Sundays) representing the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness.

We pray: *Holy God, our lives are laid open before you: rescue us from the chaos of sin and through the death of your Son bring us healing and make us whole in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

Friday Prayers continue on Zoom, now with a Lent theme 'Embracing justice'; should you wish to join us please contact Rev. Hilary or Barry on 891355 or stnicholas@churchinwickhambishops.org.uk



Autism Connections

A safe space for people who are autistic or relate to autism to chat online.

Sessions are every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 1pm, until March 2022.

If you would like to make connections with people in your community, then phone/text/email either:

Sarah Kaya on 07305 006 745
Amy Melton on 07458 300 900
amy.melton@cessex.org.uk



BEACON HILL SPORTS ASSOCIATION

Reg Charity No. 232995

An opportunity to support your local community.

The Beacon Hill Sports Association is a registered charity which was established almost 100 years ago to provide village hall amenities as well as sports and recreation facilities to the residents of Wickham Bishops, Great Totham, Great Braxted and Little Braxted.

BHSA is run by volunteers drawn from the local community, forming a Board of Trustees. Trustees have the satisfaction of knowing their input contributes to the success of the Charity and thereby supports the numerous groups and clubs which use the village hall and the sports facilities. These various activities are enjoyed by many residents of the four parishes.

An opportunity has arisen for new volunteers to join the Board of Trustees. The main Board of Trustees meets four times a year. Additionally, sub-committees oversee financial planning, building maintenance and fundraising; making a vital contribution to the work of the Board.

The Board is interested in recruiting new volunteers from a diverse range of backgrounds and age groups. If you feel you have the skills and experience which would strengthen our Board, along with a strong desire to contribute to the local community, we would be delighted to hear from you.

Please email Elizabeth Coeshall (Chair) to express your interest: ejcoeshall@aol.com
Replies by end of April 2022 please.

GREAT BRAXTED PAVILION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

HELP!!

The Pavilion Management Committee look after the Pavilion/Village Hall. It is used by a number of clubs and activities as well as Cricket and can be hired for private functions and parties.

As life gets back to normal after Covid we would like help with minor repairs and general maintenance so if you have the skills please come forward. We would also like a volunteer to join the committee which meets 4/5 times a year. A new face- new ideas.

Please contact Sarah Mann Secretary if you are interested.
Sarahm66@btinternet.com. 01621 892821.

POP-UP PUB at Gt Braxted Pavilion

Fri 25th March 6.30pm onwards

Children welcome, bring your own booze and nibbles, and remember a stranger can be a friend you haven't met yet. £1 entry that helps towards the cost of hall hire and electricity.

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**Maldon Carers Face
to Face Support
Group**

Venue: West Maldon Community
Centre, Sunbury Way, Maldon CM9
6YH

When: 1st Monday of each month
(Except Bank Holidays) 10:30am-12
noon

carersfirst.org.uk

0300 303 1555

Maldon District Councillor News

After 15 years the Splash Park at the Promenade Park needs updating as it has come to the end of its life. The council has decided to replace the surface and any infrastructure that needs updating. The cost of this update is £150k, however I believe this is money well spent as the splash park is one of the main attractions of the park.

The work will be completed by the summer. The intention is to annual set aside some of the revenue, so that we create a fund for when the splash park needs updating in 10 to 15 years time.

The council has also introduced a new policy on memorial benches. Currently there is a waiting list for memorial benches at the Promenade Park, The council has introduced a new scheme where a bench can display 3 plaques, enabling more families to have a remembrance for a loved one. This is on a 10 year basis, with loved ones having the option to have their plaques on a bench for longer.

The council is also looking at other options for memorials, which we will be updating residents about in the near future.

If at any time you have a query about any of the services from the council, please get in touch, or if you would like a complaint that needs escalating

Best wishes
Richard Siddall

Bus Network Reviews

As part of a Countywide review of the Essex bus network, we would like to get your views on how the local bus network could be improved.

An online public survey has been launched to get the view of bus users and non-users on the bus network and we would appreciate you publicising this information within your area. To make the information as relevant as possible, we are most interested in responses which relate to the districts in which the responder travels most often by bus or (if not) where the person travels most often within the county.

Please see the link below to the survey for this district.

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VILLAGE ACTIVITIES IN BRAXTED PAVILION & GROUNDS

Lettings Officer & Key Holder: Sarah Mann 892821 , email sarahm66@btinternet.com

NOTE: Several of the activities have been suspended recently due to the Covid19 pandemic but are now gradually coming back see below.

The pavilion itself is subject to regular checks for such things as maintenance, cleaning and decorating, etc.

Monday	Metafit [keep fit] - Lisa Brand 01621 893720 U3A Bridge Group 09.30 am, - 12.00 pm (Ken Hornett 01621 891424)
Tuesday	Pilates Class - Maureen Barnes 07718741362
Thurs& Sat	Braxted Barkers Dog Club Thursday 11:00am-1:30pm, First Saturday of the month (ex. Jan) 09.30 am. Diane Sawford 07840778042
Friday	Metafit [keep fit] - Lisa Brand 01621 893720 Braxted Art Club from midday. David Joyce 01621 891241 Pop-up Pub March 25th from 6:30pm , bring your own nibbles and drink, £1 entry, children welcome
Saturday	Braxted Bombers Keep fit (outdoors when weather good) 08.30 – 9.30am Summer Cricket matches May to September 1pm
Misc	Parish Council and Pavilion Committee Meetings (details of dates in Bulletin) Home school intermittently some Wednesday's

** Private hire available*

The cost of the Pavilion is £25 or £10 for residents of the Braxteds.

