



The Braxted Bulletin

August 2025

VILLAGE INFORMATION

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Great and Little Braxted Mandy Chapman

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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/>

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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

SERVICES at St Nicholas'

AUGUST

Sunday 17TH

9.00am

Holy Communion BCP

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 21ST

9.00am

Holy Communion BCP

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 more informal Morning Praise in the Hall

+ We understand that there have been no applicants for the post of Team Vicar for the Cluster of parishes which we will be part of. So, we continue in Vacancy for a while longer, while a rethink takes place!

+ We are of course especially grateful for Priests who are able, particularly the unattached and retired to continue to support us in maintaining our usual level of services at St Nicholas' and St Bartholomew's.

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

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

Update from Maldon District Council

The Council welcomes the Government's announcement of a £29 billion annual real-time increase in the NHS resource budgets through the Spending Review 2025. However, we urgently call for intervention to address the valuation issues delaying the construction of much-needed healthcare facilities. With developers ready to build to the specifications required, it is essential that central government rules do not continue to impede these critical local projects.

As we all know, we have an eclectic mix of culture and heritage across the District, but what has been missing though, is a holistic Culture and Heritage strategy which will bring together all of the elements across the District and open the doors to potential funding opportunities. This much needed strategy will ensure that we make the best of our district and its culture.

We have listened to our residents and as part of the budget, we are reintroducing green bags for food recycling. This will help residents, to work with us in delivering the highest recycling rates in Essex and to continue to be one of the best councils in the country for our waste services. You will now be able to obtain the food bags from stockists, such as the Post Office in Great Totham.

Kind regards

Richard

All Saints Church, Great Braxted



It was announced in June that, after fourteen years as Rector here, I will be moving to South Wales in September to take up a new post as Archdeacon of Morgannwg in the Diocese of Llandaff. I am looking forward to a new challenge, but will greatly miss all my friends here. It has been a joy and a privilege to be your Rector.

My last service at All Saints will be on Sunday 3 August and my last service at St Luke's will be on 7 September. Do come along to either and say goodbye.

Please remember that we still need your help to keep our lovely church open. There is a service on the first Sunday of every month at 11.15 am. By request of those who have been attending, the services in July, August and September will be Holy Communion. Come along and support us if you can. At present, it looks as if numbers will be too low to continue services through the winter when the cost of heating the church is very high.

*Revd Anne-Marie Renshaw
Team Rector*

Contact us:

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Team Administrator, Christine Hall 07421 078981
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10 am to 12.30 pm Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday



See our webpage, on our team website, for more information:
thurstablewinstreechurches.org/all-saints-great-braxted



Are you passionate about your local community? Do you want to be part of something that helps people stay active, healthy and connected?

The Beacon Hill Sports Association is a Charitable Trust, located in Wickham Bishops and overseeing a large village hall and sports grounds. We're looking for a new Vice Chair with a view to becoming Chair in 2026 to lead our Board of Trustees.

As Chair you will lead the Board of Trustees and help shape the direction of the Trust, support the team in important community work and be a voice for sport and wellbeing.

If you have experience in leadership, community work or enjoy working with people and getting things done, we would love to hear from you.

This is a voluntary role for someone who would like to be rewarded for giving back to the community and has fresh ideas and perspective to lead the BHSA forward.

Please see our website for the full picture : wickhambishopsvenues.org

For an informal chat about the role please contact:

Elizabeth Coeshall : ejcoeshall@aol.com

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

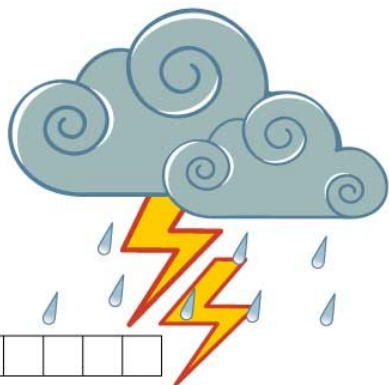
Other village hires £20

Outside GB and LB hires £50

Sarah Mann Secretary

Ken Hornett Chairman

Summer Weather Word Merge!



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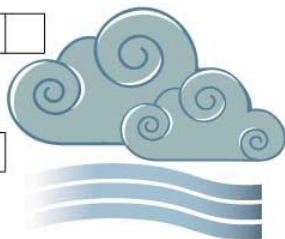
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SUPPORT AVAILABLE FOR THE COMMUNITY

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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