



The Braxted

Bulletin

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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.essexpolice.uk/.../af/how-to-report-a-crime/>

Non-urgent contact for medical concerns: 111

Water: 0345 7820 999 **Electricity:** 0800 029 4285

Responsibility for Essex Highways:

Essex County Council 0845 6037 631

Library Information: Wickham Bishops Library

Wickham Bishops Library Opening hours:

Monday 2-5:30pm; Weds 2—5:30pm; Sat 9am—5pm

Contact 0345 6037 628

The library is a collection point for Maldon District Council recycling sacks

Braxted Facebook Groups:



For local updates and issues please feel free to join the following Facebook groups:

Search 'Great Braxted Residents' or use the link

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

Search 'Little Braxted' or request to join via Facebook message to Ali Aldis

Parish information

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, such as campaigns, new and bulletins

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

Bulletin details

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St Nicholas' Church, Little Braxted

In the Ecclesiastical Parish of Wickham Bishops with Little Braxted

Rector / Priest-in-charge: Vacant

Parish contact phone 07544 973705

Churchwardens : Vacant

Deputy Churchwarden Graham Wingrove

WEBSITE: churchinwickhambishops.org.uk

St Nicholas' is normally open daily, if closed borrow the key from the Estate Office.

For Group guided tour contact: stnicholas@churchinwickhambishops.org.uk

At St Nicholas'

APRIL

Friday 18th

2.00pm

Good Friday

Last Hour at the Cross – a time for reflection

Sunday 20th

9.00am

Easter Sunday

Holy Communion – we light the Pascal Candle

MAY

Sunday 18th

9.00am

Holy Communion

At St Bartholomew's

Services continue as usual...

8.00am Holy Communion on 1st, 2nd 4th and 5th Sundays

10.30am Holy Communion each Sunday except 4th Sunday which is Morning Praise. **In addition:-**

17th April – Maundy Thursday – Holy Communion at 8.00pm

and of course 20th April – Easter Eucharist

29th May – Ascension Day – Holy Communion at 7.00pm

+ Plans to fill our vacancy for an Incumbent are moving forward with the job Adverts published by Easter. The Team Vicar will also be responsible for Great and Little Totham as well as Goldhanger churches

+ Services at St Nicholas' are based on the old Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 1662 version.

+ Look out for copies of the Parish Magazine – there should be copies in the Green Man, Braxted Bakery and St Nicholas' Church.

Update from Maldon District Council

Tempted by a spring clean this month? Take part in the “Make Space, Not Waste” campaign and donate your unwanted items of furniture to your local reuse organisation. Essex County Council, in partnership with Maldon District Council and four local councils in Essex, is launching a two-month campaign to inspire and encourage residents to pass on their unwanted furniture instead of disposing of it.

As part of the "Make Space, Not Waste" campaign, a comprehensive directory has been added to the Love Essex website. The directory makes it quick and easy for residents to find local reuse organisations and charity shops accepting donations of large items. Many organisations also offer free collections, saving residents both time and money.

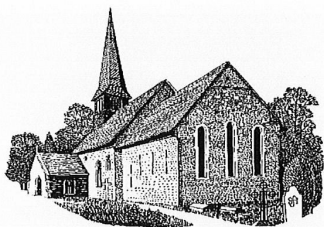
Donated items will be given a new lease of life and benefit those in need, or help charities raise money to fund the essential services they deliver. The campaign also shares helpful tips to maximise the chance of items being reused, such as keeping the fire label on upholstered furniture.

Residents can visit <https://www.loveessex.org/ideas/reuse/donate> to find out more about the different options to donate items and to access the directory.

At the council meeting in April, we made the decision to match fund the prosperity fund we are given by the government, with funding from our reserves. This has allocated £200,000 fund - with an additional £90,000 contingency - to community projects and initiatives. As we launch the fund in the next municipal year, I will ensure that the ward is given details on how to access the funding and the application process.

Kind regards

Richard



All Saints' Church, Gt Braxted, CM8 3EN

You are welcome to join us for our services at any time.

Services for 2025:

20th April 11.15 am Easter Day Parish Communion
1st Sunday of each month at 11.15 am, Family Service:
4th May, 1st June, 6th July, 3rd August, 7th September & 5th October

Our usual pattern of services continues until October, with Family Service suitable for all ages on the first Sunday of the month.

Sunday 21st December 11.15 am Carol Service

Wedding couples establishing a qualifying connection are also able to attend St Luke's Tiptree, CO5 0SU any Sunday of the month at 9.30 am.

For any enquiries please telephone Revd Anne-Marie Renshaw, 01621 815260 **amlrenshaw@btinternet.com**

or, contact our Team Administrator, Christine Hall
thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com

Children's Easter Hunt!

Follow the Easter trail around the village, ending in a chocolate egg!

Open to all Great Braxted residents

Easter Sunday, 20th April

9:30am—11:30am

£3 per child

Booking required by 13th April

Contact Kim on 07939376590



If anyone in Great Braxted is willing to make and display an egg (or just display) as part of the trail please let Kim know on the above number!

From Great Braxted Parish Council

**A SHARED MOMENT
OF CELEBRATION**

**VE
DAY
80**

SAVE THE DATE

**Community Picnic
BBQ**

Welcome Drink
(1 per person subject to
availability)

**Children's Bouncy
Castle**

**BYO Drink(s),
Nibbles, Chairs &
Blankets**



**MONDAY 5TH MAY
1PM - 4PM**

**@ GREAT BRAXTED
PAVILION / FIELD**



A massive thank you for all the amazing village volunteers at the annual litter pick.

Record turn out and x15 bags collected.

Great effort was followed with a cup of tea, biscuits and a chat!

Thanks also to our awesome parish clerk (Lynda T) for organising all the hi-vis, pickers and extra collection.



VILLAGE ACTIVITIES IN BRAXTED PAVILION & GROUNDS

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

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

The pavilion can be booked by Braxted residents for private hire.

The cost is £20

Monday	U3A Bridge Group 9:30am—12:30pm (Ken Hornett 01621 891424) Metafit [keep fit] - 6-7pm (Lisa Brand, 01621 893720)
Tuesday	Pilates Class—9-10am – Mixed group of all ages. £8.50 a session . 07761 634996 for more info
Wednesday	Home Schooling—All Day—Fortnightly Band Rehearsal 7pm
Thursday	Braxted Barkers Dog Club Thursday 11:30am—1:30pm Diane Sawford, 07840 778042 Band Rehearsal 2pm PC Meeting Bi-monthly
Friday	Braxted Art Club from 11:00am. David Joyce, 01621 891241
Saturday	Summer Cricket matches May to September 1pm
Sunday	Braxted Barkers Dog Club, first Sunday each month. Diane Sawford, 07840 778042

Hire costs

Village clubs and societies £10

Other village hires £20

Outside GB and LB hires £50

Sarah Mann Secretary

Ken Hornett Chairman

Word Scramble



EASTER



1. gEg utHn
2. rsatrcO
3. ebyjslnlea
4. dnyuSa
5. kstabe
6. iyoalhd
7. ilsutp
8. nyubn
9. tsraEe nyuBn
10. ikhcc
11. ufn
12. asrgs
13. uthn
14. tsraEe
15. areapd
16. esepp
17. eroetcdA
18. gseg
19. rlpAi
20. octelhoca

SUPPORT AVAILABLE FOR THE COMMUNITY

Little Braxted Community and Educational Fund



This fund benefits people living in Little Braxted, neighbouring villages and the surrounding rural areas. It also supports educational opportunities in Wickham Bishops and Little Braxted.

To apply for a grant please call the friendly Essex Community Foundation team on 01245 355947 or visit: essexcommunityfoundation.org.uk




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