



The Braxted Bulletin

March 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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TruCam patrols report Great Braxted

Parish/Town Council	Month	Total Number of Hours
Great Braxted	February	2
Number of Tru Cam Patrols	Hours Spent on Tru Cam	Number of Offenders
3	2	6

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



An Extra Ordinary Meeting of Great Braxted Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 5th March, at 8pm in the Pavilion.

Under discussion is the Essex Minerals Local Plan and Call for Sites Consultation

Find relevant documents at <https://www.essex.gov.uk/replacement-essex-minerals-local-plan-review-2025-2040>

All residents welcome

Next Parish Council Meetings

Gt Braxted PC next meetings:
Extra Ordinary Meeting 5th March 8pm at the Pavilion
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 March 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.

31ST MARCH 2024, EASTER DAY SERVICE WILL BE 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 MARCH

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

Sunday 3rd 8.00 am 10.30 am	3rd Sunday of Lent Holy Communion Sung Holy Communion
Sunday 10th 8.00 am 10.30 am	Mothering Sunday Holy Communion Sung Holy Communion
Sunday 17th 9.00 am 10.30 am	5th Sunday of Lent – beginning of Passiontide Holy Communion (BCP) at St Nicholas' Sunday Praise Service followed by a Crockpot Lunch
Sunday 24th 8.00 am 10.30 am	Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week Holy Communion BCP Palm Procession from the Village Hall (10.10am) with Sung Holy Communion
Thursday 28th 8.00 pm	Maundy Thursday Holy Communion followed by a silent vigil.
Friday 29th 2.00 pm	Good Friday Last Hour at the Cross St Nicholas' Little Braxted
Sunday 31st 9.00 am 10.30 am	EASTER DAY The 'Light of Christ' and lighting of the Pascal Candle Holy Communion at St Nicholas' Little Braxted Sung Holy Communion with Holy Baptism <i>Choral setting. Children's Craft and followed by Easter Egg Hunt</i>

Sunday 7th April 8.00 am 10.30 am	Easter 1 [Low Sunday]..... Retirement day Holy Communion Sung Holy Communion followed by celebration of Rev Hilary's 9 years of service to the Parish.
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News from Great Totham Primary School

www.greattotham.essex.sch.uk



RHS School Gardening Awards Level 4

We are delighted to have been awarded the RHS School Gardening Awards Level 4!

Level 4 focuses on gardening for wildlife and using gardening to support the curriculum. It is also about inspiring others beyond your school by sharing plants and seeds. Well done to all those Y3/Y4 children involved in Mrs Priest's weekly Gardening Club and thank you Mrs Priest for all your hard work.



The Level 4 Certificate will be displayed in the courtyard and we will shortly be in receipt of a £100 National Garden Gift Voucher, the 'RHS Gardening School' book and a selection of seeds.

Tag Rugby Essex County Champions 2024!

Great Totham Rugby Players have been crowned Tag Rugby Essex County Champions!

After winning the local Maldon Schools Tag Rugby Tournament in January, we were through to the County Finals event. This was held on Wednesday 14th February at Southend Rugby Club where 15 schools met to compete for the title of Essex County Champions.

During the morning we played in the group stages winning every game so were placed winners of the group and into the Super 10 stage, where the best 10 teams were involved.

Despite some tough competition we continued our winning streak and deservedly booked a place in the final.



The final against Beaumont Castle, from Grays, was a nail-biting match, with the team on top swinging from one to the other. Eventually a score of 6-4 secured the all-important win for us to come away triumphant.

Each team member played their part and they were awarded with medals and a glass trophy. The team was congratulated on portraying the School Games values of Passion, Self-Belief, Respect, Honesty, Determination and Teamwork! In fact, the Small Games Organiser (SGO), Kirk Edwards (who refereed all our matches), reported back to our local SGO, saying, "They were on another level. One of the best teams I have seen in 18 years, your parents were delightful as well. A lovely school."

Big thanks to parents, grandparents and great-grandparents for their passionate support, and especially to our school club coach - Stuart Pearson.

Update from Maldon District Council

Business and community organisations across Maldon District are invited to apply for a new grant scheme. Funding is available to improve productivity and to strengthen the rural economy and rural communities.

Maldon District Council, in partnership with the Rural Community Council of Essex, will be distributing capital funding received through the Rural England Prosperity Fund into projects with beneficial outcomes for businesses and communities throughout the district.

Applications will need to focus on one of three key areas:

- Rural circular economy projects
- Impactful volunteering and social action projects to develop social and human capital in local places
- Small scale investment in micro and small enterprises in rural areas.

Applications are now open, with guidance and the application process on the Maldon District Council website at www.maldon.gov.uk/repf.

St Peters

Given the position we are now facing, the Council accepts that the most important thing is to prevent further reduction of NHS services within the Maldon District. Maldon District Council is committed to working closely with the NHS to ensure those services remain in district and we will do all we can to support the NHS should services need to be re-located. This includes using the councils buildings.

As the council has adopted flexible hybrid working, it means that we have the opportunity to enable the use of our buildings. Currently, we are identifying which buildings in the town and the district could provide a home to the out patient services. However, at this stage these are only potential options and are subject to commercial sensitivities.

The Council has assets that already act as a community hub; therefore, we must look at our estate. All discussions with the NHS are commercially sensitive and would be subject to robust governance and scrutiny.

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.

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

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!



Just for fun!

Easter Word Scramble

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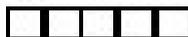
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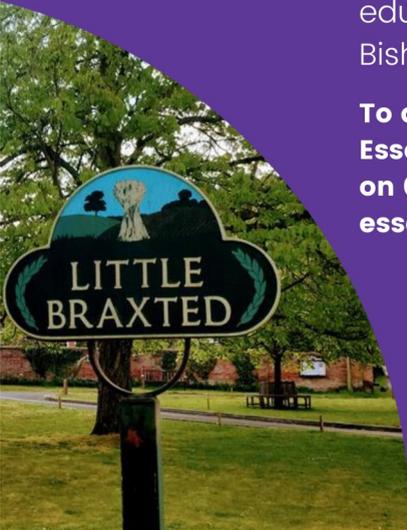
SUPPORT AVAILABLE FOR THE COMMUNITY

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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