

VILLAGE INFORMATION

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Next Parish council meetings

Great

Braxtedd Gt Braxted PC schedule, Thursday 12th November 2020

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 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.

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

... 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':

- The Church remains daily from 10.00am to 4.00pm for casual visitors and those wishing to come in for private devotions .Please take heed of the Special Notices relating to Covid-19 restrictions and care, including leaving contact details for potential tracing purposes (a Gov't requirement; details kept for 21 days only)
- The 9.00am Service on the third Sunday 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.

In the Parish

- The weekly 10.30am Sunday service will be in St. Bartholomew's Church Hall while redecoration takes place. Numbers for this service will be limited to 30 taking into account social distancing. The first part will continue to be streamed on Face Book Live. **Bookable** please text 07910 109396
- Wednesday Communion Service continues in the Hall; and Friday Zoom Prayer meetings on-line.
- Log in to <https://www.churchinwickhambishops.org.uk> to find the web edition of the weekly Pew Sheet and the Sunday Order of Service.

Stay safe and keep in touch via the Website for last minute changes

Rev. Hilary

SUNDAY 1st

All Saints Day

10.30 am Service of Holy Communion in St Bartholomew's Church Hall

MONDAY 2nd

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

SUNDAY 8th

Remembrance Sunday

10.30 am Service of Holy Communion in St Bartholomew's Church Hall

SUNDAY 15th

2nd Sunday before Advent

9.00 am Service of Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) in St Nicholas'.

Phone 07960 558587 to book a Pew. (Limited to 18)

10.30 am Sunday Praise Service in St Bartholomew's Church Hall

SUNDAY 22nd

Christ the King

10.30 am Service of Holy Communion in St Bartholomew's Church Hall

SUNDAY 29th

Advent Sunday

10.30 am Service of Holy Communion in St Bartholomew's Church Hall

WEDNESDAYS Service of Holy Communion in St Bartholomew's Church Hall 10.00 am

FRIDAYS

Zoom Prayers (please email revhilary@btinternet.com if you wish to be part of this so we can send you the link)

10.15 am

Priest-in-charge

Rev Hilary Le Sève

01621 892867

Churchwardens

Barry Cousins

01621 891355 / 07902 453893

Graham Wingrove

01621 891844



ALL SAINT'S GREAT BRAXTED CHURCH NEWS NOVEMBER 2020

We are pleased that churches have been able to reopen, albeit with some guidelines. We provide hand sanitization and social distancing. From 24th July face covering 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.

Harvest Festival last month was good and there were a lot of donations for the Food Bank. Thank you all.

Sunday 1st November is All Saints Day when we also celebrate the dedication of our church in 1115 so we are 905 years old! The service will be a Family Service. The following week will be Remembrance Sunday so the service will start at 10.50 am so there will be the usual 2 minute silence at 11 am.

Services this month are as follows:

Sunday 1st November	Family Service at 11.15am
Sunday 8th November	REMBRANCE Communion at 10.50am
Sunday 15th November	Matins (morning service) at 11.15am
Sunday 22nd November	Communion at 11.15am
Sunday 29th November	Communion (Order 2) at 11.15am

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Website:	www.tk-tiptree-braxted-benefice.org.uk	

Remembrance Sunday

In writing this a month ahead of Remembrance Sunday, I recognise that national and local reactions to COVID19 may yet still change this year's plans. In organising a large Remembrance Day event in a Suffolk town, the over-riding concern has been how to politely ask residents not to attend – and we decided upon saying that we would rather see you attend in 2021 than risk your health in 2020. The same sentiment applies here.

So whilst the Remembrance Sunday service will still go ahead, in a very different form, I would urge you to follow the advice to join in the national commemoration service at the Cenotaph, which will be broadcast on both television and radio.

Should you attend the Remembrance Service at Little Braxted War Memorial, the road closure area has been extended so that no traffic can pass behind the Memorial. We will not ask for volunteers to staff the road closure barriers this year.

Weather permitting I hope to spray-paint the roadways around the memorial with rough rectangles/circles to denote where “bubbles” of up to six may stand safely distanced from another “bubble”. Please remain within your bubble or family group at all times.

There will be no march by the Scouts or Guides, no playing of the Last Post, and no hymns. Just a simple act of remembrance conducted by the Rector commencing at 2.30pm.

There will be a collection bucket at each corner of the triangular green. Before and after the service please respect social distancing and wear a mask.

Gordon Mussett

Clerk to Little Braxted Parish Council

Doorstep Tribute on Remembrance Day

Doorstep Tribute For The Two Minutes Silence at 11am on Remembrance Day, 11 November.

Maldon District Council is asking residents to mark the two-minutes silence at 11am on 11 November (Remembrance Day) from their doorsteps, to support a national show of pride and appreciation.

Cllr Penny Channer, Vice-Chairman of the Council, said: “The silence on Remembrance Day is one of the most poignant times of the year. It allows us to reflect on the sacrifices made for us by the armed forces. Many people will be thinking of loved ones who never returned.

“The need to stop Coronavirus from spreading means we can’t gather at war memorials this year. Even so, I believe the sight of people across Maldon District observing the silence on their doorsteps at 11am will paint a picture of respect and thanks for the fallen that is as powerful and moving as any formal parade.”

On Remembrance Day, the Council will be posting a pre-recorded video on social media of wreaths being laid by Cllr Penny Channer and Deputy to the Lord Lieutenant of Essex, Dr James Bettley JP DL at a specially created display at the Council Offices.

The Council will also be posting a message on 11 November, from Garrison Commander, Lieutenant Colonel Jim McManus AAC and a video of the Last Post played by a musician from the British Army Band Colchester edited with WW2 film footage.

The Council is also asking residents not to forget to support the Royal British’s Legion Poppy Appeal. Like so many things this year, the Poppy Appeal has to adapt to the threat of Covid-19 and they are asking the public to support them like never before, because every poppy counts.

Maldon District Council

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November News from your local district councillor

Five Corners junction – there will be a feasibility study conducted into improving this junction. This will take place by the end of the year, with proposals being put forward for discussion in the new year. It is good that we will get a solution for this very dangerous road junction.

The council is introducing public participation during committee meetings. To do this you will still have to submit a request though the usual way, then if your request is approved, then you will be informed how to attend and speak at a meeting. This is especially important at planning meetings.

Changes for the High Street have been proposed and are being put out to consultation. If you want to have your say on the measures, then please go to the council website. They include a one-way system and restricting the access of all cars to the High Street. I feel this may not be beneficial to the town and is likely to cause issues for the town centre.

The Local Government review to changes to local councils has now been postponed for the foreseeable future.

At the October meeting of the full council, the council approved the sanctions against the previous leader of the council. I was of course pleased that these were agreed. During the meeting and due to the way the votes were cast, it showed that the majority of the Conservatives in the council did not agree to the sanctions.

This has made me take the very difficult decision to leave the Conservative party. I will now sit as an independent Councillor at Maldon District Council. I can reassure you that I will continue to work hard for the Great Totham ward. I will ensure that you are effectively represented and that you have a strong independent voice at the council.

Please contact me at any time either by email or telephone 01621 890809
cllr.richard.siddall@maldon.gov.uk

Stay safe and well

Richard

Dear Sir / Madam,

We are writing to let you know we are undertaking repairs to the existing concrete road surface along the A12 between junction 22 and 24.

Works will start on Friday 6 November and are due to last approximately 7 weeks. **Our working times will be each weekend from Friday 8pm until Monday 6am.** However, we will only be working between **Friday 8pm until Sunday 6am** on the weekends of **Friday 13 November** and **Friday 20 November**.

Dependent on weather, additional weeknight closures between 8pm and 6am may be required as a contingency and on-site notices will provide the most up to date information. Due to the nature of the works being carried out, some noise and light disturbance is unavoidable. We will however attempt to keep this to a minimum.

Contact Us:

If you wish have any questions about the project, please contact the 24/7 Highways England Customer Contact Centre on 0300 123 5000 or email us concreteroadseast@highwaysengland.co.uk

Further information can be found at www.highwaysengland.co.uk/our-work/east/

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Churches are as important as key workers in a pandemic

By Catherine Pepinster

Churches run food banks, provide support for people with mental health problems, offer a welcome to the elderly and the isolated

Across the country, hundreds of churches are hosting internet services for people who don't otherwise have them and volunteers are providing mentoring for people trying to get back into the jobs market, these churches are also busy packing food parcels for people unable to go shopping because they are shielding due to the Covid pandemic, with parishioners and other local residents coming together to help people in their neighbourhoods. It's important work - work that is unpaid and makes a huge difference to society. That it happens at all is down to the buildings that are available to make it happen: churches.

Churches, too, are key places, not just for providing spiritual care but as venues for the voluntary effort so essential to life in this country. This effort is taking place not only in select churches but in tens of thousands of other sacred spaces across Britain.

Today, the National Churches Trust, of which I am a trustee, will publish new research showing that the social value of churches is a staggering £12.4 billion. While £2 billion is direct market value, made up of money used to pay clergy salaries, and on the maintenance of buildings, the rest is an assessment of what would need to be spent to replace what is currently achieved through voluntary effort if it disappeared. And disappear it will if church buildings are not looked after.

One of the curious aspects of life in an increasingly secular Britain is that its churches play as great, if not a more substantial role than ever before in the life of our towns and villages because of all the work that goes on in them. While church worship went online during lockdown, much of the practical help churches provide kept going. So while many people might turn up only at Christmas for a service of worship, they know they can rely on the church 52 weeks of the year to be at the heart of their community.

But the problem is that while the whole community benefits, the responsibility and the cost of maintaining these buildings rests on the shoulders of just a few: the people who form the congregation, whose money in the collection plate - or these days, by standing order - keep the roof repaired and the electrics safe. This is a huge financial burden, and one that those people in the pews struggle to afford. This economic system just isn't viable.

What is needed is a rethink on church grants at central government level so that local services in local buildings can keep responding to local need. And with 900 churches on the English Heritage "at risk" register and many more in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland in a parlous state, this is not just a problem for clerics and churchgoers. It's a national crisis.



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VILLAGE ACTIVITIES IN BRAXTED PAVILION & GROUNDS

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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
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