

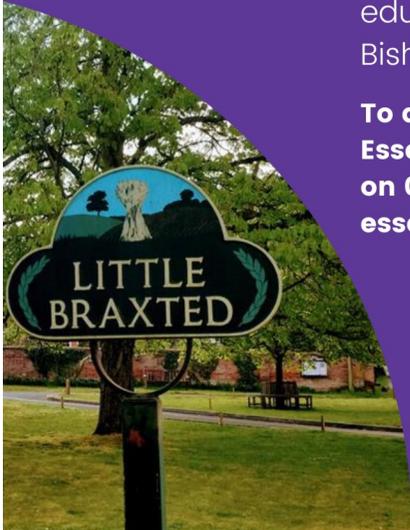
# SUPPORT AVAILABLE FOR THE COMMUNITY

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](http://essexcommunityfoundation.org.uk)



  
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# The Braxted Bulletin

March 2023

## 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](mailto: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

### Next Parish Council Meetings

#### Gt Braxted PC next meetings:

12th January and 9th March 2023 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](mailto:parishclerk@greatbraxtedpc.org.uk)

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

Little Braxted: all meetings are held at the Braxted Bakery and start at 7pm. Next dates are TBC.  
Email for details:

[littlebraxtedpc@hotmail.com](mailto:littlebraxtedpc@hotmail.com)

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

*Just for fun!*

# SPRINGTIME

## Word Scramble

This spring Peony is going on a field trip with her class to the state park. Her teacher gave the class a list of things to look for in the woods and meadows, but the words got all mixed up. Can you help Peony unscramble her list?



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9. EBE                        \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
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11. OMLOB                    \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
12. ERGEN                    \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_



## ANNUAL VILLAGE CLEAN UP

After a gap due to the pandemic, the annual village clean up (collecting all types of rubbish from the roads, verges and park, etc) will take place on:-

**Saturday 18th MARCH 2023**

It will start at about at 10 am – please meet at the Pavilion. The more the merrier [and easier!] Many hands make light work!

Refreshments will be served at the Pavilion from about 11 am for all the volunteers. Bags and maybe litter pickers will be provided but it is a good idea to wear boots and strong gloves.

Great Braxted Parish Council

Message from editor:

Information has been provided regarding the need for voter ID for all elections moving forward, and this will include the May local council elections, so do take a look at the back pages of the Bulletin.

March is a busy month, but the evenings are getting lighter, which is a joy!

**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

### **Great Braxted Trucam Patrols—speed camera checks**

Speed camera checks are still taking place regularly in Great Braxted in an ongoing effort to maintain safety through the village.

### **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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## Commemorating the Coronation of King Charles III

The Parish Councils of Great and Little Braxted would like to present each child (from 1 day old to those in year 11 at school) with a free commemorative mug, as a keepsake of this historic day.

### KCIII Coronation Mugs



If you have children and would like to order a mug, please contact the relevant clerk by email, no later than Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023, confirming the number of mugs required and your address (for delivery). We will email you regarding delivery once the mugs have been received.

Great Braxted – [parishclerk@greatbraxtedpc.org.uk](mailto:parishclerk@greatbraxtedpc.org.uk)

Little Braxted – [littlebraxtedpc@hotmail.com](mailto:littlebraxtedpc@hotmail.com)

As the mugs have to be ordered in quantities of 36 there may be some spare mugs available to purchase at a cost of £7.80. If you would be interested in purchasing a mug and would like to be added to the waiting list, please contact your parish clerk.

## The Electoral Commission

- Have I registered to vote?
- Do I have photo ID?
- Have I got photo ID to take to the polling station?
- If not, have I applied for a free voter ID?
- Have I voted?

The deadline to register to vote in the 2023 local elections is **11:59pm on Monday 17 April.**

The deadline to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate for the 2023 local elections is **5pm on Tuesday 25 April.**

Visit [electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID](https://electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID) or call **0800 328 0280** for more information on:

- Registering to vote
- What ID will be accepted when voting
- How to apply for free voter ID

How can I  
find out  
more?

If you have any questions or would like to obtain this information in an accessible format, go to [electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID](https://electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID), call our helpline on **0800 328 0280** or scan the QR code below.



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## Maldon District Councillor News

### March News

The council now has five year housing land supply and this means that any development has to fit our local plan and be sustainable. If an application for new homes comes forward that isn't designated in the plan, it is less likely to be approved. The five year housing land supply target is very difficult to maintain as it is reliant on how many houses a developer actually builds, rather the council passing the planning permission. This is particularly important for the Totham ward, to ensure we protect the character of the villages.

The council has produced a new corporate plan which sets out the aims for the next 4 years. We need to ensure that our services are effective and at the same time make sure we are maintaining the finances of the council. One of the key focuses of the plan and also is identified in the recent public consultations, is the lack of infrastructure delivery, including schools, roads and doctor surgeries. This is something I will ensure be a priority to deliver in the future.

As we are now approaching the election in May, this will be my last update until after the election, due to the election rules. I would like to say it has been a privilege to represent the Great Totham ward over the past 4 years and I hope I will get the opportunity to continue for another 4 years.

As ever if you do have any questions or issues over the next few months please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes

Richard

**Richard Siddall**



## ALL SAINT'S GREAT BRAXTED CHURCH NEWS March 2023

We are now in lent, running up to Easter which is April 7th to 10<sup>th</sup>. Easter Day (Sunday) is the 9<sup>th</sup>. Information re Easter week services next month

We have had a funeral and a wedding this month [February]. Weddings all summer now it is good to see the couples coming to church for their connection and reading of banns

The services at All Saints will be as follows:

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March            Parish Communion at 11.15 am

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March  
Mothering Sunday            Matins at 11.15 am

### Contacts: -

Rector	Revd. Anne-Marie Renshaw	01621 815260
Churchwarden	Mike Puttick	01621 816830
Administrator	Christine Hall [Tue to Thurs]	07421078981
Website:	<a href="http://www.thurstablewinstreechurches.org">www.thurstablewinstreechurches.org</a>	

## Voting by post

You don't need to provide photo ID to vote by post.

Are there other ways to vote?



To apply to vote by post, you'll need to complete a postal vote application form and make sure it arrives with your local council by **5pm on Tuesday 18 April 2023**.

You will receive your ballot paper in the post. Complete and return your ballot paper, ensuring you leave enough time for it to arrive at your local council by **10pm on Thursday 4 May**. If you can't post your postal vote pack in time, you can take it to your polling station or to your local council office on polling day.

## Voting by proxy

(allowing someone you trust to vote on your behalf)



To apply to vote by proxy, complete an application form and send it to your local council to arrive by **5pm on Tuesday 25 April 2023**.

The person you choose to vote on your behalf will need to go to your polling station to vote and will need to show their own photo ID to be able to cast your vote. They will not need to show your ID when voting on your behalf.

In an emergency where you cannot go to the polling station in person, you can apply for an emergency proxy up to **5pm on Thursday 4 May**.

For more information or to get a postal or proxy application form, visit [electoralcommission.org.uk/voter](http://electoralcommission.org.uk/voter) or call our helpline on **0800 328 0280**.

# What will happen at the polling station?

When you arrive at the polling station, a member of staff will:

1. Ask you for your name and address so they can find you on the electoral register
2. Ask for your photo ID, and check if it is acceptable
3. If your ID is acceptable, they will give you your ballot paper and direct you to complete it in a polling booth as usual

A private area will be available at the polling station, so you can choose to have your photo ID viewed in private if you like. This might be a separate room, or an area separated by a privacy screen, depending on the polling station.

Staff at the polling station are there to help. If you need assistance at any point, just ask.

## 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 Graham Wingrove 01621 891844  
 Rick Smith 01621 928017

St Nicholas' is normally open daily, if closed borrow the key from the Estate Office.  
 For Group visits contact: [stnicholas@churchinwickhambishops.org.uk](mailto:stnicholas@churchinwickhambishops.org.uk)

Special Note: The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent is **Mothering Sunday** and coincides with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month when we shall hold our monthly service of Holy Communion at St Nicholas' following the old Prayer Book rite.

This is a day to honour the 'Mother church' especially where one was baptised and became 'a child of the church'. Celebrated since the Middle Ages the 'festival' was revived in 1913 to honour Mother Church, the Virgin Mary, Mother Nature and also celebrates our own mothers and motherhood.

**Do join us on the 19<sup>th</sup> of March at 9.00am at St Nicolas'... a day to Rejoice!**

### IN AND FROM OUR PARISH : SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY

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

<b>Sunday 5</b> 8.00 am* 10 30 am*	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> Holy Communion Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 12</b> 8.00 am 10.30 am	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> Holy Communion Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 19</b> 9.00 am 10.30 am*	<b>Mothering Sunday</b> Holy Communion (BCP) at <b>St Nicholas'</b> Sunday Praise Service followed by a Crockpot Lunch
<b>Sunday 26</b> 8.00 am 10.30 am	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> – beginning of Passiontide. Holy Communion BCP Holy Communion
<b>Wednesday</b> 29 March 10.00am*	Holy Communion *in St Bartholomew's Church Hall

#### A FORMAL NOTICE

#### The Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The date has been changed to the 14<sup>th</sup> May  
 Details of the meeting in St Bartholomew's church hall, together with Nomination Forms for Church Wardens and PCC members will be available during April.

## 1st Beacon Hill Scouts



### TABLE TOP AND CAR BOOT SALE

No, it's not our county, possibly nationally famous jumble sale of past years, but we are back, this time with a table top and car boot sale.

This will take place on Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April between 10.30am and 2.30pm. Numbers for the car boot section will be limited, so it will be on a first come, first served basis. Table top access will be between 8.00 – 9.00am, after which cars will need to be removed from the site. Car access will be between 9.00 – 10.00am. Tables will be provided. All pitches [£10] MUST be pre booked and paid for before the event. To pre book and pay for your pitch or for more information please e mail [1stbeaconhill.org.uk](mailto:1stbeaconhill.org.uk) or [janet\\_richardson\\_53@hotmail.com](mailto:janet_richardson_53@hotmail.com).

Refreshments [mandatory bacon and/or sausage butties] will be available.

There will be bric-a-brac, second hand tools, tombola table just to mention a few. Why not have a spring clean, tidy your house and raise some cash.

Even if you are not selling, please come along and support your local scout group.

We look forward to seeing you on 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

## What information do I need to give when I apply for a Voter Authority Certificate?

When applying for a Voter Authority Certificate, you will need to provide your:

- **Name**
- **Date of birth**
- **Address**
- **National Insurance number**

If you don't know your National Insurance number, or don't have one, you can still apply. Your council will contact you to request alternative proof of your identity.

You will also need to submit a photograph with your application. The requirements for the photograph are similar to the requirements for a passport photo.



Find out more about the requirements at  
[electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID](https://electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID)



Or call our helpline on  
**0800 328 0280.**

# Applying for a Voter Authority Certificate



The deadline to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate for use at these elections is **5pm on Tuesday 25 April**, but you should apply as soon as possible in case your local council needs to check any details with you.



You can apply for a Voter Authority Certificate online at [voter-authority-certificate.service.gov.uk](http://voter-authority-certificate.service.gov.uk)

You can also apply by completing a paper application form and sending this to your local council. You may also be able to apply in person at your local council office.

If you need any help with applying for a Voter Authority Certificate or want to request an application form, contact your local council. To find their contact details visit [electoralcommission.org.uk/voter](http://electoralcommission.org.uk/voter) or call our helpline on **0800 328 0280**.

## VILLAGE ACTIVITIES IN BRAXTED PAVILION & GROUNDS

Lettings Officer & Key Holder: Sarah Mann, 892821, email [sarahm66@btinternet.com](mailto: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

<b>Monday</b>	<b>U3A Bridge Group 9:30am—12:30pm (Ken Hornett 01621)</b>
	<b>Metafit [keep fit] - 6-7pm (Lisa Brand, 01621 893720)</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Metafit [keep fit] - 8:30-9:30am (Lisa Brand, 01621 893720)</b>
	<b>Pilates Class—1:30-2:30pm (Maureen Barnes, 07718741362)</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Home Schooling—All Day—Fortnightly</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Braxted Barkers Dog Club Thursday 11:30am—1:30pm Diane Sawford, 07840 778042</b>
	<b>Band Rehearsal 7:00pm</b>
	<b>PC Meeting Bi-monthly</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Braxted Art Club from 11:00am. David Joyce, 01621 891241</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Summer Cricket matches May to September 1pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Braxted Barkers Dog Club, first Sunday each month. Diane Sawford, 07840 778042</b>

### 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	£25.00
Outside GB and LB hires	£50

Sarah Mann	Secretary
Ken Hornett	Chairman

## Preparing the Pavilion for the future

At the heart of our community is the Great Braxted Pavilion, which costs money to maintain and is not the best constructed, especially when it comes to insulation and energy efficiency.

Applying for grants to improve such facilities is sadly no longer just a case of providing quotes and stating why it seems a good idea. Competition for funds is high, availability of money is limited, and causes to be supported vary in line with societal changes and their impact on how we live.

The proposed project behind the seeking of grants is therefore to secure the Pavilion for the future through insulation, external cladding, low cost heating and LED lighting – all Climate Actions that are important to us all. Along with improved ground drainage and tree management this will also combine to help restrict any possible further physical movement of the building.

The roof pitch and position, together with proximity of trees make it unsuitable for solar panels but we could, for example, demonstrate carbon offsets for the Pavilion's electricity used and heat generated by the planting of more trees – maybe some more to the edges of the village cricket field, perhaps then some in villagers gardens and others in open spaces?

The Pavilion's energy consumption is estimated to generate some 5-6 tonnes of CO2. To offset this would require the planting of circa 150 – 200 trees. We have 180 properties in Great & Little Braxted so in simple terms it's the equivalent of one tree per household (give or take). Food for thought.

Why is this important? Many funders are supporting climate action and want to know how we might use a grant. We can build our bids to seek funding for the Pavilion's improvement based on this important aspect of our society today – and demonstrate why it should be prioritised over anything else.

I contacted a few local people to seek their opinion of this but wider feedback is important to gain funders interest. Learning from the Playground initiative identified the importance of community wide input to establish the importance of the project.

If you have a form of accepted photo ID which is out of date, you can still use it to vote at a polling station if it still looks like you.

If you don't already have an accepted form of photo ID, or you're not sure whether your photo ID still looks like you, you can apply for a free voter ID document, known as a Voter Authority Certificate.

You need to be registered to vote before you apply for a Voter Authority Certificate. When you register to vote, you'll be asked whether you have photo ID or if you want to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate.



For more information about which forms of ID will be accepted visit [electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID](https://electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID)



Or call our helpline on **0800 328 0280**.

## Which forms of ID can I use to vote?

You will only need to show one form of photo ID, but it needs to be the original version and not a photocopy.

You can use any of the following accepted forms of photo ID to be able to vote at a polling station.

 <p><b>International travel</b> Passport</p>	 <p><b>Local travel</b> Certain concessionary travel cards</p>
 <p><b>Driving and parking</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Driving licence (including provisional licence)</li> <li>• Blue badge</li> </ul>	 <p><b>Other government-issued documents</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biometric immigration document</li> <li>• Defence Identity Card</li> <li>• National identity card</li> </ul>
 <p><b>Proof of age</b> Identity card with PASS mark (Proof of Age Standards Scheme)</p>	

Is the Pavilion important – I would argue ‘Yes’? Can we demonstrate how we can preserve it **and** contribute to the local and national climate action initiatives? This is where we need your help.

As an idea of community feedback, the following email has very recently been sent to me from a member of the Braxted community as a part of this project:

*We would like to impress on the Council the importance of our Village Pavilion. This really is the hub and meeting point for so many. For Clubs, private functions, national celebrations and much more. We were made very welcome at our 1st ‘pop up pub’ held in the pavilion, at that time, monthly, in the absence of a village pub. Many residents, friends and family gather to enjoy quality time together, something which is extremely important, especially for those that live alone and is an affordable way to get out and socialise.*

*The Village pavilion could be greatly improved and made more energy efficient with some repairs and insulation.*

*As stated by ACRE ‘Village halls are in a unique position to tackle the climate crisis; they can be demonstrators of energy efficiency and renewable technologies and they can help to pull the community together over a common cause’.*

*We feel this would then in turn inspire local residents to make similar changes to their own homes, all positive ways to tackle the climate crisis.*

We need to demonstrate the value of our Pavilion and the role climate action can play in improving it. If you can help me with your supporting comments too that would be wonderful as we build bids for funding.

**Cllr Richard Collins**

Email: [cllr.collins@greatbraxtedpc.org.uk](mailto:cllr.collins@greatbraxtedpc.org.uk)

## News from Great Totham Primary School

[www.greattotham.essex.sch.uk](http://www.greattotham.essex.sch.uk)



### Choir – Young Voices 2023

Mr Kitchener and other GTPS staff members took the choir club to Wembley Arena on Tuesday 7th February for Young Voices 2023 – the largest children’s choir concerts in the world! After many weeks of rehearsals, the children put on a wonderful performance alongside hundreds of other schools to a packed out crowd of tens of thousands!



*When we first got on the coach, we were really excited. There were so many people around when we got there! The experience was awesome. We were singing and dancing the whole time. Being in Wembley Arena was such a great opportunity. The singing sounded lovely and the dancing was excellent. All the flashing lights were so cool. We really enjoyed seeing all the other acts too. We so were so surprised that we performed with famous people on the stage!*

**Written by Matilda, Madeleine and Freya - Year 4**

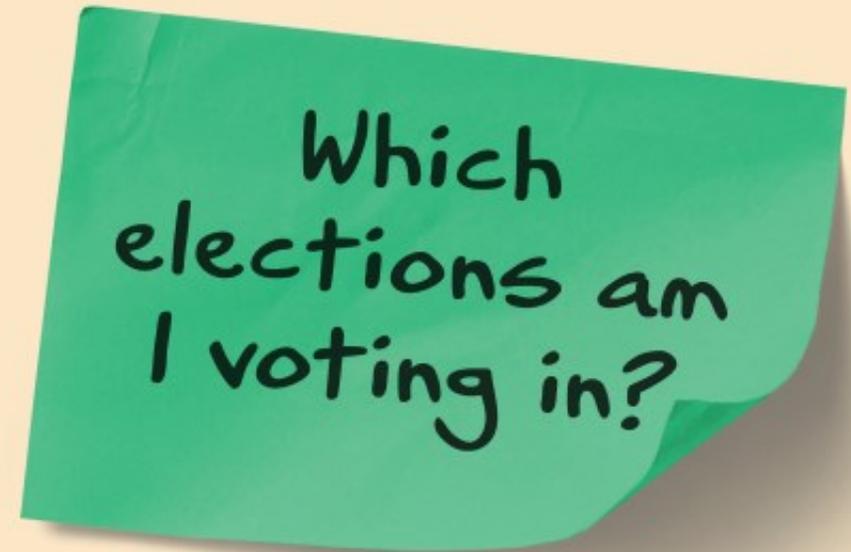


### Y5/6 Football Match



On Thursday 2nd February, we were invited to play a football match against Wentworth Primary. It was a close match with the children trying out different positions, a hand ball by Wentworth gave us a penalty but it was saved by their keeper. A goal from Noah (his first ever), with a cool celebration, made the final score 2-1 to

Wentworth. It was an enjoyable afternoon, with great team spirit!



Local elections are taking place across 230 areas in England on **Thursday 4 May 2023**, including local council, mayoral and parish elections.



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## ActiveRevision

2023



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10-14 April



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Everything you need to know  
about photo ID for the May  
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