

VILLAGE INFORMATION

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<https://www.essex.police.uk/.../af/how-to-report-a-crime/>

Non-urgent contact for medical concerns: 111

Water 0345 7820999, **Electricity** 0800 0294285

Responsibility for Essex Highways:
Essex County Council 0845 6037631

Library Information: Wickham Bishops Library (

Wickham Bishops Library Opening hours:

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

Contact 0345 6037628

The library is a collection point for Maldon District council recycling sacks and also free Lateral Flow test kits

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 FEBRUARY

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!

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	December	2
Number of Tru Cam Patrols	Hours Spent on Tru Cam	Number of Offenders
4	2	13

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 including campaigns, news and bulletins.

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

WELCOME TO BRAXTED

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

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email: Maria.armstrong2@btinternet.com

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ALL SAINTS' GREAT BRAXTED CHURCH February 2022

The government have relaxed the rules regarding precautions against COVID 19 and it seems that at last things are getting better.

We have been keeping the church open for services and maintaining the wearing of face masks, social distancing and cleaning and sanitization. Face coverings are no longer mandatory in church, but are still recommended in indoor spaces. We are encouraging everyone to continue to wear them to help others feel safe coming to church.

It will be Valentines Day on Monday 14th. There was of course a St. Valentine martyred at Rome in 269AD .

Next month it will be Shrove Tuesday [pancake day!] on the 1st March and Ash Wednesday on the 2nd.

Services this month are:

Sunday 30th January – Communion at 11.15am CANDLEMAS
Sunday 6th February - Communion at 11.15 am
Sunday 20th February - Matins (or Morning service) at 11.15 am
Wednesday 2nd March – Ash Wednesday Communion at 8.00 pm

Contacts: -

Rector	Revd. Anne-Marie Renshaw	01621 815260
Churchwardens	Mike Puttick	01621 816830
	Ken Homett	01621 891424
Administrator	Christine Hall [office hours]	07421078981
Website:	www.tk-tiptree-braxted-benefice.org.uk	



Autism Connections

A safe space for people who are autistic or relate to autism to chat online.

Sessions are every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 1pm, until March 2022.

If you would like to make connections with people in your community, then phone/text/email either:

Sarah Kaya on 07305 006 745
Amy Melton on 07458 300 900
amy.melton@cessex.org.uk



St Nicholas' Church Little Braxted

In the Ecclesiastical Parish of Wickham Bishops with Little Braxted

Priest-in-charge	Rev Hilary Le Sève	01621 892867
Churchwarden	Graham Wingrove	01621 891844
Contact	Barry Cousins	01621 891355

Finally, the 900th Commemorations of the founding of our beautiful little church are 'done and dusted'. Although we shall look forward to seeing the Archival Film Record which has extended over the prolonged two years caused by the Pandemic.

A very many thanks to all who have helped make the celebrations such a success; and who have brought some distinguished guests like the Archdeacon of Colchester, the 'new' Bishop of Chelmsford, HM the Lord Lieutenant of Essex as well as a former and the present High Sheriff of Essex to help us celebrate. And a particular thankyou to all of you who have visited along with others from around the country and even from abroad, leaving your comments and donations.

The church remains open daily to welcome you for quiet devotion or a bit of peace and solitude, courtesy of our very willing key-holders. We are very grateful for their services.

We look forward to seeing 'all' at our monthly 3rd Sunday 9.00am Service.

IN AND FROM OUR PARISH: SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY

At St Bartholomew's except where shown...

SUNDAY 6	4th Sunday before Lent
8.00am	Service of Holy Communion
10.30 am	Service of Holy Communion
4.00pm	Messy Church in St Bartholomew's Church Hall.
SUNDAY 13	3rd Sunday before Lent
8.00am	Service of Holy Communion
10.30 am	Service of Holy Communion with Junior Church
SUNDAY 20	2nd Sunday before Lent
9.00 am	Service of Holy Communion at St Nicholas'.
10.30 am	Sunday Praise Service
SUNDAY 27	Sunday next before Lent
8.00am	Service of Holy Communion
10.30 am	Service of Holy Communion
WEDNESDAYS	10.00 am Service of Holy Communion in St Bartholomew's Church

The four Sundays of February prepare us for the beginning of Lent on 2nd March....

O Lord, we urge you to keep your Church and household continually in your true religion; that they who lean only upon the hope of thy heavenly grace may evermore be defended by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Wrapping will be coming off soon!

As the unofficial opening of the Great Braxted playground is imminent, it is only right to say thanks to our villagers that have spent much of their time and effort seeing this project through, which will be to the benefit of the village for many years to come.

So many thanks to Craig Knapman, Richard (Dick) Collins and Bee Goody, for there sterling efforts in not only raising the funds through events and appropriate applications, but also seeing this through from villager surveys, to the contractor tendering phase and close monitoring of the preferred contractors, as well as close monitoring and division of appropriate funds, to ensure this project completed within budget.

There has also been many additional unseen actions such as ensuring a qualified inspection has taken place to ensure the final installation meets all British safety standards, and supplementary work on final landscaping and additional gates/fencing completed to complement the playground.





Happy New Year! We are looking forward to working with the children throughout the spring term on a variety of exciting topics. Here's a quick look back to last term and some of our children's fantastic achievements.

GTPS Choir's Festive Performance (December 2021)

Mr Kitchener's Choir Club were invited to sing at the Maldon late night shopping in December. The festive performance took place outside All Saint's Church in front of a large crowd of supporters and local shoppers, with the choir performing 9 songs that they had been busily rehearsing last term.



Year 6 Volcanic Artwork

Year 6 enjoyed learning about the 'Extreme Earth' (mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes). They learnt about Mount Fuji and enjoyed studying Hokusai's artwork. After investigating Japanese block printing, they created their own volcano designs and used a block printing process to create their own amazing, eye-catching volcano prints.

Essex Libraries - Summer Reading Challenge Winners!

We were thrilled to be contacted by Essex Libraries to advise that GTPS were the winners of the 2021 Maldon area trophy for having the highest number of children join and complete the Summer Reading Challenge 2021! We have been presented with this fabulous trophy which we get to keep until the start of the 2022 Summer Challenge. Well done to each and every child who took part last summer. Wickham Bishops and Maldon Libraries were delighted to meet so many children and hear all about the books they enjoyed.



Jess, one of our Year 5 pupils, wrote this book review about one of the books she enjoyed reading.

Kate Wolfe Takes The Case Written By Lauren St John

I personally think that the Kat Wolfe series is brilliant. The reason I picked this book is because we are reading 'Kat Wolfe Investigates' as our class read and I think it is brilliant so now I am reading this one.

In this book, a landslide on the Jurassic coast reveals a rare dragon dinosaur and Kat and Harper (Kat's best friend) are really excited. However, after they investigate a suspicious death, detectives Kat and Harper find out a secret so dangerous it threatens everything they know.

I would give this book 5 gold stars. I would recommend this book to any animal lovers – as they save many animals too – and anyone who loves a mystery.

Maldon District Councillor News

Now is your opportunity to have your say on how the Maldon district should be developed in the future. The council needs your views and have launched a consultation and I would encourage you to have your say. The consultation will run until 14 March 2022.

If you want to have your say on where houses are built, the design and type of property, please get involved. The need for a local development plan review happens every few years and the council is taking the opportunity to consider how we can make development work better when it happens in the District.

New development can bring about the need for new or improved community facilities and supporting infrastructure. Therefore there are a number of ways this could be done, and these are outlined in the Issues & Options Document.

The responses to this consultation will help us to start to prepare a new Local Development Plan for the Maldon District from 2023 to 2043.

Getting Involved - The consultation on the Issues and Options Report which will run Monday 14 March. You can watch a video at: https://youtu.be/_rJrCLwDLtA To take part visit: www.maldon.gov.uk/Issues-and-Options If you don't have internet access, to make comments please call 01621 854477.

I urge you to take part, that way you can say that you have played your part in shaping the district.

Best wishes

Richard Siddall

Time to get walking again!

At this time of year we start to think about the mud drying up and getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Essex <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/essex> has hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (the custodian of the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Essex (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

John Harris

www.walkinginengland.co.uk

john@walkinginengland.co.uk

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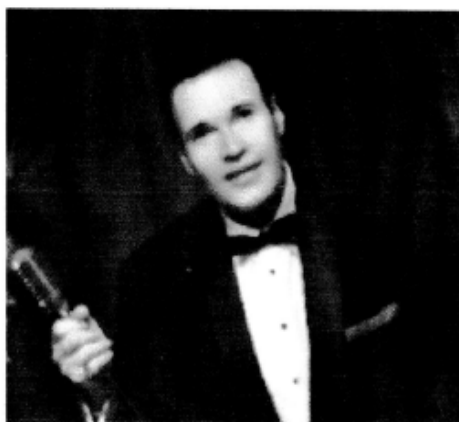
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The Guardian's sole purpose is to raise money for our two beautiful churches of St. Bartholomew's, Wickham Bishops and St. Nicholas' in Little Braxted to ensure they are preserved for future generations to use and enjoy.

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)

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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
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	Metafit [keep fit]. Lisa Brand 01621 893720 Braxted Art Club from midday. David Joyce 01621 891241
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.

Can you spot the empty house? So did the burglar.

During winter, houses are more likely to be burgled in the early evening. Put lights on timers in the rooms you use most to make it look like you're in. Turn over for more tips.

 **SECURE**
 **PROTECT**
 **PREVENT**

1. Close and lock all **windows and doors every** time you leave the house or go to bed. Make sure that the door is locked properly i.e. lift the handle, turn the key and then remove the key ensuring that it is available for you to exit in case of emergency but out of sight from prying eyes.

2. If you have a **burglar alarm** use it at all times, even if just popping out for a moment, or zone off areas before going to bed.

3. Leave **lights** on timers or radios on in the rooms you use the most, invest in a TV simulator such as 'Fake TV' to make it look like you are in. Fit external lighting using energy saving bulbs or LED's which are activated by a dawn to dusk sensor. If burglars see your house has security lighting they are less likely to approach for fear of being seen.

4. Secure your **boundaries** and ensure access to your back garden is not easily obtained, lock gates and consider some spiky plants. Look out for climbing aids such as wheelie bins that may make it easier for the burglar to get in. Keep **sheds, garage** and other outbuildings locked securely, as they may contain valuable items or tools that may be used to break into your house.

5. Use forensic marking or other **property marking** methods to identify your property and display any product signage/labels. Keep an inventory of your property including serial numbers and photographs. This can be done in a paper version or on an online asset recording product. Make sure you include details such as identifying marks, value, and purchase date.

Information on security products including property marking products and, asset recording products can be found at:
www.securedbydesign.com

For further crime prevention information visit:
www.essex.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention

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