



The Braxted

Bulletin

February 2025

VILLAGE INFORMATION

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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/>

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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

IN AND FROM OUR PARISH: SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY

At St Bartholomew's except at St Nicholas' or elsewhere, shown in red.

Sunday 2nd

8.00 am

10 30 am

Candlemas

Holy Communion

Holy Communion

Sunday 9th

8.00 am

10.30 am

4th Sunday before Lent

Holy Communion

Holy Communion

Sunday 16th

9.00 am

10.30 am

3rd Sunday before Lent

Holy Communion BCP at St Nicholas'

Holy Communion

Sunday 23rd

8.00 am

10.30 am

2nd Sunday before Lent

Holy Communion (BCP)

Sunday Praise Service

MARCH

Sunday 2nd

8.00 am

10 30 am

Sunday next before Lent

Holy Communion

Holy Communion

+ Consultation continues around the positioning of the parish within the Deanery and the appointment of an Incumbent. Recommendations are expected to finalise during February it is hoped that the Diocese will confirm an Advertisement for the role by the end of March.

+ Lent approaches with Ash Wednesday on 5th March – there will be the usual 10.00am Service with 'Ashing' at St Bartholomew's.

+ We currently have no cleaner for St Nicholas' anyone interested in a monthly stint please contact phone number above.

+ St Nicholas' Church, as a Chapel of Ease is specially licenced as a Wedding chapel/venue, ideal for the smaller intimate occasion – the usual conditions apply and can easily be met.



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

Annual Village Litter Pick

Saturday 22nd March 2025

Meet at the Village Pavilion (10am – 12pm)

Refreshments Provided



Please bring gloves, your own little pickers & hi-vis jackets if you have them, as we only have a limited numbers to borrow. Bags will be provided

Any help would be greatly received – Great Braxted Parish Council

From Gordon Mussett, Clerk to Little Braxted Parish Council:

When I wrote my piece on the VAS signs in Little Braxted I was unaware that, in addition to the paid speedwatch scheme operated by Maldon District Council, the Wickham Bishops Community Speedwatch Scheme also undertook regular checks. I would like to record my apologies to them.

Update from Maldon District Council

Along with my colleagues in Heybridge, we are still working get the speed reduced on Broad Street Green. This is particularly important as new residents move into the latest part of the development. We are also working with the developer and ECC to improve the condition of the footpath.

After putting in a local highways applications for speed reduction in Chapel Road and Mill Road, Essex Highways and the Local Highways Panel, have decided that this is not feasible or necessary, this is very disappointing and it continues ECC failure to deliver. At the moment the highways panel has no resources and due to a lack of funding from ECC so therefore the panels are unable to deliver any solutions.

The Government have confirmed a further UK Shared Prosperity Fund allocation for the Maldon District. The funding has made a real difference to the district and having a continuation of this fund gives the Council more opportunities to deliver a range of projects across the Maldon District for the benefit of our residents, visitors and businesses. I will let you know about the projects as details become available.

We have also announced the date for UFest community festival has been arranged for Friday 15 August 2025, following the success and positive feedback from last year's event at Promenade Park in Maldon.

The government has announced that there will be local government reform. The main consequence of this is that at some time in the future Maldon District will be part of a larger authority. We need to ensure that any new authority has a sense of place and locality. We will keep residents informed as proposals develop.

Best wishes Richard.



November 2024

**Essex & Herts Air Ambulance's Spectacular Fundraiser, Strictly Air Ambulance,
Returns for its 13th Year in 2025**

Essex & Herts Air Ambulance (EHAAT) is delighted to announce the return of its highly anticipated annual fundraiser, *Strictly Air Ambulance*, on Saturday, 15th March 2025, at the Brentwood Centre in Essex. Now in its thirteenth year, this dazzling evening of dance, entertainment, and community spirit will once again raise vital funds for EHAAT's life-saving work, bringing advanced pre-hospital care directly to patients in their time of greatest need.

Following the resounding success of the 2024 event, *Strictly Air Ambulance 2025* promises to be a night to remember, filled with glitz, glamour, and show-stopping performances. Guests will enjoy celebrity appearances, a thrilling dance competition, and the opportunity to support local contestants as they vie for the coveted Glitterball Trophy - all while helping to sustain EHAAT's essential services across Essex, Hertfordshire and surrounding areas.

This year's judging panel features an impressive roster of dance and local talent:

- Former *Strictly Come Dancing* professionals Ian Waite and Erin Boag
- Renowned Latin dancer Ben Milan-Vega
- EHAAT CEO Jane Gurney
- Head judge and Chelmsford Dance Centre director Phil Meacham

Taking the stage are eight dazzling dance pairs, who will showcase their moves in a friendly yet fierce competition:

1. Andrew Alton-Reed (Chelmsford) & Jody De-Ath
2. Joga Shoka (St Albans) & Lindsey Collyer
3. Dave Dorrington (Wickford) & Amanda Dahmani
4. Theo Michaels (Harpenden) & Terri Bodell
5. Vicky Dixon (Manningtree) & Hayden Wise
6. Lou Sayer (Maldon) & Martin Adkins
7. Leah Burke (Brentwood) & Andrew Lingard
8. Vanessa Santomauro (Braintree) & Caleb Arslan



With their professional dance partners, the contestants will bring their best moves to the dance floor, dazzling the audience with their ballroom and Latin routines in the hope of securing the top prize.

Jane Gurney, CEO at EHAAT, says: "Strictly Air Ambulance has become one of EHAAT's flagship fundraising events, thanks to the incredible generosity and enthusiasm of our supporters. From contestants and sponsors to ticket holders and prize donors, every single person plays a vital role in keeping our helicopters in the air and our expert medical teams ready to respond. We're thrilled to bring the event back in 2025 and can't wait to welcome everyone for a night of fun, fundraising, and unforgettable entertainment. Together, we can continue to deliver advanced, life-saving care when it's needed most."

Date: Saturday 15th September 2025

Time: Starts 7:00pm

Venue: Brentwood Centre, Essex

Tickets are on sale now, with an early bird discount of 10% available until the end of November using the code 'NOV10'. Book today at www.ehaat.org/strictly

The funds raised from *Strictly Air Ambulance* directly support EHAAT's critical pre-hospital emergency care services. The charity is calling on local businesses willing to support the event with raffle and auction prizes to contact 0345 2417 690 or email contactus@ehaat.org

To learn more about EHAAT's mission, explore upcoming events, or make a donation, visit www.ehaat.org.

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

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

Find the words in the puzzle and write them under the appropriate picture:

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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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