



The Braxted Bulletin

December 2023



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/>

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Great Braxted Parish Council – Information & Updates

Latest Village works & news

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

- New 'Avenue of Trees' planted
- Tommy took his annual pride of place.
- Pavilion refurbishment PHASE 1 ongoing – see latest update below



Future Village Works Planned

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

- (2024) Replacement of several post & rail fencing separating the cricket / playing field
- (March 2024) Annual Village Clean Up
- (2024) New Pavilion Roof

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 December 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.

Pavilion Refurbishment – Phase 1

- External Cladding, Soffits, Fascia's, Guttering and new Front Door
- Internal works including new radiators, water heaters, lighting, painting, Polyfills, tiling and more
- New Kitchen Flooring
- Groundwork started 21/11 – new soakaway, pathway from field gate



From the Pavilion Management Committee and Refurbishment Project Team

Braxted Community Pavilion – "Come Have A Look"

Saturday, 9th December

14.30 pm - 16.30 pm.

Over the last 8 weeks our village pavilion has undergone an extensive refurbishment, from roof insulation and Cedral cladding, to enviro-friendly heating & lighting and new trees, from a complete internal redecoration to car park groundwork plus so much more (*and more to come in 2024!*).

Please come and join members of the Pavilion Management Committee and Refurbishment Project Team to have a walk through, chat and "showcase" the transformation.

No RSVP is required as this is intended to be a fairly casual 'drop-in' event.



ALL SAINTS GREAT BRAXTED

CHURCH NEWS

November 2023

We are really in the runup to Christmas. Church will be decorated on Saturday 2nd December.

On next Sunday we have the first of our Christmas services being the popular CHRISTINGLE with oranges and sweets. It will be at the usual time of 11.15am and will likely include a communion. The collection will be exclusively for the CHILDRENS SOCIETY – be generous!

There is no service on Christmas day which is a Monday but there will be a service at St Luke's Tiptree then.

The services at All Saints for the next month are as follows

SUNDAY 3rd December CHRISTINGLE plus Communion at 11.15

SUNDAY 17th December CAROL Service at 11.15am

This includes the Christmas story and building the Crib

SATURDAY 24th December MIDNIGHT MASS at 10pm

SUNDAY 7th January EPIPHANY Communion at 11.15 am

Contacts:

Rector	Revd. Anne-Marie Renshaw	01621 815260
Churchwarden	Mike Puttick	01621 816830
Admin. Assistant	Christine Hall [office hours]	01621 819557

St Nicholas' Church, Little Braxted

In the Ecclesiastical Parish of Wickham Bishops with Little Braxted

Priest-in-charge: Rev Hilary Le Sève 01621 892867
Churchwardens: Vacant

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 DECEMBER

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

Saturday 2nd 4.30 pm	Christingle – starting the journey to Christmas <i>Supporting 'The Children's Society'</i>
Sunday 3RD 8.00 am 10.30 am	Advent Sunday Holy Communion Holy Communion
Sunday 10th 8.00am 10.30 am 4.30 pm	2nd Sunday of Advent Holy Communion BCP Holy Communion Patronal Festival Eucharist at St Nicholas'
Wednesday 13th 4.30pm	Evening Carol Service at St Nicholas' Drinks/Nibbles <i>Supporting 'Crisis at Christmas'</i>
Sunday 17th 9.00 am 10.30 am	3rd Sunday of Advent BCP Holy Communion at St. Nicholas' Little Braxted Sunday Praise in St Bartholomew's Hall
Sunday 24th 8.00am 10.30 am 5.00 pm 11.30 pm	4th Sunday of Advent Holy Communion BCP (1662) Holy Communion Christmas Eve Crib and Nativity Service; lots of dressing-up! <i>Supporting 'The Children's Society'</i> Midnight Mass with carols at both churches
Monday 25th 10.00 am	Christmas Day Celebrating with Family Communion
Sunday 31st 8.00 am 10.30 am	Christmas 1 and New Years Eve Holy Communion Holy Communion

Please note: the Patronal Festival [St Nicholas' Day] and The Evening Carol Service shown above, both followed by festive drinks and nibbles etc....

All very welcome!



News from Great Totham Primary School

www.greattotham.essex.sch.uk



Girls' Football Taster

On Monday 16th October, we hosted a Girls' Football Taster session with other local primary schools, for girls to have the opportunity to give football a go.

Beacon Hill provided their sports ground and 8 of their coaches to help us have an exciting afternoon.

Each school group played in three sessions including a shooting drill, a passing drill and a dribbling drill plus a mini match at the end of the afternoon.

Lana Gillard, the Football Development Officer from Essex County FA, also came to see us and presented us with medals and colourful shoelaces! Sincere thanks go to Rachel and Stuart Harwood and team at Beacon Hill Football Club for organising such a fun packed afternoon. Hopefully, it will have inspired the girls who attended to join a local team.



Y4 Visit to Colchester Zoo

My favourite animal at Colchester Zoo was the Fennec Fox. We learnt that even though they live in the desert, they actually have thick hair because they go underground during the day when it is hot and come out at night when it is colder. We also learnt that they have big ears to release their heat.

Written by Lucas

All of year 4 went to Colchester Zoo. We enjoyed seeing the animals and finding out where they live. We also got to have a talk with a zoo keeper and she taught us about all the habitats African animals live in such as the savannah, deserts and rainforests. We had a lovely day.

Written by Phoebe



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

Update from Maldon District Council

December news

There will now be speed checks conducted on the B1022 in Totham north, after sites were approved by the police. I know this is not as beneficial as a reduction in the speed limit and that is the long run intention. Getting changes to the highways is much harder than it used to be, due to the reduction in the budgets at Essex for the local highway panels.

We have also finally got the '20 is plenty' approved for Walden House Road, outside the school site. How soon this will be implemented, I am unsure, as highways are currently taking over 18 months to implement approved schemes. Jade has applied for parking restrictions to be implemented on the layby on Walden House Road, to restrict the length of time vehicles can be left there.

In the lead up to Christmas there will be free car parking from 2pm on Thursdays in December, and all day on Christmas Eve. The new market in Butt Lane will now be open until 2pm, due to its popularity and success.

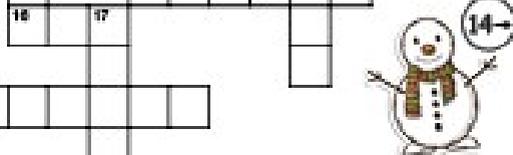
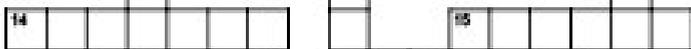
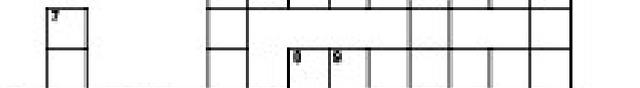
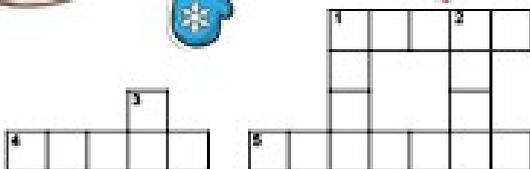
The community hubs are now operating from the council offices on a monthly basis. This is your opportunity to come and meet officers and our other partners such as the NHS and CVS, for any community or personal assistance. The next ones are on December 13th and January 15th, more information on their themes can be found on the council website.

Jade and I would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and we look forward to supporting you through 2024.

Best wishes Richard.

Just for fun!

DIRECTIONS: Fill in the puzzle grid with the name of each Christmas item following the number and direction indicated. Use the word bank if you get stuck.



BELL	SANTA CLAUS
CANDLE	SCARF
CANDY CANE	SKATE
FIRE	SLEIGH
HAT	SNOWFLAKE
HOLLY	SNOWMAN
MITTENS	STOCKING
ORNAMENT	SWEATER
PRESENT	TREE
REINDEER	WREATH





CHRISTMAS WORD SCRAMBLE



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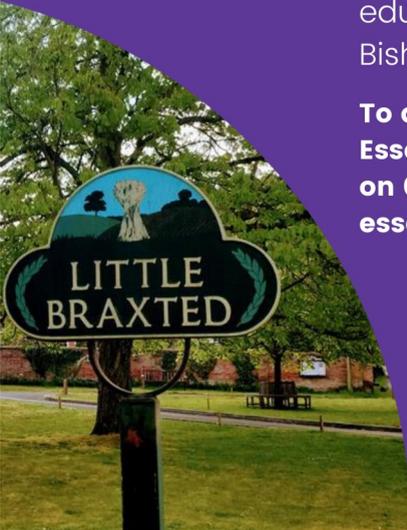
SUPPORT AVAILABLE FOR THE COMMUNITY

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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