



The Braxted

Bulletin

February 2024

VILLAGE INFORMATION

Clerks to the Parish Councils:

Great Braxted Lynda Townend Tel 07307 891134

Little Braxted Gordon Musset Tel 01376 520103

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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Great Braxted Parish Council – Information & Updates

Latest Village works & news

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

- GBPC are working with Maldon District Council with regards to various schemes including but not limited too:
 - Participation in Salt Bag Scheme 2024
 - Road Safety, Signage And Speed Awareness through Village
 - Tree / Hedge Planting

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

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
- (16th March 2024) Annual Village Clean Up
- (2024) New Pavilion Roof / Storage / Solar



Pavilion Refurbishment – Phase 1

- Phase 1 – is now all completed.
- Window Shutters were installed 20th Jan and Kitchen Sink water heater now plumbed and wired.
- Phase 2 preparation works have begun, and this stage will aim to deliver new roofing, new storage area for pavilion tables & chairs, Wi-Fi installation, replacement flooring, plus possibly solar panels.



Next Parish Council Meetings

Gt Braxted PC next meetings:
12th March 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.

Annual Village Litter Pick

Saturday 16th March 2024

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



ALL SAINTS GREAT BRAXTED CHURCH NEWS January and February 2024

In view of the reduced attendance (only 5 people at the Christingle service) and the cost of heating the church, it has been decided to not have any Sunday services until Easter Day so we can economize. Recently we have had to run at a loss except the Christmas services. Funerals and Baptism will still take place of course.

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' or elsewhere, shown in red.

SUNDAY 4 TH	2nd Sunday before Lent
8.00am	Holy Communion
10.30 am	Sung service of Holy Communion
SUNDAY 11 TH	Sunday next before Lent
8.00am	Holy Communion
10.30 am	Sung service of Holy Communion
WEDDNESDAY 14 TH	Ash Wednesday
10.00am	Holy Communion with Ashing
SUNDAY 18 th	Lent 1
9.00 am	Service of Holy Communion (BCP) at St Nicholas'.
10.30 am	Sunday Praise Service
SUNDAY 25 TH	Lent 2
8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30 am	Holy Communion / Service of Lenten Reflection

NB Some Services at St Bartholomew's will be held in the adjacent Church Hall

Special Notices

+Rev Hilary has recently announced her retirement after some 9 years faithful service with us. Her last Services will be on 7th April.

+St Bartholomew's will be closed from 4th March for 12 weeks for continuation of the internal re-decoration and other works.

+Plans are advanced to replace the Corona at St **Nicholas'** with a modern and 'safer to operate' led system replacing the high level candle wheels.

BEACON HILL SPORTS ASSOCIATION

WHAT'S ON AT WICKHAM BISHOPS VILLAGE HALL ?

JANUARY

Sunday 14th	Hardy Plants Society 1:30pm
Monday 15th	u3a 1:30pm.
Saturday 20th	Jazz Club Night 7:30pm
Friday 26th	Community Cinema 7pm
Saturday 27th	Country Music & Line Dance 7:30pm

FEBRUARY

Thursday 1st	The Arts Society 10:30am
Saturday 3rd	Country Music & Line Dance 7:30pm
Friday 9th	Wine Circle 8pm
Saturday 17th	Jazz Club Night 7:30pm
Monday 19th	u3a 1:30pm

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

Update from Maldon District Council

February 2024

Recently there have been some interesting post and comments on social media, about planning decisions. Planning is always about policy and any councillor has to abide by the policy set by the government and our local plan. If as a councillor, we have a good planning reason, we can call the planning application into the planning committee. This means we can review the officers decision, and if we have a different perspective, ask for the application to go to a committee.

When a resident who wants to support or oppose a planning application. If you are going to write to the council regarding an application, then make sure you have planning reasons to back up your point of view. If 150 people support or oppose an application, it makes no difference, you have to have reasons based on policy.

Maldon District Council has launched its Winter Community Services guide, a comprehensive booklet that provides a one-stop place for residents to find information about services and community activities in the Maldon District during the winter period.

The guide aims to help residents stay safe, healthy, and connected during the winter months and features information about health and wellbeing, flu and COVID-19 vaccines, energy saving tips and financial support, as well as information about local volunteering, food and crisis support, community hubs, warm places, family and carer services, and community activities.

The guide is available to download from the Maldon District Council website at www.maldon.gov.uk/costofliving.

Best wishes Richard and Jade

Richard Siddall

Have Your Say!

25 January marks the beginning of an eight-week period of consultation about specific health services in mid and south Essex.

The local NHS is seeking views and ideas on proposals for future arrangements for inpatient services at our community hospitals, freestanding midwife-led birthing unit, and other patient services provided at St Peter's Hospital, Maldon.

The consultation will run from 25 January to 21 March 2024.

The proposals we are asking people to consider are:

- potential changes to the places where we provide some community hospital intermediate care and stroke rehabilitation services,
- making permanent the temporary move of the freestanding midwife-led birthing unit from St Peter's Hospital to, Maldon to the William Julien Courtauld Unit at St Michael's, Braintree.

the possibility of moving all other patient services at St Peter's Hospital, Maldon to other locations, mostly in and around Maldon.

How people can get involved

From today, you can visit our [dedicated consultation page on MSE Virtual Views](#), to find out about the proposals and plans, share your views, and ask questions.

Over the next eight weeks, you can get involved by:

[Completing a survey](#)

- Joining one of eight planned discussion groups being held across the region - in Maldon, Basildon, Chelmsford, Southend, Thurrock and Burnham on Crouch.
- Joining one of six online discussion sessions.
- Joining a public consultation hearing that we're holding in Maldon. This is a formal event, and people will need to submit their questions in advance.
- Joining a session being run by a voluntary sector organisation. These sessions are for people that might find it difficult to attend one of the other public events, and/or for people that need extra support to understand the proposals and share their views.
- Talking to us through our social media channels or at a drop-in event.

Emailing us at: mseics.getinvolved@nhs.net

- Phoning us at: 01268 594350

Writing to us at: FAO: Community Capacity Consultation NHS Mid and South Essex ICB, PO Box 6483, Basildon, SS14 0UG

All events will be promoted through MSE Virtual Views, local media, websites, social media channels, and through local NHS partners and community organisations.

Kind regards,

Communications and Engagement Team
NHS Mid and South Essex



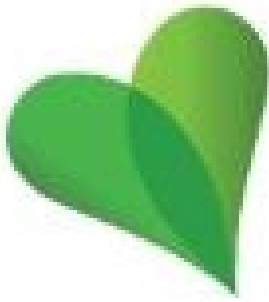
Essex County Council
County Planning

Have your say!

6 February to 19 March 2024

We are consulting on the 'Replacement Minerals Local Plan' and proposed sites (quarries) around Essex.

Visit www.essex.gov.uk/minerals-review to tell us your thoughts.



LOVE
ESSEX

New life for old electricals. Your old electrical items can now be recycled at the Maldon Recycling Centre. The Lighthouse Project, working in partnership with ECC, will repair and refurbish the items and sell them, at affordable prices, to the local community with the added bonus less is going to landfill. Find out more at Love Essex <https://www.lovesessex.org/news-and-ideas/too-good-to-throw-away-pass-on-your-furniture-electricals-and-other-items/>

Congratulations to Little Braxted resident Ayla and her fiancé Jack Howard on the birth of their daughter

Scarlett Louise Howard

Born 25th November
2023



Just for fun!

Valentine's Day Word Scramble

DIRECTIONS: Unscramble the letters to form the names of 11 different Valentine's Day words. Then unscramble the shaded letters to answer the riddle.

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What did the boy bear say to the girl bear on Valentine's Day?



Valentine's Day

word search puzzle

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P B T V T W O U S N A B
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R K E H P J E C Y R E E
F C H O C O L A T E Y V
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SWEETHEART

FEBRUARY

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KISS

CUPID

VALENTINE

DATE

CHOCOLATE

BOYFRIEND

CANDY

BELOVED

PERFUME

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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