

WELCOME TO NOVEMBER

And so we come to November, the first month of our winter, and one that is rich in customs and holidays. All Saints, All Souls, Guy Fawkes and the bonfires; these traditions and their rich associations with mortality are well suited to the shortening days and chill winds of the new season.

WELCOME TO 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.

Volunteers Wanted for Remembrance Sunday

We are in urgent need of volunteers to assist with the organisation of the Remembrance Day Service, to be held this year on Sunday 10th November. To comply with our Health & Safety obligations to those attending the Service we need to have a minimum of eight volunteers to assist with setting out road closure barriers, staffing them during the period of the Service, and opening the roads afterwards. Full training (but no pay other than the grateful thanks of your community) will be given.

If you are able to assist please contact the Little Braxted Parish Clerk (email: littlebraxtedpc@hotmail.com tel: 01376520103)

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MIKE OWERS R.I.P.

It is with great sadness that we have to report that Mike died peacefully at Colchester Hospital on Thursday 17th October. He was 82 years old. He had been ill for some time but bore it bravely. He had been a very keen sailor and had owned a number of different boats over the years.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Mary, Susie and the family and friends.

Mike and Mary have lived in Prospect House, Great Braxted for over 13 years having moved here from just up the road in Great Totham.

Mike's cremation will be on 5th November, 12.30 pm at Three Counties Crematorium, High Garrett, CM7 5PB

VILLAGE INFORMATION

Clerks to the Parish Councils:

Great Braxted Sarah Mann Tel 01621 892821

Little Braxted Gordon Musset Tel 01376 520103

Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator:

Great and Little Braxted Mandy Chapman Email:
thebraxtedsneighbourhoodwatch@yahoo.com

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Opening times

Monday 14.00 – 18.00

Wednesday 14.00 - 18.00

Saturday 09.00 – 13.00

Next Parish Councils

Great Braxted The next meeting of the Gt Braxted PC 7th November,
8:00pm – in the Pavilion
Email: 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

ST NICHOLAS, LITTLE BRAXTED

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

Services for November are listed below. Circumstances dictate that there will not be a Communion Service at St Nicholas on the third Sunday this month and the mid-week service in St Mary's chapel will resume after the winter months. The good news is that the 9.00am Holy Communion Service at St Nicholas will resume in January and this will be the first 'event' marking the 900th anniversary year, and continue throughout the year except in September when the special Anniversary Service with the Bishop will be at 10.30am on 27th.

We are still working on dates for later in the year but the following are now in the diary: the St Nicholas Patronal Festival Eucharist will be on Sunday evening 8th December at 4.00pm and there will be a Beer and Carols prelude to Christmas at The Green Man on Saturday 21st December at 7.30pm.

The date for mid-week early evening Carol Service with 'refreshments' afterwards at St Nicholas will be on Wednesday 18th December at 4.00pm..

A Lunch-time concert [with refreshments] at St Nicholas to mark and celebrate the re-gilding of the Organ Pipes will be on a Friday towards the end of March or early April. We hope to have more news on the celebrations for the 900th anniversary of the founding of St Nicholas Church in the next month or two.

P.S.-Great night at the Quiz – well done and thanks to all who supported

AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S, Wickham Bishops

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

SATURDAY 2 , All Souls,

3.30pm for 4.00pm Commemoration Service for those who have died

SUNDAY 3, All Saints, 8.00 am Holy Communion

10.30 am Parish Eucharist

4.00 pm Messy Church [BBQ at Rectory]

MONDAY 4, 8.30 am Parish Prayers at the start of the month

WEDNESDAY 6, 10.15 am Holy Communion

SUNDAY 10, Remembrance, 8.00 am Holy Communion

10.30 am Parish Eucharist

12.30pm Baptism at St Nicholas

2.30pm Remembrance Service at War Memorial

WEDNESDAY 13, 10.15 am Holy Communion

SUNDAY 17, 2nd before Advent, 8.00 am Parish Eucharist

10.30 am Morning Praise

WEDNESDAY 20, 10.15 am Holy Communion

SUNDAY 24, Christ the King, 8.00 am Holy Communion (1662),

10.30 am Parish Eucharist

WEDNESDAY 27, 10.15 am Holy Communion

Contacts:	Priest-in-Charge	Rev Hilary le Sève	01621 892867
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ALL SAINTS GREAT BRAXTED

CHURCH NEWS November 2019

It really is Autumn now and the clocks have “fallen” back. Hope no-one was caught out ! Nearly time for raking up lots of leaves.

The Braxted Fete and subsequent Quiz were both a great success in every way. The overall profit was an amazing £11,000! This will be spilt 3 ways: one third each to All Saints; St. Nicholas and Community projects. Thanks to everyone who attended and helped.

The Braxted Golf Day was also a success and raised over £600. Thanks again to all including Braxted Park.

All of this money is needed to keeping our 900 year old church going

Now in the run in to Christmas, they say that Christmas begins with “CHRIST” Well ours certainly does with our popular CHRISTINGLE service on Sunday 1st December at 11.15 am

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

FRIDAY	1st November	WEDDING @ 12 noon
SUNDAY	3rd November	ALL SAINTS DAY Family service @ 11.15
SUNDAY	10th November	REMEMBRANCE DAY Communion at 10.50
SUNDAY	17th November	Matins at 11.15 am followed by a Baptism at 12.45 pm
SUNDAY	24th November	Communion at 11.15 am
SUNDAY	1st December	CHRISTINGLE at 11.15 am

Contacts:

Rector	Revd. Anne-Marie Renshaw	01621 815260
Churchwardens	Mike Puttick	01621 816830
	Toni Curson	01621 819149
Admin Assistant	Christine Hall [office hours]	01621 819557

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BRAXTED GOLF COMPETITION



This annual event was held at Braxted Park Golf Club on Saturday 28th September. After a week of intermittent if continual rain, the weather was glorious with just enough wind to make the golf interesting. Nearly 40 players participated.

Many thanks to Duncan Clark of Braxted Park for the loan of the course, [which was in superb condition], and to Peter and Bonnie at the Golf Club.

This year the golfers competed for the usual prizes and to hold the Angela Roast and Fred Rodford Memorial trophies for 12 months. Prize giving and lunch took place at The Prince of Wales, Great Totham. Scores were very close and several had to be decided on countback.

The results were as follows:

WINNERS: Ladies – Kate Humphries (34 points) Men – Jim Rueon (40)



Runners up: Ladies – Cyd Rodford (33); Men – Andrew Burl (40)

Nearest the Pin: 3rd/12th holes Jim Rueon

Best front 9 : Ladies – Catherine Craddock Men – Trevor Read

Best back 9 : Ladies – Lindsay Armes Men – Den Griffiths

After paying for the prizes, engraving of trophies and minor expenses this event has raised over £600 for which will go towards repairs and upkeep of our 900 year old listed church

Many thanks to everyone who took part also Peter Roast for donating the winners keepsakes; the Prince of Wales for the lunch venue; the golf club and everyone else who helped.

Yomelelani Bridge Day Tuesday 26th November 2019

We are delighted that Richard & Barbara have agreed to repeat the very enjoyable bridge day which they held in December 2018. Again it will be in support of the Yomelelani Trust which provides a crèche and pre-school education for 150 children in a South African township where poverty and hardship are commonplace.

This year's event will be held in St Bartholomew's church hall in Wickham Bishops commencing at 10.30am. A welcome coffee and a light lunch with a glass of wine will be provided. Tickets Are £20.

Numbers are limited so if you would like to receive further details and an invitation please phone 01621 891546 or 01621 891125 as soon as possible.

Bryan Littlewood

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After a very successful Fete on 14th September

We were provided with many lovely cakes which all got sold, so thanks to all who contributed. However I still have a 3 tier cake stand, and a glass cake plate which have not been claimed. If anyone knows who they belong to please phone me on [01621 891424](tel:01621891424)

To arrange collection. Jenny Hornett



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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Message from the District Councillor

I was very concerned by the condition of Tiptree Road, as you enter the village from Braxted Road. I have raised this as a matter for urgent repair with Essex County Council and it is receiving urgent inspection. I will keep the village informed about the progress, as this road is now extremely dangerous.

You may have read in the local news about Maldon District Council passing the plans for the Heybridge Garden Village. This is something that as a councillor, I had to take a long-term strategic decision upon. The development is part of the 5-year housing allocation, the council is obliged to meet. This obligation comes from central government.

By passing the development it ensures that we are able protect the villages from any speculative development This will mean that we keep the integrity of our villages. It also means that long term there will be new infrastructure and facilities which will help our community. In the long term will help meet demand for services, which are currently under pressure.

I will ensure that at the same time, existing infrastructure is enhanced and developed, Protecting the safety of residents and dealing with traffic problems.

The next surgery will be at the Woodlands Tea Room, Tom's Farm Shop on 16th November at 10.30am

Kind regards

Councillor Richard Siddall

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Maldon District Council raise alert over council tax scam

Maldon District Council raised the alarm after reports of telephone, text and email cons pretending to be from the council.

A spokesman said: "We do not process council tax refunds online and so we will not send you an email or text requesting your bank details. We will also never ask you to pay a fee to obtain a refund.

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School News

The Charlotte Adams' Memorial Fund - Defibrillator



With thanks to Kate Bome and her endless fundraising, we are delighted to announce that we now have a defibrillator in the reception area of our school office. This has been purchased with funds from the Charlotte Adams' memorial fund in loving memory of Kate's daughter. On behalf of the whole school, we would like to say thank you to Kate and all the work she does to benefit others in Charlotte's memory.

Kingswood 2019 – Year 6

Our year 6 group travelled to Kent this year to experience a once in a lifetime opportunity (the residential trip!)

The year group's top three favourites were the 3G swing, the leap of faith, and nightline. 3G swing was a metal plank which was raised high into the air and you had to pull a green string to plummet down (your stomach did a flip)! The leap of faith was thrilling for those who dared... One of our groups had it on their timetable as soon as we arrived! The view from the top however was stunning as you could see the whole campus. Even if you didn't reach the top, even attempting it was a huge achievement. Nightline was an obstacle course where you were blindfolded. The path however was very muddy and dotted with puddles.

Also, we were pretty sure the adults were sprinkling us with water and tickling us with grass! There were also many other activities which tested not only our thrill-seeking skills but lots of others. We are very grateful to the adults who took us and we all wish we could go back. By *Lucy and Sophie*



New intake 2020-2021

If your child is due to start school in September 2020, we are offering tours of the school; please contact the school office on 01621 891091 or via email admin@greattotham.essex.sch.uk to book onto one. At the time of writing, there are two available dates still available – please see the school's website for an up-to-date list of date availability. We look forward to meeting you!

- 9.15am - 10th December 2019
- 9.15am - 18th December 2019

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Once on **Kelvedon Rd**, you should see another **public footpath** sign directly opposite, proceed up the shared driveway, and you will see ahead the continuation of the **public footpath** to the left of the property boundary, follow this **public footpath** passed the fields where currently miniature ponys are kept, through a stile and gate, and onto a small wooded area, follow this **public footpath** until you pass through a final gate onto **Goat Lodge Lane**.

Turn left on **Goat Lodge Lane** and keep an eye out for the slightly hidden **public footpath** sign on the left, next to the entrance to a property called **Woodlands**, follow this wooded **public footpath** behind some fine properties, until you exit onto **Beacon Hill**.

Turn left on **Beacon Hill** and look out for the **public footpath** sign on your right, follow this **public footpath** until you near the exit onto **Braxted Rd**, do not exit onto **Braxted Rd**, but veer to your left following a second adjoining **public footpath** until you exit onto **Kelvedon Rd**, at this point you have a choice of having a quick pitstop in **The Green Man**, by turning right on **Kelvedon Rd** and you will find **The Green Man** a short walk on your left, after having visited **The Green Man**, double back to the **public footpath** you left earlier, or if you did not visit the pub, on exiting the **public footpath** turn left and follow **Kelvedon Rd** upward until you reach the junction and the **War Memorial**.

When standing at the **War Memorial**, you will see opposite the junction the entry to the rest of **Kelvedon Rd**, as you enter this part of **Kelvedon Rd**, you should see almost immediately a **public footpath** on the right that runs between the houses, if you follow this **public footpath** it will lead past the rear of **The Black Houses designed by Arthur Mackmurdo** and on to **Handleys Lane**, at the bottom of **Handleys Lane** turn right and walk back up **The Street** until you see **Wickham Bishops Village Hall** where your journey began.



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 1st & 3rd 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, 1st Saturday of the month (Excl Jan), from 10am. *Diane Sawford* 01621 893664

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

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