



The Braxted

Bulletin

April 2024

VILLAGE INFORMATION

Clerks to the Parish Councils:

Great Braxted Lynda Townend Tel 07307 891134

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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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TruCam patrols report Great Braxted

Parish/Town Council	Month	Total Number of Hours
Great Braxted	March	2
Number of Tru Cam Patrols	Hours Spent on Tru Cam	Number of Offenders
4	2	2

Great Braxted Parish Council – Information & Updates

Latest Village works & news

Recent works undertaken in the village and funded by Great Braxted Parish Council.

- GBPC engaged with DW Maintenance to remove the mountains of leaves around & in the playground, around the field gates and along the middle post & rail fencing that separates the fields. It was quite a mammoth job, with towing trailers filled to the brim with leaves.
- With the grass now exposed it will all quickly recover in time for spring/summer and all looks a lot better. Before & after pics below.

Before



After



Annual Village Litter Pick 2024

On Saturday 16th March 2024, 10+ residents took to the streets in hi-vis collecting roadside litter. From bottles to paint tin, the team collected 10 large bin bags full.

Tea & Biscuits followed. Thank you from GBPC to all those kind volunteers. Great Effort



Future Village Works Planned

Over the coming months / years the following works will be undertaken and funded by the Great Braxted Parish Council.

- (From April 2024) Replacement of several post & rail fencing separating the cricket / playing field
- (2024) New Pavilion Roof / Storage / Solar



Suggestions

The GBPC would like to hear suggestions from villagers about future village project ideas / initiatives.

What would you like to see in the future?

Funds are not limitless, but we would like to hear any ideas for future discussions / consideration.

Please email thoughts to:
parishclerk@greatbraxtedpc.org.uk

Next Parish Council Meetings

Gt Braxted PC next meetings:
14th May 2024 at 8pm in the Pavilion

Please look out for the agenda, which will be posted on the Council's noticeboard and website, and dates published on its Facebook page.

Email: parishclerk@greatbraxtedpc.org.uk

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

Agendas: <https://e-voice.org.uk/greatbraxtedparishcouncil/parish-council-meeting-agendas/>

Minutes: <https://e-voice.org.uk/greatbraxtedparishcouncil/parish-council-meeting-minutes/>

Lt Braxted PC next meetings:
TBC at 7pm at the Braxted Bakery

Email: littlebraxtedpc@hotmail.com

All members of the public are welcome to attend either PC meeting.

Easter Egg Hunt

On Easter Sunday the children of Great Braxted were engaged in a wonderful morning of easter hunting, crafts and refreshments using the Pavilion as a base. Thanks to Kim Blake for organising! Already looking forward to next year!



St Nicholas' Church, Little Braxted

In the Ecclesiastical Parish of Wickham Bishops with Little Braxted

Priest-in-charge: Rev Hilary Le Sève 01621 892867 TO 7.4.24

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 visits contact: stnicholas@churchinwickhambishops.org.uk

IN AND FROM OUR PARISH : SERVICES FOR april

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

Sunday 7th	2nd Sunday of Easter
8.00 am	Holy Communion
10.30 am	Sung Holy Communion and Praying Farewell Reverend Hilary's final service as Priest-in-Charge of the Parish of Wickham with Little Braxted. All welcome to come to either the service or the wine and finger buffet afterwards (served in The Rectory) or both.
Sunday 14th	3rd Sunday of Easter
8.00 am	Holy Communion
10.30 am	Sung Holy Communion
Sunday 21st	4th Sunday of Easter
9.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP) at St Nicholas' with Rev Christine Newmarch from the Witham Ministry Team.
10.30 am	Sunday Praise Service followed by a Crockpot Lunch – all are welcome.
Sunday 28th	5th Sunday of Easter
8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30 am	Sung Holy Communion

With the Parish now in an Interregnum it is hoped that all our services will be presided by volunteers from neighbouring parishes and retired priests with Permission to Officiate. Our heartfelt thanks to them all... We are grateful to Rev Hilary for recruiting these volunteers up and until the end of July.

A special thank-you to Rev Hilary and John as they begin their retirement together, although in due course, we shall see them around the area when they return to their new home.

For Group visits contact: stnicholas@churchinwickhambishops.org.uk

We are looking for sponsors!



We are Beacon Hill Under 9 Girls,
and we are looking for local businesses to
sponsor our new kit for next season.

If you can donate £50 your company name will
be put into a raffle, and the winner will have
their logo featured on the front of the shirts.

Please contact Michelle at michelle.davis390@gmail.com or
07598460578 if you can help.

Thank you!



News from Great Totham Primary School

www.greattotham.essex.sch.uk



In March, Year 6 had the opportunity for outdoor learning; there were a variety of activities that we all found enjoyable.

Firstly, we did mini beast hunting (which means we looked for bugs and had to classify them). After this, we made a classification key for a selection of leaves. Thirdly, we investigated owl pellets which are what owls produce from their mouths. The pellets contained bones of the owl's prey as they can't digest them.



Finally, we sat by the pond and painted what we could see using water colours.



The day was hosted by Mrs Houlding and it was a lot of fun.



Written by James, Amelie, George and Huxley.



Update from Maldon District Council

UFest will take place on Friday 16 August. The festival received so much positive feedback last year, and the team behind UFest are planning an even bigger and better festival this year. UFest provides the opportunity for you to find the support you might need in dealing with the cost of living, or family and personal support. It is also a great free fun day where all members of the family can have the chance to enjoy themselves and try new activities and interests.

The festival will feature an exciting day of activities, running from 11am to 4pm, with live music, stalls, and events for the whole community, focussing on health, wellbeing and fun. There will be music and bands, a fantastic selection of games, sports, and activities to get involved with throughout the day.

LEVELLING UP CULTURE PROJECTS FUNDING - Maldon District Council has been provisionally awarded up to £5 million of capital funding as part of the Spring Budget, to support local culture projects in the area. This provisional funding recognises the crucial role culture can play in levelling up and supporting pride in place. As the council gets more details, we will work with stakeholders on how the funding can be used. This is the largest ever fund given to MDC, and we hope that it will make a huge difference to the district.

The Secretary of State has given his approval for the King Charles III England Coast Path Stretch in Essex, connecting Wallasea Island to Burnham-on-Crouch. This is an important part of linking up our communities, with all three sections of the Saltmarsh Coast (Wallasea Island to Burnham-on-Crouch, Burnham-on-Crouch to Maldon and Maldon to Salcott) now regarded as open. They form part of the longest managed coastal path in the world, King Charles III England Coastal Path will provide opportunities for visitors and residents to explore our beautiful coastline.

Kind regards

Richard

BEACON HILL SPORTS ASSOCIATION

WHAT'S ON AT WICKHAM BISHOPS VILLAGE HALL?

APRIL

Fri/Sat 12 th /13 th	WB Drama Club – Murder Mystery
Sunday 14 th	Hardy Plants Society 1:30pm
Monday 15 th	U3a 1:30pm
Saturday 20 th	Cotton Scatterers Quilting Exhibition
Saturday 20 th	Jazz Club - Simon Nelson's Dixiemix 7:30pm
Friday 26 th	Community Cinema 7pm
Saturday 27 th	Graham's Country Music 7:30pm

MAY

Friday 3 rd	Wine Circle
Saturday 4 th	Graham's Country Music 7:30pm
Thursday 9 th	The Arts Society - The Elizabethan Court 11am

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:

Nursery	Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri from 9:30am
Cotton Scatterers	Mondays 1-4pm
Drama Club	Mondays & Thursdays 8-10pm
Tai Chi	Tuesdays & Fridays 9:30am-12pm
Ladies Badminton	Tuesdays 2-4pm
Vicki Little Stars	Tuesdays 4-8pm
Mens' Badminton	Tuesdays 8-10pm
Toddlers	Wednesdays 9:30-11:30am
Ladies Badminton	Wednesdays 1:30-3:30pm
Starlight Dancing	Wednesdays 4-8pm
Bridge Club	Wednesdays 7-10pm
Georgias Dance	Thursdays 5:30-7pm
Ladies Badminton	Thursdays 1:45-4pm

For further contact details see the BHSa website:

wickhambishopsvvenues.org

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Saturday 4th	Graham's Country Music 7:30pm
Thursday 9th	Arts Society - The Elizabethan Court
Saturday 11th	Hardy Plants Society - Lecture Day
Saturday 18th	Jazz Club - Gambit Jazzmen 7:30pm
Monday 20th	Maldon U3a 1:30pm
Friday 24th	Community Cinema 7pm
Saturday 25th	Graham's Country Music 7:30pm

JUNE

Saturday 1st	Graham's Country Music 7:30pm
Saturday 8th	Starlight Dancing – Summer Ball

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Social Club (Snooker)	Every day

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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—1:30-2:30pm
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

Braxted Pavilion Committee Announcement

After over 12 years, the Pavilion Management Committee have had to decide to increase the hire fees. This is due to inflation and maintenance costs.

They still remain very competitive.

Village clubs and societies £10

Other village hires £20

Outside GB and LB hires £50

Sarah Mann Secretary

Ken Hornett Chairman

Essex Community Foundation- New High Sheriff of Essex Announced

On Monday 8th April, a declaration ceremony was held to appoint David Hurst as the new High Sheriff of Essex.

The role of High Sheriff is a prestigious one. It is an independent non-political Royal appointment that last for a year. The origins of the office date back to Saxon times.

In modern times the High Sheriff's role sees him supporting the Crown and the judiciary acting as the Sovereign's representative in the County for all matters relating to the Judiciary and the maintenance of law and order.

In his role as High Sheriff, David will be raising money for the High Sheriff's Fund, with the aim of promoting crime prevention and community safety in the Essex.

Just for fun!

SPRING IS HERE!

DIRECTIONS: Find and circle the costumes in the grid. Look for the words in all directions including backwards and diagonally.



APRIL	GRASS	RAINBOW
BLOSSOM	GREEN	ROBIN
BREEZE	HATCH	SEASON
BUNNY	JUNE	SHOWERS
BUTTERFLY	MARCH	SUNSHINE
CHICK	MAY	THAW
DAFFODIL	NEST	TULIP
E665	PUDDLE	UMBRELLA



Spring Word Jumble



1. FLIAFDDO _____
2. RSHWSOE _____
3. MARW _____
4. RESTEA _____
5. ULLARBME _____
6. AYISD _____
7. TLERFYTUB _____
8. GGES _____
9. NRIBOAW _____
10. HTAHC _____
11. THEREWA _____
12. EOSNSA _____
13. PORTSU _____
14. EGNER _____
15. AIPLR _____
16. ILTUP _____
17. OESLWFR _____
18. MHRCA _____
19. HUNISSEN _____
20. JUEN _____
21. MYA _____
22. TIEK _____
23. BIRSD _____
24. SRGAS _____

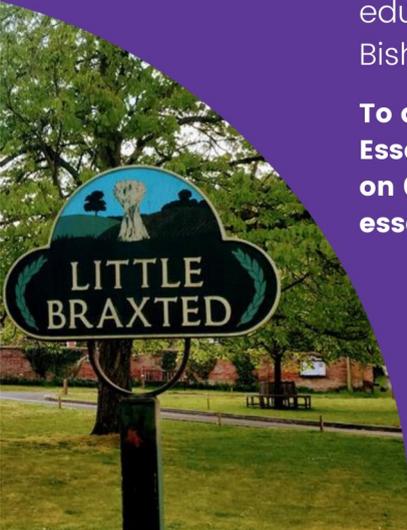
SUPPORT AVAILABLE FOR THE COMMUNITY

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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