



The Braxted

Bulletin

November 2024

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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Trucam patrols October 2024

Speeds recorded in area					
Site Name	Number of Patrols	Captures	Highest Speed Recorded	Lowest Speed Recorded	Speed Limit
TIMTREE ROAD, JNW THE WILLOWS	2	3	41	39	30
Total	2	3	41	39	

St Nicholas' Church, Little Braxted

In the Ecclesiastical Parish of Wickham Bishops with Little Braxted

Rector / Priest-in-charge: Vacant

Parish contact phone 07544 973705

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 guided tour contact: stnicholas@churchinwickhambishops.org.uk

IN AND FROM OUR PARISH : SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

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

Saturday 2nd

3.30 pm

4.00pm

All Souls

for light refreshments

Service commemorating the departed



Sunday 3rd

8.00 am

10.30 am

All Saints Sunday

Holy Communion

Holy Communion

Sunday 10th

8.00 am

10.30 am

Remembrance Sunday

Holy Communion

Holy Communion

Sunday 17th

9.00 am

10.30 am

2nd before Advent

Holy Communion BCP at St Nicholas'

Sunday Praise Service

Sunday 24th

8.00 am

10.30 am

Bible Sunday

Holy Communion (BCP)

Holy Communion

NOTES

- + Discussions for replacement for our incumbent for St Bartholomew's and St Nicholas' are now ongoing-watch this space!
- + We have been able to secure the services of a visiting priest for St Nicholas' each month, including the candle-lit Midnight Mass on Christmas eve. There will also be the usual mid-week evening Carol Service confirmed as 11th December. The monthly service on 3rd Sundays will continue through the Winter months.
- + **The Annual Remembrance Service at the Three Villages War Memorial, sponsored by Little Braxted Parish Council will take place as usual at 2.30pm on Sunday 10th November. ALL WELCOME.**



HISTORICAL NOTE

The War Memorial can be found at the junction of Kelvedon Road, Braxted Road and Tiptree Road. It commemorates Charles Oscar Wilson who lived at Heath Cottage in Little Braxted Parish, just a few yards away. His parents, William and Elizabeth Wilson, made a major donation towards the Memorial and Charles has a whole panel personally dedicated, "To the Memory of Our Son".

The War Memorial is a Listed Building.

Commemorating those who have served and died in the World Wars, the Memorial becomes the focal point of the Parishes of Great Braxted, Little Braxted and Wickham Bishops each Remembrance Sunday. The parishioners of these three villages join in with the traditional service on this day and with the laying of wreaths.

Killed in action on 26/3/1917 Lt Wilson was interred in Gaza.

Y5 First Aid

Maldon Life Savers came to our school to teach us about CPR. They brought some replicas of humans to practise with, and taught us to press down on the middle of the person who was having a cardiac arrest. This was around the chest area. They taught us to check our surroundings for dangers and how to successfully call 999, 911 and to ask for an ambulance. We were told how to locate ourselves using an app that gave you three words (like Butter, Turtle, Tree) that you told the emergency service so they can find you. They said we should state our emergency and repeat our location so they can definitely find us. After being told about this we practised doing mouth to mouth, and how we should do 30 chest compressions and 2 mouth to mouths. We learnt how to use an automatic defibrillator and to stand clear when it's shocking the casualty. We learnt the recovery position and to shout for help and listen to breathing. Written by Lucas



Year 5/6 Football

In October, we attended the first part of a year 5/6 football tournament in Colchester. There were 16 teams playing in 2 pools. We played 7 games against the other teams in our pool, throughout the day.

The format was a 7-a-side team with a squad of 10 players. Our team was a little nervous to begin with, but they soon got into the flow of the games. We won every game and only conceded one goal the whole day! The squad worked so well as a team, they were supportive of each other, showed great sportsmanship to each other and opposing teams if a player got hurt or fell and played some exciting football!



Goals, 22 of them (plus an own goal), were scored from many different players: 7 from Lucas, 6 from Ralphie, 3 from Oscar and 2 from Stanley, Henry and Zachariah.

The top 4 schools, of which we were one, from each pool were awarded a place in the finals, which will be played on 22nd October.

It was a great day in the rain and the chilly air didn't seem to bother the players! Thank you to Rachel Harwood, for her help and all the parents for their support.



Year 3/4 Tag Rugby Tournament

We organised a Tag Rugby event for local schools in the Maldon Schools Sports Partnership. Eight teams played in 2 pools with a Great Totham team in each pool.

Our red team lost the first game but this led to them gaining confidence and they went on to win and draw further games. We were unlucky to not go through to the semi-final as we had the same number of points as All Saints with the same number of tries scored, but we had one more try scored against us, so unfortunately the tournament ended at this point for the reds.



Our yellow team played some very exciting games with lots of fast runs and tries scored and a whole lot of opposing team players tagged! The yellows made it

through to the final playing Maldon Court for the trophy. The game was so close and thrilling to watch, and it came to just one try between the 2 teams, giving Maldon Court the victory.

Thank you to Stuart Pearson and Maldon Rugby Club for hosting the event, and to all parents for their support.

Completion of our KS1 Building Works



Our building works have been completed and we have really enjoyed introducing the reception children to their new outdoor classroom. New activities and equipment are still being added but it is already a wonderful all-weather space.



Head Teacher: Miss Sarah Vass

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Great Totham,
CM9 8PN

01621 891091

admin@greattotham.essex.sch.uk

Would you like to give back to your local community?

Are you interested in the education of Great Totham's children?

Our Governing Body has vacancies for a Partnership and a Co-opted Governor¹. We are seeking interested people who have the skills and time to join the Governing Body and help lead our school for at least the next four years.

The Role of the Governing Body at Great Totham

As a Foundation School the Governing Body is the employer of all staff, the admission authority for children and has responsibility for the school's land and buildings. Its four main duties in ensuring high standards of achievement for all children are:

- With the Headteacher, setting the school's vision, ethos and strategic direction
- Holding the Headteacher and senior leaders to account for educational performance
- Overseeing financial performance and making sure the school's money is well spent
- Helping to shape the culture, working and learning environments of the school

Being a Governor is a responsible role and we are looking for people who will commit to both attend and contribute to meetings of which there are two a term (both in person and via Zoom). Further information is available on the school website <https://www.greattotham.essex.sch.uk/ourschool>

If you are interested and would like to discuss this voluntary position please contact us to arrange a meeting.

Andy Johnson
Chair of Governors

Sarah Vass
Headteacher

¹ Both partnership and co-opted governors are appointed by the governing body. A partnership governor cannot be a parent or have parental responsibility for a child at the school. A co-opted governor may, but does not have to, have such relationships

🗣️ Join Us for a "Let's Talk" Crime Prevention Event! 🗣️

Come along to the Great Braxted Pavilion on Thursday, 14th November 2024, from 7pm to 8pm for an evening dedicated to keeping our community safe!

This is a fantastic opportunity for residents to:

Learn effective ways to protect your home and property

Get tips on how to spot suspicious activity

Understand how to prevent common crimes in our area

Meet with officers from **Essex Police** and **Maldon Police** who'll be there to answer your questions and share valuable crime prevention advice. Don't miss this chance to stay informed and connected with your local police! See you there!

All Saints Church, Great Braxted

Church News November & December 2024

We are not currently holding regular Sunday services due to very small attendance figures. This will be reviewed in the spring.



We will still be here for you for booking weddings, baptisms and funerals. If you would like to arrange to visit when there is not a service, please do contact us.

Christmas Services 2024:

Carol Service, Sunday 22nd December at 11.15 am. We hope you can join us for our traditional service of carols and readings.

Midnight Communion, on Christmas Eve, 24th December at 10 pm. Everyone is invited to join us as we prepare for Christmas Day.



Contact us:

Team Rector: Revd Anne-Marie Renshaw
01621 815260 amlrenshaw@btinternet.com

Team Administrator, Christine Hall 07421 078981
thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com 01621 819557

Office hours: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 10 am to 12.30 pm.

See our webpage, on our team website, for more information:
thurstablewinstreechurches.org/all-saints-great-braxted

Getting married?

- Have you considered a wedding in one of our Church of England parish churches?
- All Saints, Great Braxted is on the Braxted Park Estate
- St Luke's, Tiptree CO5 0SU (is 7 minutes away from Braxted Park)
- If you live in the parish or have a qualifying connection to the church, we can help you to arrange a wedding.



No connection? No problem
You will need to come to church on Sundays for a minimum of 6 months, or we can help you arrange a Blessing following a Civil Marriage Ceremony.

Please email us at:
thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com
or phone: 01621 815260

Our thanks to Elise & Alex and Ellie & Chris for permission to use photographs of their weddings at All Saints'. Photos by Alistair Veryard @alistair_veryard_photography and Chris Woodman of Boutique Wedding Films



Do you have bookkeeping experience?

Would you be willing to give some time to support a local charity?

The Beacon Hill Sports Association is a Charitable Trust which provides facilities to the local community for sports and recreation. This includes the sports fields, hosting Beacon Hill Rovers and Wickham Bishops Tennis Club and the hall spaces at Snows Corner which are much used by many - from the youngest to retirees of the area. A huge range of activities take place in the hall from Toddler and Nursery groups to Drama, Dance, Jazz and u3a groups. The Charity is run by volunteers and we are currently looking for help with bookkeeping to help us maintain the high standard of service which we provide. The role would require a commitment of no more than 2 days per quarter.

If you can help please contact our Chair, Elizabeth, on ejcoeshall@aol.com

BEACON HILL SPORTS ASSOCIATION

(CHARITY NO. 232995)

A.G.M.

Notice is hereby given that the
Annual General Meeting
of the above Association will be held at
Wickham Bishops Village Hall at 8pm
on

Monday 25th November 2024

for the following purposes:-

1. Apologies for absence
2. To verify the minutes of the AGM of 27th November 2023
3. To receive Chairman's Report
4. To receive Hon. Treasurer's report
5. To receive 200 Club report
6. To elect our President
7. To appoint Vice-Presidents
8. To elect 4 members of the public to the Board of Trustees
9. To appoint an Independent Examiner
10. Any Other Business

All residents, aged 18 and over, of the Parishes of Wickham Bishops, Great Totham, Great and Little Braxted are welcome to attend. Please email Nicole Carter (Secretary) ncacarter@outlook.com to indicate attendance.

Festive refreshments will be served.

Volunteers Wanted Hedge & Tree Planting



Village Hedge Planting Initiative

Working in partnership with Essex County Council's Forestry and Woodland Team, Great Braxted Parish Council will be planting hedging and tree saplings around the field on Thursday the 19th December 2024 from 10am to 3pm.

**19th
Dec
2024
10am
to
3pm**

No experience necessary

Planting equipment will be provided

Please wear suitable clothing and footwear

Join in for as long or little as you can

Encourage others to join in the fun

Refreshments will be provided

Location

Great
Braxted
Cricket
Field

For More Information

parishclerk@greatbraxtedpc.org.uk

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

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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