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## Maldon District Council – E Petition – Increase in charges for mooring barges and parking cars on Hythe Quay

The Thames Sailing Barge Trust and other barge Operators on Hythe Quay at Maldon are facing a huge increase in mooring and parking charges from Maldon District Council which all are fighting. However the council is not looking at the wider issues relating to what it proposes.

The Thames Sailing Barge Trust is unable to afford a 94% rise in charges and neither can the other operators.

The Maldon & Heybridge Heritage Harbour Working Group, on which the barge operators have a voice, has set up an e-petition on the Maldon District Council website. The link is below. Could we ask you to click on the link and register and then support the statement that has been issued.

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## VILLAGE INFORMATION

### Clerks to the Parish Councils:

Great Braxted Sarah Gaeta 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 or 0300 333 4444

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## Next Parish Councils

**Great Braxted** The next meeting of the Gt Braxted PC - 8pm  
5th March– in the Pavilion

Email: [greatbraxtedpc@gmail.com](mailto:greatbraxtedpc@gmail.com)

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

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

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• To request a home visit please call 08009775858 or 01376574341

[www.essexcc.org.uk/Our\\_work\\_with\\_Communities/Community\\_Agents\\_Essex.aspx](http://www.essexcc.org.uk/Our_work_with_Communities/Community_Agents_Essex.aspx)



## WELCOME TO THE SHORTEST MONTH OF THE YEAR

Maybe the 14th will be the most romantic day of the year for some, but in Old English, February was called Solmonath (Mud month) or Kale-monath (Kale or cabbage month), and I am not sure romance and boiled cabbages go well together!

## WELCOME TO BRAXTED

... If you have new neighbours that you would like to add to this article next month, please let me know.

## MONTHLY COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING \*free Tea & cake

Held the first Tuesday of every month, from 10am to noon at the Braxted bakery. Lots of information booklets available covering avoiding scams, safety advice, health etc When possible the local police attend and it is a great chance to meet other people from the villages. \*Tea & cake for Braxted residents.

## BRAXTED RESIDENTS 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 Aldi. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1637978482902828/>

## LITTLE BRAXTED BRIDGE closure, Witham - Post and Rail Replacement

**Essex Highways** are making preparations to replace the post and rail parapet at Little Braxted Bridge located on Little Braxted Lane. This work is due to commence on **Monday 17 February 2020** and is anticipated to take approximately **10 days to complete**. A **full road closure** will be needed over the bridge for the duration of the works. The closure is required to safeguard members of the public and the workforce, who will be working in the watercourse, adjacent to and beneath the bridge.

Whilst no vehicles will be able to cross the bridge, access for pedestrians and cyclists will be maintained during the works.

## NEW BOOK EXCHANGE

There is a small bookcase in the Great Braxted Pavilion, where there is a Book Exchange, so books can be swapped free of charge. This is currently located in the lobby just inside the main front door, so it can be accessed whenever the Pavilion is open and without disturbing other activities.

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# Celebrating the 900th Anniversary of the founding of St Nicholas', Little Braxted 1120 — 2020

## MONTHLY UP-DATE –February

*Wow! What a wonderful occasion! On 19th Jan. the first service of this the celebration year was truly memorable occasion; Archdeacon Ruth both Presiding and Preaching—her text and invitation to “Come and See” echoed the response of Jesus to two of the followers of John the Baptist in the day’s Gospel reading. An enlarged congregation had ‘come to see’ and we were blessed with assistance from the choir from St Bartholomew’s and enjoyed a welcomed breakfast afterwards. Thank you all for a fantastic kick-start to the year. We may well now have tea/coffee after each Service!!*



- ◆ **The next Service is Sunday 16th February at 9.00am**
- ◆ **Musical Meal Deal: The date of the lunchtime concert (featuring the Beacon Hill Ensemble) has been changed to 20th March at 12.30pm for sandwich, cake and a drink followed by an hour of light music. Tickets £8 from Kath Adkins 891143, Wickham Bishops Health Foods (12 The Street WB) and the Braxted Bakery (Homefield House, Witham Road, Little Braxted) CM8 3ET**
- ◆ **Good Friday Service ‘The last Hour at the Cross’ will be at 2.00pm and the Easter Sunday Eucharist will be on 12th April at 9.00am.**
- ◆ **The Choral Evensong has been scheduled for 28th June at 4.00pm**
- ◆ **There will be an Open Day on Saturday 12th September coinciding with ‘Ride and Stride’.**
- ◆ **On 17th Sept. at 7.30pm there will be the Talk on Rev Ernest Geldart by Dr James Bettley JP DL FSA. Tickets £8.00 to include a glass of wine. Apply [revhilary@btinternet.com](mailto:revhilary@btinternet.com)**
- ◆ **At 10.30 on 27th Sept. we hold the Celebration Eucharist with +Roger, Bishop of Colchester—this, a change from previous as Bishop Stephen will have moved on to be Archbishop of York.**
- ◆ **Songs of Praise under the auspices of BHCT is to be confirmed, but probably at 4.00pm on 11th October.**
- ◆ **Group visits—of about 1½ to 2 hrs can be arranged by contacting [littlebraxted@churchinwickhambishops.co.uk](mailto:littlebraxted@churchinwickhambishops.co.uk)**



**ALL SAINTS GREAT BRAXTED  
CHURCH NEWS FEBRUARY 2020**

We are into the new year now . Schools are back and the days are getting longer and there are some green shoots appearing in the gardens.

We do not have any weddings or baptisms this month but will have in the near future. The wedding Preparation Day was held at St Luke's on 26th January for all couples getting married in the benefice this year.

Valentine's Day this month, Friday 14th so note your diary.

LENT begins on 26th February, maybe time to give up something, not necessarily chocolate.

**Church services are as follows:**

SUNDAY 2nd February Family Service at 11.15 am

SUNDAY 9th February Communion at 11.15 am

SUNDAY 16th February MATINS (Morning Service) at 11.15 am

SUNDAY 23rd February Communion at 11.15 am

**ASH Wednesday 26th February Benefice Communion Service at**

**All Saints Church INWORTH at 8 pm**

SUNDAY 1st March Family Service at 11.15 am

**Contacts:**

Rector Revd. Anne-Marie Renshaw 01621 815260

Churchwardens Mike Puttick 01621 816830

Toni Curson 01621 819149

Admin Assistant Christine Hall [office hours] 01621 819557

Website: [www.tk-tiptree-braxted-benefice.org.uk](http://www.tk-tiptree-braxted-benefice.org.uk)

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## Essex Dementia Care

Life **doesn't stop** with dementia

**Speaker: Kelly Bleasdale**

Essex Dementia Care provides therapeutic activities to people with dementia, and the provision of respite, support and information to family carers.

**All Welcome!**

We would particularly like to hear from people who are living with dementia themselves or supporting who are living with dementia

**Thursday 12th March 2020**

**10.30am for coffee ready for the talk at around 11.00am followed by lunch .**

**Gift Stall** and opportunities to chat with the Speaker,.

**The Barn Church**

Prince of Wales Road, Great Totham CM9 8PX

## Message from the District Councillor

Due to the cuts in government grants over the past 9 years, there is far more pressure on the council to identify other ways of gaining revenue. The district council also, only gets a percentage of the business rates.

The council can of course increase council tax, but that revenue is shared with Essex County Council, the police and fire services. The district council is therefore looking at other ways to find revenues.

As part of that approach the council has started developing a commercial strategy, which fits within its approach for prosperity. This sits alongside other strategies for place and community. As a result of some of the early proposals, you may have read about some of the ideas in the local press, which have received some negative publicity.

My personal view is that any commercial strategy has to be balanced with the community strategy. These are both part of the council's approach to doing what is best for the district. We therefore need to support community assets and factors that reflect the character of the district. At the same time, we need to ensure that we make the best of the district and identify ways, both existing and new, to increase revenue in the district and for the council.

If we develop long-term strategies it will enable us to make the best use of tax payers money and with an effective commercial strategy support the district and the council with additional revenue.

Councillor Richard Siddall

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## The Braxted's Neighbourhood Watch

Hello neighbours

Unfortunately there have been several thefts in our villages recently. While some have been opportunistic by taking items that have been left outside homes others have obviously been committed by well organised thieves.

The quantity of tools and methods of breaking into outbuildings at a property in Sextons Lane was staggering. This showed a well planned team had targeted this property that is currently under redevelopment.

It is important that we do what we can to secure our valuables to deter the casual thieves. CCTV, PIR lighting and alarms will help to secure buildings but we need to be vigilant and report suspicious behaviour. Not just to each other but via 999 if you think they are committing a crime.

As previously stated I'm happy to visit you and give free advice on crime prevention having been a Police Officer for over 30 years. Whilst the incident in Sextons Lane shows there is little you can do to prevent a professional crime team there are lots of things we can all do to deter the majority of thieves.

Keep 'em peeled  
Mandy

Email:[thebraxtedsneighbourhoodwatch@yahoo.com](mailto:thebraxtedsneighbourhoodwatch@yahoo.com)

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## School News

### Sports News from Last Term

Sportshall Athletics - At Essex University in Colchester, our indoor athletics team competed in running, relay and an obstacle course along with different field events, including throwing and jumping. After all points were totalled we were awarded 2nd place which means we went through to the finals in January. Super effort!



**Football** - Our Y5 football team played in a tournament against 13 other local Primary School teams, at the Shrub End Sports Ground in Colchester. We drew one game and won every other which put us in the final against St Luke's. We won the final 1-0 awarding us the gold medals! All team members played their part and our goalie only let in one goal - and that was an own goal!

**Basketball** - Last term, we competed in a basketball tournament at Thurstable School. The team played so well scoring so many baskets to win the games they played. We are off to the county finals!



**Golf Taster Session** - Mr Quilter organised a Golf Taster event for local primary schools to attend with our golf coach, Craig Lockwood, leading the session. Some of our children expressed an interest in learning or improving their golf and enjoyed the experience, especially being able to mix with other children from different schools.

**Netball** - A team chosen from our netball club travelled to Woodham Walter Primary School to practise our skills whilst playing a match. As time went on we got better at playing as a team and we won with a score of 5-6. Well done – look at our lovely smiles!



### Dates for the Diary

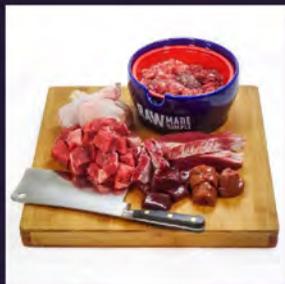
Saturday 16th May 2020 – Sponsored Walk (10am start)

Saturday 13th June 2020 – Summer Ball

Friday 10th July 2020 – Summer Fete (5-8pm)

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## NEW and improved Great Braxted Parish Council Website

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

The above referenced website is updated by our new parish clerk, and includes local information, including planned road closures, as well as news from Maldon District council including campaigns, news and bulletins, such as the one shown below:

### LIVEWELL CAMPAIGN

Public Health e-bulletin for the Maldon District recently added to the above website showcases the work of the Maldon livewell partnership board. The Health and Wellbeing e-newsletter for the Maldon District is a platform to share the work of the Maldon livewell partnership Health and Wellbeing board. This will include information about projects, initiatives, events, training etc for the public



Local guide  
to health and  
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[www.livewellcampaign.co.uk](http://www.livewellcampaign.co.uk)

For any queries about health and wellbeing in the Maldon District, please contact [emily.fallon@maldon.gov.uk](mailto:emily.fallon@maldon.gov.uk)

### Amazon scam warning: 'Hang up immediately' warn police

POLICE forces around the country are warning about a telephone scam that has tricked people out of hundreds of thousands of pounds. The scheme sees fraudsters pretend to be from Amazon to con victims into handing over their bank details.

The scam been reported across the country from Somerset to the north of Scotland.

#### How it works

The scam begins with an automated call telling victims that a fraudster has used their personal details to sign up for an Amazon Prime subscription. The victim is then instructed to press 1 to cancel the transaction. When they do this, they are directly connected to a scammer posing as an Amazon customer service representative.

The criminal again tells the victim that an Amazon Prime subscription was purchased fraudulently and that they need remote access to the victim's computer to fix a security flaw so that it won't happen again.

#### What you need to do

Amazon said: "If you receive a suspicious phone call, email or text message claiming to be from Amazon, asking for payment, personal information or offering a refund you do not expect, please do not share any personal information, and disconnect any phone call immediately.

# Dogs are brilliant

Owning a dog can improve your physical and mental health. So let's not give dogs a bad name in shared spaces by following these simple rules.



## Fouling

Please pick up after your dog. You are at risk of an on-the-spot penalty or fine if you fail to clean up after your dog.



## Courtesy and control

- Always be friendly and polite to other park users.
- Be aware of what your dog is doing all of the time.
- Don't let your dogs steal food from picnics or to beg from other users
- All dogs must, **BY LAW**, wear a collar and ID tag in public and be must be microchipped.
- Keep your dogs under close control. If you can't recall your dog, keep it on a lead until you have trained it.
- If your dog can be aggressive towards other dogs or people, always keep it on a lead in a shared space
- Never let your dog damage trees shrubs, flower beds or other park features.

## Wildlife

Please do not let your dog chase or disturb wildlife



## Traffic signal renewal starts 13 January: Newland Street / Collingwood Road / Maldon Road, Witham

We are planning to renew the traffic signal equipment at the junction of B1389 Newland Street with B1018 Collingwood Road and Maldon Road, Witham from 13 January 2020. These signals are nearing the end of their life expectancy and need to be replaced to improve reliability of the traffic signals and pedestrian crossings. Works are expected to take approximately four weeks to complete.

This is a busy town centre location and we have considered all traffic management options carefully to keep disruption to a minimum. Traffic management arrangements will be subject to change as the scheme progresses so we would encourage road users to observe signage and take additional care when travelling in the area.

Collingwood Road and Maldon Road will be fully closed at the junction with Newland Street for the works. This is needed to keep local traffic flowing. Local diversions will be in place however drivers are advised to allow additional travelling time. Newlands Drive car park will be accessible from Guithavon Street and via the diversion route from The Avenue.

During certain phases of the works restrictions will be required on Newland Street. This will include two-way traffic lights for the safety of the public and the workforce when work is needed in the carriageway. Traffic management will be lifted when it is safe to do so.

Temporary pedestrian crossing provisions will be made available during the works and access to all businesses and properties will be maintained.

Essex Highways website as a link to your parish website so that local residents and business have the latest information readily available. Full link: <https://www.essexhighways.org/highway-schemes/witham-traffic-light-renewal.aspx>



## No to North Essex Garden Communities

Over the summer we distributed nearly 25,000 leaflets asking local residents to respond to the Local Plan consultation. We achieved twice the average direct mail response with 1800 people replying by postcard or email. Responses were collated and presented to the leader of Colchester Borough Council on the steps of the Town Hall, and all feedback was included in the CAUSE submission to the Planning Inspector.

The Examination in Public of the Local Plan began on 14th January at Colchester Community Stadium (CO4 5UP). CAUSE committee members and/or consultants were at the table for all sessions.

Members of the public were welcome to attend to watch proceedings (but not to contribute) and the timetable for the sessions that took place can be found here:

[https://www.braintree.gov.uk/info/200643/section\\_1/1065/section\\_1\\_examination\\_publication\\_local\\_plan/3](https://www.braintree.gov.uk/info/200643/section_1/1065/section_1_examination_publication_local_plan/3)

We are hugely encouraged that Colchester Borough Council voted last month not to make the next payment of £350,000 to North Essex Garden Communities before the outcome of the Examination is known.

We will update you on the outcome of the Examination in the next newsletter.

Thank you again for all your help and assistance in 2019. We hope it won't be necessary, but would like to reserve the option to call on you in 2020. If you'd rather not, just respond to this email to let us know.

If you would like to know more go to our website

[www.cause4livingessex.com/about-cause/cause-papers-and-evidence](http://www.cause4livingessex.com/about-cause/cause-papers-and-evidence)

## VILLAGE ACTIVITIES IN BRAXTED PAVILION & GROUNDS

Lettings Officer & Key Holder: Yvonne Hunter 892034

**Monday**      **U3A Bridge Group**    09.30 am, - 12.30 pm    (Ken Hornett 891424)

**Metafit [keep fit]** 6:30pm – 9pm. *Lisa Brand*  
*01621 893720*

**Tuesday**      **Whist Club**, 7pm every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month from October to April. *Roy Copsey*01621 892697

**Wednesday**    **Pilates Class** 4:30pm - 5:30pm. *Maureen Barnes*  
*07718741362*

**Thurs& Sat**      **Dog Club** Thursday 09:30am-1:30pm, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month (Excl Jan), from 10am. *Diane Sawford* 01621 893664

**Friday**          **Braxted Art Club** 12pm-5pm. *David Joyce*01621 891241

**Pop-Up Pub**, bring drinks & nibbles, all welcome, £1 a head, *every second Friday evening of the month from April-December*

**Saturday**      **Braxted Bombers Keep Fit** (outdoors when weather good) 8.30am -9.30am. Terry Martin 07976617534

**Misc**            **Parish Council and Pavilion Committee** Meetings (details in Bulletin)  
**Home school** intermittently some weekday Wednesday's

*The cost of the Pavilion is £25 or £10 for residents of Great and Little Braxted.*

