

VILLAGE INFORMATION

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Non-urgent contact for Police: 101, Online
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Library Information: Wickham Bishops Library (

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2pm - 5:30pm on Mondays and Wednesdays, 9am - 5pm Saturdays:

Contact 0345 6037628

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Next Parish council meetings

Gt Braxted PC next meeting TBC. 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: greatbraxtedpc@gmail.com

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

Little Braxted - All meetings are held at the Braxted Bakery, and start at 7.00 p.m.

The next dates are: To be confirmed Email the following for details:
littlebraxtedpc@hotmail.com

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

WELCOME TO DECEMBER

And so we come to December, which is traditionally a time when everything picks up pace – at least for the first 24 days of the month!

So here is part of a Christina Rossetti poem for you.

"In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter, long ago."

If you know anyone that does not access Facebook and would like a copy emailed to them, please let me know lee.kane01@hotmail.com

Braxted Facebook Groups



Those interested, in local updates, including stories found in the Braxted bulletin and other local issues, please feel free to join the following Facebook groups , **by either** searching for 'Great Braxted Residents' or using the below link for Great Braxted, or requesting to join 'Little Braxted' group via Facebook message to Ali Aldis. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1637978482902828/>

Great Braxted Trucam Patrols, speed camera checks

Please see below for statistic in regard to speed camera checks now taking place regularly in Great Braxted, as part of the Parish Council initiative in response to community concerns.

Parish/Town Council	Month	Total Number of Hours
Great Braxted	Oct-21	2
Number of Tru Cam Patrols	Hours Spent on Tru Cam	Number of Offenders
4	2	6

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

The above referenced website is updated by our parish clerk, and includes local information, including planned road closures, as well as news from Maldon District council including campaigns, news and bulletins.

WELCOME TO BRAXTED

Welcome to, Ian & Jacqui Smith and her father Terry Moore who have moved into "Maltings " Gt. Braxted. They have come from Chelmsford... If you have new neighbors that you would like to add to this article next month, please let me know.

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Cut off for next month's Bulletin – approx. 20th day of the previous month

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ALL SAINT'S GREAT BRAXTED CHURCH NEWS DECEMBER 2021

We are pleased that Revd. Liz Barnes has returning to our benefice as a non-stipendiary priest. She was licensed by Roger, Bishop of Colchester on Thursday 18th November at St. Luke's.

Christmas begins with CHRIST

For your diaries the special services will be:

Christingle 5th December 11.15 am;
CAROLS 19th December 11.15am;
Christmas Eve communion at 10 pm;
Christmas Day communion at 11.15am

No service on Sunday 26th December.

The joint Remembrance service for the Braxteds and Wickham Bishops was well attended and the collection raised over £400 for the British Legion and service charities.

Contacts: Rector	Revd. Anne-Marie Renshaw	01621 815260
Churchwardens	Mike Puttick	01621 816830
	Ken Hornett	01621 891424
Admin Assistant	Christine Hall [office hours]	07421 078981
Website:	www.tk-tiptree-braxted-benefice.org.uk	

News from District Councillor

As we all know Maldon District council has been in the news for all the wrong reasons. The behaviour during recent events has been extremely negative and we need to change that to something positive.

Due to those recent events, I have become Leader Designate at the council. This has to be ratified at the full council meeting in December. If I am able to continue with the role, I aim to bring the whole council together in what we have been elected to do, and that is serving the interests of the residents. In politics, as in life, there will always be disagreement and differences. You can still have those and behave in a constructive and respectful manner.

We have also launched a new campaign, that we hope all local authorities and public bodies in Essex will come together to support. It is focused upon all those that are employed in public service, and they they should be treated with respect and that any kind of intimidation is unacceptable. I really hope that residents will support us in this initiative.

I have recently participated in conduct surveys with the local high street businesses, to help them with support and to help them gain access to funding. If you run a local business and interested in getting support, please get in touch.

I will continue to work hard for the Great Totham ward and I am always keen to hear local concerns.

I would like to wish all residents a very Merry Christmas and an auspicious New Year

If at any time you need to contact me, please do so by email or telephone at :

01621 890809 cllr.richard.siddall@maldon.gov.uk or message me at @tothammatters on Facebook

With best wishes

Richard

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throughout **November and December** and
all day on Christmas Eve

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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 Barry Cousins 01621 891355 / 07902 453893
Graham Wingrove 01621 891844

IN AND FROM OUR PARISH: SERVICES FOR DECEMBER

At St Bartholomew's except where shown...

SUNDAY 5

Advent 2

8.00am Service of Holy Communion
10.30 am Service of Holy Communion
4.00pm **St. Nicholas' Patronal** – with Christingle and Children's Communion. Bring along your home crib set to be blessed.

SUNDAY 12

Advent 3

8.00am Service of Holy Communion
10.30 am Service of Holy Communion with Junior Church

TUESDAY 14

4.30pm **Carol Service at St Nicholas' Church**

SUNDAY 19

Advent 4

9.00 am Service of Holy Communion **at St Nicholas'.**
10.30 am Sunday Praise Service
6.30 pm **A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols** with St Bartholomew's Church Choir and friends.

FRIDAY 24

CHRISTMAS EVE

5.00pm **Crib and Nativity Service - 'An Impossible Promise'**
11.30 pm **Midnight Mass** Reflective services of Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's Church and **St Nicholas' Church.**

SATURDAY 25

CHRISTMAS DAY

10.30 am A Celebration of Christmas with Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's Church

SUNDAY 26

Christmas 1 – Feast of St Stephen

8.00am Service of Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30 am Service of Holy Communion

WEDNESDAYS

10.00am Holy Communion [3rd Wednesdays at St Mary's start again next March]

Celebrating the 900th Anniversary of the founding
of St Nicholas', Little Braxted
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FINAL CELEBRATIONS AND SERVICES AT ST
NICHOLAS' in **DECEMBER**

OPEN DAYS AND EXHIBITION OF
HOME NATIVITY / CRIB SETS

Sat 4th 12noon to 4.00pm
Sun 5th 11.00am to 4.00pm*
With festive drinks/nibbles—
No charge



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Sunday 5th

ST NICHOLAS DAY PATRONAL
FESTIVAL: CHILDREN FRIENDLY
COMMUNION with Christingle
Messy Church and Blessing of
Cribs [*Bags of Gold*] 4.00pm*

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Tues 14TH 4.30pm
EARLY EVENING CAROL SERVICE
with Mulled wine and Nibbles
For Offices and Villagers all!



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19th 9.00am FAMILY EUCHARIST

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24th 11.30pm Well loved CANDLELIT MASS
First Communion of Christmas

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“ALL WELCOME”

GREAT BRAXTED IN BLOOM 2022

In July 2021 requests were invited for funding from the 2021-22 ECC Locality Fund (bids up to £1000).

The GBPC asked for support in 'brightening up the lives of our community' through an initiative the Parish Council called 'Great Braxted in Bloom 2022'.

Our vision is to bring a bright and colourful display to the village during spring and summer 2022 through this autumn's planting of 8,000 bulbs of various varieties. Not only did we want to brighten up the lives of residents after a very tough and dark 18 months of the covid pandemic, but (by co-incidence) also ensuring the village is truly in colour as we approached the forthcoming Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations in June 2022. (More about the Parish Council planning for a local celebration will follow in early 2022).

The Parish Council 'bid for bulbs' was successful, the funding received and 8,000 bulbs were ordered. They arrived at the very start of November and a voluntary village team very kindly offered to do the hard spade work, namely the planting, at the weekend of 6/7th November.

My thanks go to those residents in Bung Row, Sextons Lane, Granville Close, The Willows and Tiptree Road who turned out with their spades to plant the bulbs.....we hope for colourful results next year and for many years to follow.

Enjoy Braxted in Bloom 2022.

Dick Collins, GBPC.



DIGITAL CHAMPIONS

You may be eligible to receive up to £1,000 worth of technology and/or accessories to assist you in your digital journey

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BEER AND BAND WAS A GREAT NIGHT

Thank you to everyone who attended, it was a great success and a brilliant night... £800 was towards the final part of the playground project target, and we cannot thank you all enough...

The Band , Old Play, were fantastic as always and it was great to see all the children dancing together, it was a memorable night.

thank you everyone...



and as seen above the work has now begun, for the new playground..

Remembrance Sunday

The Remembrance day service was well attended at the three villages war memorial on Sunday 14th November.

It was especially moving to have Victor read the Exhortation and Kohima Epitaph. He would normally be in Belgium but was unable to travel this year.

The closure of the main road really helped I thought so well done planners of that.

Thankfully John Gilbert was able to lead the singing vigorously and with the USB system working well we were able to hold the silence bracketed by the Last Post and Reveille.

All good wishes,

Hilary

Reverend Hilary Le Sève



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Forthcoming Events

An evening with Ian Gallagher

Charity Concert, Friday 4 March 2022, Wickham Bishops Village Hall



From the West End to Wickham Bishops Ian Gallagher returns for another great evening's entertainment as "Sinatra" also incorporating songs by Tony Bennett, Andy Williams, Sammy Davies Jnr. Neil Diamond and Michael Buble.

Ian is a highly respected and popular performer having appeared in "The Rat Pack" at the London Palladium and at Buckingham Palace.

Tickets at £20 each are available from Peter Parkinson (email – peter@parkymail.uk) or on sale at Wickham Bishops Health Food Store (Bring your own food and drink please)

Notice of AGM

To be held on 24 February 2022 at the Church Hall, Wickham Bishops
(Will start promptly at 8 PM)

Nick Carter
Chairman (nichcarter@outlook.com)

CHURCH SERVICE ON A FROZEN LAKE



Mr. Ernest Christmas, who rescued a dog which had fallen through the ice on a Hampstead Heath pond. He is seen with his own dog at his Euston-square home. (Story at foot of page).

SKATERS STOP REVELS TO JOIN IN

Rector Brings Choir and Organ on Ice

THE THAW BEGINS

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

WITHAM, (Essex), Sunday.

Insistent tinkling of a bell summoned a party of Essex skaters to-day to take part in a church service conducted in the middle of a frozen lake.

About fifty skaters obeyed the call, and, spaced out at intervals to avoid cracking the ice, joined in half an hour's devotions.

This unusual scene was staged on the lake at Braxted Park, near Witham, the residence of Mr. W. W. Boulton.

The Rev. Russell Brown, rector of Great Braxted Church, which is within a stone's throw of the lake, foreseeing the likelihood of skating proving a strong counter-attraction, decided to substitute an open-air service on the lake for one inside the church.

A harmonium was pushed to the middle of the lake, and a male choir led the singing of hymns, with which the whir of those who were still skating and the cracking of the ice blended eerily.

"It was picturesque," one of the participants told me, "to see the white-robed clergyman, ringed by skaters with glowing cheeks, against a background of frost-spangled trees."



The Rev. Russell Brown conducting yesterday's service on the ice at Braxted Park.



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VILLAGE ACTIVITIES IN BRAXTED PAVILION & GROUNDS

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

NOTE: Several of the activities have been suspended recently due to the Covid19 pandemic but are now gradually coming back see below.

The pavilion itself is subject to regular checks for such things as maintenance, cleaning and decorating, etc.

Monday **U3A Bridge Group** 09.30 am, - 12.00 pm (Ken Hornett
01621 891424)

Tuesday **Pilates Class** to be restarted. Maureen Barnes 07718741362

Wednesday **Metafit [keep fit]** to be rescheduled. *Lisa Brand* 01621
893720

Thurs **Braxted Art Club** 1pm. *David Joyce* 01621 891241

Band Rehearsals 6pm

Thurs& Sat **Braxted Barkers Dog Club** Thursday 11:00am-1:30pm,
First Saturday of the month (ex. Jan) 09.30 am

Diane Sawford 07840778042

Friday **Children's Crafts On Friday 9>1pm.**

Saturday **Braxted Bombers** Keep fit (outdoors when
weather good) 08.30 – 9.30am

Summer Cricket matches May to September
1pm

Misc **Parish Council and Pavilion Committee** Meetings
(details of dates in Bulletin)

Home school intermittently some Wednesday's

** Private hire available*

The cost of the Pavilion is £25 or £10 for residents of the Braxteds.

KIDS CORNER

