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Great and Little Braxted Mandy Chapman Email:

thebraxtedsneighbourhoodwatch@yahoo.com

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Monday 14.00 – 18.00

Wednesday 14.00 - 18.00

Saturday 09.00 – 13.00

Next Parish Councils

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

Email: 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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WELCOME TO THE BEGINNING OF SPRING

The front cover may seem to be a collection of random pictures this month, but in fact is a clue/reminder to some specific dates for your diary as follows, Sunday 22nd March Mother's day, Tuesday 17th March St Patrick's day, and Sunday 29th March daylight saving time change, so your clocks should spring forward by 1 hour.

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/>

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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(In the Ecclesiastical Parish of Wickham Bishops with Little Braxted)

We were welcomed a Family History Group from Little Baddow for a short visit and talk last month and welcomed their reaction and comments on the history and decorations!

Two things to note with reference to our services at St Nicholas: the 9.00am Communion Service continues on the 3rd Sunday of each month [with some exceptions] and the 10.15 midweek service at St Mary's Chapel at Little Braxted Place resumes this month. In addition there will be a coffee/tea and chat time after the Sunday service at St Nicholas from this month onwards.

Please do read the Update notes on the 900th Anniversary year, particularly one or two changes; we now await details of the Annual Choral Evensong and of course we no longer will have the presence of Bishop Stephen at the September Service as he will have moved on to be Archbishop of York.

The Concert tickets for the Musical Meal Deal on 20th March are selling fast so if you are quick you might just be able to get one!

AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S: St Nicholas' and St Mary's Chapel and other venues where shown

SUNDAY 1ST	Lent 1
8.00am	Holy Communion
10.30 am	Parish Eucharist
4.00pm	Messy Church:
MONDAY 2nd	Parish Prayers at start of the month
WEDNESDAY 4th	
10.15 am	Holy Communion
SUNDAY 8th	Lent 2
8.00 am	Holy Communion
10.30 am	Parish Eucharist
WEDNESDAY 11th	
10.15 am	Holy Communion
SUNDAY 15th	Lent 3
9.00 am	Parish Eucharist at St Nicholas
10.30 am	Morning Praise
WEDNESDAY 18th	
10.15 am	Holy Communion at Braxted Place Chapel
SUNDAY 22nd	Mothering Sunday
8.00 am	Holy Communion (1662)
10.30 am	Parish Eucharist
WEDNESDAY 25th	
10.15 am	Holy Communion
SUNDAY 29th	Passion Sunday
8.00 am	Holy Communion
10.30 am	Parish Eucharist (followed by APCM)

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



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

MONTHLY UP-DATE –March

- ◆ The next Service is Sunday 15th March at 9.00am followed by coffee and chat time.
- ◆ Visitors can now use a handheld 'Welcome / History Board' and read 'Notes' on many of the special decorative and other features.
- ◆ **Musical Meal Deal:** The date of the lunchtime concert (featuring the Beacon Hill Ensemble) is on 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 *[Tickets selling fast!]*
- ◆ **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 date is being changed—watch for new details
- ◆ 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
- ◆ 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 confirmed, at 4.00pm on 11th October.
- ◆ **A new event**— on 5/6th December : **Exhibition and blessing of Home Nativity / Crib sets** culminating with the Patronal Eucharist at 4.00pm on the Sunday. Details to follow later in the year.
- ◆ **Group visits**—of about 1½ to 2 hrs can be arranged by contacting littlebraxted@churchinwickhambishops.co.uk



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

March already and spring is on the way! Spring half-term has been and gone. The snow drops in the churchyard are in great profusion and the daffodils are not far behind. We are now in LENT leading up to the Holy Week and Easter, time to consider giving or giving up something?

This year the Lent appeal in the Diocese will be for donations to help the people of Marsabit in northern Kenya where many families live below the poverty line of less than £25 per month.

Bishop Stephen of Chelmsford will be leaving our Diocese after Easter after only 9 short years but he is to become the Archbishop of York, the second most eminent bishopric in The Church of England. Our congratulations and best wishes to him.

Many thanks to Mike Puttick and his helpers in keeping the churchyard tidy and beautiful.

Church services are as follows:

SUNDAY	1st March	Family Service at 11.15 am
SUNDAY	8th March	Communion at 11.15 am
SUNDAY	15th March	MATINS (Morning Service) at 11.15 am
SUNDAY	22nd March	MOTHERING SUNDAY Family at 11.15 am
SUNDAY	29th March	Communion at 11.15 am
SATURDAY	4th April	WEDDING at 1 pm
SUNDAY	5th April	PALM SUNDAY Communion at 11.15 am

Contacts:

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Churchwardens	Mike Puttick	01621 816830
	Toni Curson	01621 819149
Admin Assistant	Christine Hall [office hours]	01621 819557

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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

You may have read about the publicity about the council's proposals, for the wharf charges at the Hythe for the barge operators and owners. To me barges and Maldon are completely linked. If you think of Maldon, you think barges. They are a crucial part of the town's history and heritage. They are a tremendous tourist attraction and bring visitors and resources to the district.

When the item was discussed at the Strategy and Resources committee, I ensured that a reasoned argument was put and that we needed to support the barges and their owners. This then was created as a motion, where we are only increasing the fees by 10% for this year only. We will then meet with the barge owners, to discuss and agree, how we work with them on the charges in future years. We cannot lose our unique maritime heritage and what they mean to Maldon.

As a result of the findings from the Great Totham Neighbourhood plan, the issues of getting a bus to Broomfield Hospital, were raised. With the help of the neighbourhood plan team, who did some great investigation, we identified the Dengie Dart bus service. This is a combination of bus and taxi service and operates across the south of the district, in getting people to the hospital. We have explored it further and there looks like there is the potential to introduce something similar in the north of the district. This would be extremely useful in places like Braxted, Little Totham and Tolleshunt Major, where there are no bus services at all.

We need to ensure that the most rural parts of the north of district have good infrastructure.

The next District Council Surgery will be held on Saturday 14th March at 11am, at the Forget Me Not Tea Room, Tom's Farm Shop.

Councillor Richard Siddall

www.facebook.com/tothammatters/

READER'S LETTER

I note that recently there has been an unnecessary increase in Heavy Goods vehicle traffic, that appear to have lost their way on the way to their collection or drop off point, which has included on several occasions, lorries using the junction at the village sign in Great Braxted as a turnaround point, which can be dangerous to other road users, and result in damage to the green and posts including the newly re-sited postbox.

I feel that the positioning of local direction signs (at least on the Braxted Park Road), directing the drivers to local depots, would be the easiest solution to reduce the risk imposed by these heavy goods vehicles entering the villages main residential area.



ANNUAL VILLAGE CLEANUP

The annual village clean up (collecting all types of rubbish from the roads, verges and park, etc) will take place on:-

Saturday 14th March 2020

It will start at about at 10 am – please meet at the Pavilion. The more the merrier [and easier!] Many hands make light work! Refreshments will be served at the Pavilion from about 11 am for all the volunteers. Bags and maybe litter pickers will be provided but it is a good idea to wear boots and strong gloves.

Great Braxted Parish Council

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

NEWS RELEASE

MALDON DISTRICT COUNCIL, Princes Road, Maldon Essex CM9 5DL



Maldon Named 5th Best Place to Live in the UK

The 2020 Halifax Quality of Life rankings reveal that Maldon District residents enjoy one of the best qualities of life in the UK.

The annual Halifax Quality of Life research looks at local authorities across England, Scotland and Wales, and takes into consideration 26 different factors that homebuyers may consider when choosing a place to live. These include local performance across key indicators covering: the labour market, the housing market, the environment, education, health, and personal well-being.

In addition, for the first time, the research also takes into account how important the survey factors are to people looking to find the perfect property, with affordability, safety, and access to parks and green spaces all proving most essential according to UK adults.

The Braxted's Neighbourhood Watch

Hello Neighbours

I receive the weekly crime update for our area and whilst I have nothing to report for our villages there is a notable trend for Ford Kuga and Fiat 500 vehicles being stolen around the county. If you have one of these please consider fitting a substantial steering lock and/or a wheelclamp.

On many occasions vehicles are broken into and handbags or satnavs are being stolen. Worth taking them inside when you lock the car.

There was a theft of tools and a mower from the fishing lake off Kelvedon Road in Little Braxted but nothing was seen. Dogs nearby were barking at around 03:45 on Sunday the 9th of February so this is the likely time they were on the site but out of view.

A timely reminder that thieves are targeting the area.

I have lots of SelectaDNA property marking kits that are available at £15 provided by our District Neighbourhood Watch. Please let me know if you want one.

Keep 'em peeled!

Mandy

Email:thebraxtedsneighbourhoodwatch@yahoo.com

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<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:

LIVWELL 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



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For any queries about health and wellbeing in the Maldon District, please contact emily.fallon@maldon.gov.uk

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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No to North Essex Garden Communities

Held recently at the Community stadium in Colchester, the long awaited Examination by the Inspector took place in mid - January.

The seven days of the second Examination in Public of the Section 1 North Essex Garden Communities Plan are completed. The Inspector was adept in his handling of the examination, with persistent questioning of participants and an extraordinary knowledge of the topics under discussion.

CAUSE, as previously, prepared statements and participated in all hearings, representing ourselves as far as possible. We also worked closely with other like minded organizations and we were extremely well supported by a truly superb set of experts. Our team included a Barrister, Planning consultant, Air quality expert, Sustainability appraisal and Transport consultants.

CAUSE threw everything at this examination because of the very technical nature of the evidence. The NEGC Ltd attended, this time, unlike in 2018.

At the close of proceedings, Inspector Clews told the attendees that he will be writing within the next few weeks to announce his likely verdict. He will not be asking for any substantial new evidence before making his decision.

There are three potential outcomes:-

1. That he finds the Plan is sound. If so, there would be a further six weeks' public consultation on the final Plan.
2. That the plan can be made sound if minor modifications are **made**.
3. That the Plan is unsound and may not be adopted.

CAUSE will continue to campaign against the implementation of the three proposed North Essex Garden Communities. This comes at a cost and any contributions to cover our expenses are welcomed.

If you would like to see how to contribute or find out more about CAUSE and what we are doing, including more information about the examination; please go to our website. www.cause4livingessex.com/about-cause/cause-papers-and-evidence

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

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

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

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

