

Neighbourhood Coronavirus Support Network (NCSN)



- by the end of week 2 NCSN volunteers had delivered leaflets to every household in Great & Little Braxted, Great & Little Totham and Wickham Bishops, reaching out a helping hand to 5,900 people, 1619 of whom are over 65 and 412 over 80 years old
- by the end of week 3 NCSN volunteers had received over 200 calls and texts thanking us for giving peace of mind to vulnerable people in our communities who weren't sure how they would get through the pandemic until they heard from NCSN
- most importantly, as of the end of week 4 there are 123 registered NCSN volunteers who have met the needs of their self-isolating and shielding neighbours 166 times.

We are also working closely with, and taking referrals from:

- Maldon & District CVS
- Essex Welfare Service
- Farleigh Hospice
- Community Agents Essex

Please contact us on **07791 397160** if you or a self isolating/shielding family member could use some support. Our volunteers are waiting · If you want to volunteer with NCSN please complete this short registration form: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CHZXQ3T>

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

Non-urgent contact for Police: 101 or 0300 333 4444

Non-urgent contact for medical concerns: 111

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Responsibility for Essex Highways:

Essex County Council 0845 603 7631

Library Information:

Wickham Bishops Library

School Road, Wickham Bishops, Witham CM8 3NU Tel 0333 013 2706

~~Opening times~~ *Closed until further notice due to Government guidance on Covid-19*

~~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 - TBC

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.

The next dates are: To be confirmed Email:

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WELCOME TO MAY

In regard to the subject of the CoronaVirus and isolation, the governments lockdown announced on the 23rd March, means that this edition of The Bulletin, will only be distributed via email and the Braxteds Facebook groups.

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

I hope you and your family all remain well, during this worrying time.

WELCOME TO BRAXTED

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

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/>

GREAT BRAXTED PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

<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.

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Full page £30 Half page, £15 Quarter page £10, Advert enquiries

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COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

Our usual contractor is locked down so he could not cut the grass in the cricket field and playground, so a small team of volunteers did so on their weekend, and what a great job they did, so many thanks to Dick Collins, Steve Baker and Jonathan Youell, with David Joyce providing refreshments (see some of the team pictured below)



ST NICHOLAS, CHURCH LITTLE BRAXTED

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

We are sorry that advice and restrictions mean that our churches and graveyards are closed for the foreseeable future in order to discourage any unnecessary journeys. The weekly Pew Sheet with the Collect and Readings for the day and other information is only available on our Website to read or download.

With public services suspended we have moved our services online. This is a challenging time for all of us so may we assure you of our love and prayers; that we are thinking of you.

‘Our doors may be closed, but our hearts are open’

Sunday Service Orders of Service, prayers and sermons are posted on the parish website.

<https://www.churchinwickhambishops.org.uk>

SUNDAY 3

Easter 4

10.30 am **Sunday Service on FaceBook Live** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/churchwb/>

4.00pm **Messy Church** Coffee and Chat on Zoom (**please email revhilary@btinternet.com if you wish to be part of this**)

MONDAYs, WEDNESDAYs and FRIDAYs

10.15 am **ZoomPrayers** (**please email revhilary@btinternet.com if you wish to be part of this**)

SUNDAY 10 **Easter 5 – Christian Aid Week**

10.30 am Sunday Service on FaceBook Live <https://www.facebook.com/groups/churchwb/>

SUNDAY 17 **Easter 6**

10.30 am **Sunday Service** on FaceBook Live <https://www.facebook.com/groups/churchwb/>

THURSDAY 21st

7.00pm **Ascension Day** on FaceBook Live <https://www.facebook.com/groups/churchwb/>

SUNDAY 24 **Easter 7**

10.30 am **Sunday Service** on FaceBook Live <https://www.facebook.com/groups/churchwb/>

SUNDAY 31 **Feast of Pentecost**

10.30 am **Sunday Service** on FaceBook Live <https://www.facebook.com/groups/churchwb/>

Prayers for use during the Coronavirus outbreak. Please find in the booklet on our website

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ALL SAINTS GREAT BRAXTED CHURCH NEWS MAY 2020

Such a lot has changed and it is still a fast moving situation with VIRUS news every day.

As far as our church is concerned it is still closed and will be for some time , all services are postponed. Weddings and baptisms are delayed until later in the year.

Any questions, contact the office or Revd. Anne-Marie. The Church of England has advised that weddings can only but attended in church by a maximum of five: Bride, groom, 2 witnesses and vicar. So no-one is taking this option up. Funerals can take place but only with limited numbers around the grave, luckily we have none in Great Braxted and hope that stays the same.

No Church services as advised but check the website or the contacts for info. We are holding meetings and services via ZOOM.

Contacts:

Rector	Revd. Anne-Marie Renshaw	01621 815260
Churchwardens	Mike Puttick	01621 816830
	Toni Curson	01621 819149
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School News

We hope this article finds you well in these extraordinary circumstances.

We are proud that the school has remained open for the children of critical workers throughout this time. Teachers have been working hard both in school and at home to provide learning activities for all the pupils, whether they are learning at home or coming into school.

The children who have come into school have been able to take part in a series of fun lessons and experiences based on a set theme each week. At the time of writing, we have enjoyed dinosaur, spy and Easter themed weeks.



We are missing the children and are looking forward to opening our doors to them all again once life is able to return back to normal.

Action Fraud

If you or someone you know is vulnerable and has been a victim of fraud, please call Essex Police on 101.

Report fraud or attempted fraud by contacting Action Fraud at www.actionfraud.police.uk or call 0300 123 2040.

ESSEX WELFARE SERVICES

Essex County Council has established the Essex Welfare Services as part of PROVIDE (a health and social care service). EWS has been set up to assist the most vulnerable in the community to allow them to access shopping, medicine and other support.

Going forwards, GP surgeries will be calling, sending out SMS text messages or posting letters to those who are 70 or older or are offered a flu jab due to pre-existing medical conditions. This is because these people are identified as being vulnerable and having to self-isolate for prolonged periods of time and therefore potentially require additional support.

You may potentially receive a call from the National Shielding Helpline on 0333 3050466 – this is NOT a scam. However, the phonenumber is not live and you may receive a message saying they will try again soon.

When they call back, the caller may ask for some details such as your name and NHS number to confirm they are speaking to someone who is deemed as vulnerable, but they will never ask you for details such as you National Insurance Number or bank details.

There are concerns that this service has not been widely publicised and therefore people are leaving reviews on trust sites saying that this is a scam due to the caller asking whether the person is vulnerable or not. It is important that this misinformation is not spread as it could lead to vulnerable individuals missing out on essential support.

Message from District Councillor

During this unprecedented and difficult time for our country, it has been fantastic to see how our community has responded to the situation. Families and neighbours coming together and helping each other. Individuals responding to the need for volunteers for both our community and the NHS.

The volunteers are providing a vital resource, where people are having to self-isolate or are in a category of those that are at risk. It is great to see these groups setup within the different villages and as a member of one of the groups, the appreciation for any support that is being given.

The unfortunate development in this situation is that It has also led to some people exploiting the vulnerable, with scam and phishing emails, if you are unsure about an email, then always check with others before opening it. Never assume they are legitimate

If you are using someone for help, they should be from an organisation that is recognised by the Voluntary service or Essex County Council. They should be able to show an Essex Coronavirus Action identity card.

If you are in need of support, please get in touch and I will provide assistance or help you find the support you need.

Keep safe and well, stay at home.

Councillor Richard Siddall

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THE ESSEX WELFARE SERVICE

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SAT - SUN, 10AM - 2PM

THE ESSEX WELFARE SERVICE IS THERE TO HELP YOU FIND AND ACCESS SUPPORT DURING THE COVID-19 CHALLENGE. IF YOU NEED SUPPORT WITH ADVICE, DAILY LIVING TASKS AND WELLBEING, PLEASE CONTACT US.



No to North Essex Garden Communities

North Essex garden communities in the Budget
: more tax-payers' money wasted.

CAUSE would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone well.

We are still waiting for the Inspector's report about the north Essex garden communities following the hearings in January.

In the meantime, government has made the extraordinary decision to pledge £270 million to RE-ROUTE the A12 close to the villages of Copford, Easthorpe and Messing to squeeze as many houses as possible into West Tey, IF it gets the Inspector's go ahead. This money is in addition to the previously agreed money to upgrade the A12, a project which has been delayed for around three years because of the garden community uncertainty.

However, the A120 dualling between Braintree and the A12 has NOT made it into the next road investment strategy programme and has now been linked with developer contributions from West Tey. Once again, this is evidence of the garden communities project delaying infrastructure.

The Heathrow ruling that the Paris Agreement on climate change had not been taken into account has, we believe, a direct parallel in Local Plans. The authorities did not take the Paris Agreement into account in the garden communities plan.

With this, and with Covid-19, in mind, we wonder how government thinking about spending on pointless projects like moving a trunk road, and on road-building full-stop, will change going forward.

GREAT BRAXTED PARISH COUNCIL 2020 ANNUAL REPORT SUMMARY

It is strange writing these notes knowing that there will not be a meeting for people to attend should they want to. The Coronavirus is causing so many cancellations, changes to routines, etc., etc.

The main purpose of this Report is to provide a brief summary of the activities of the Parish Council over the last twelve months. We are a relatively small village (only 286 persons on the latest Electoral Roll) and a Parish Council of only five elected members, plus the Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer. We normally meet only six times a year, but can and do hold extraordinary meetings usually for urgent matters such as planning applications where time is of the essence. This has happened during this year.

I would like to say how grateful I am for the support of my fellow Parish Councillors, so a big THANK YOU to: Iain Armstrong; Richard Collins; Lee Kane and Craig Knapman. Well done gentlemen. We are all volunteers and do not receive any payment.

Also, we are very fortunate to have such an efficient and professional Parish Clerk. Sarah Gaeta has filled in very well and is a great asset to the Parish Council. This year we have also been supported by our District Councillor, Richard Siddall who attends our meetings (when we have them!). He is on Maldon District Council and also on Little Totham Parish Council.

We now have full access to electronic media and all details of Parish Council meetings, activities, news, etc., are on our website. There is the Braxted Residents Facebook page, the monthly Braxted Bulletin and even the good old noticeboard.

As far as the last year is concerned the major event in the village was the bi-annual Braxted Fete which this time included a car boot fair. The day was very successful and with the subsequent Giant Quiz in Braxted Park the Fete Committee raised a record £11,000 +. One third of which was been sent to each church, St Nicholas in Little Braxted and All Saints. The final third is earmarked for community use/projects of Great Braxted. It is currently deposited in the bank account of Great Braxted Parish Council.

On the subject of finance, it should be mentioned that any expenditure has to be agreed by the Council and any two councillors are required to be signatories. The Clerk is responsible for financial matters but is not a signatory to the account. We supported the annual village clean up as we have done for many years. This was in March 2020 and again was successful.

It is normal at the Annual Parish Council Meeting to select a Chairman for the coming year. It had been my intention to stand down as Chairman but to remain a councillor, thus giving one of the other Councillors the opportunity to take over the reins. However, due to the fact that all meetings are suspended at present I will have to stay in office until such time as the pandemic crisis is eased. It is possible that a change in law may allow some meetings to take place using electronics systems such as video conferencing or similar.

I am sure that I may have missed something from this summary, if so my apologies.

Farleigh Hospice launches Walk for Life 2020

On Sunday 11th October the residents of mid Essex are being invited to dust off their walking boots and join Farleigh Hospice for the charity's annual Walk for Life 2020!

Walkers can choose between two scenic routes taking in the peaceful towpaths of the Chelmer and Blackwater Navigation: a leisurely 12km ramble from Paper Mill Lock, or a more challenging 24km from Heybridge Basin. Dogs are also welcome to join in the fun!

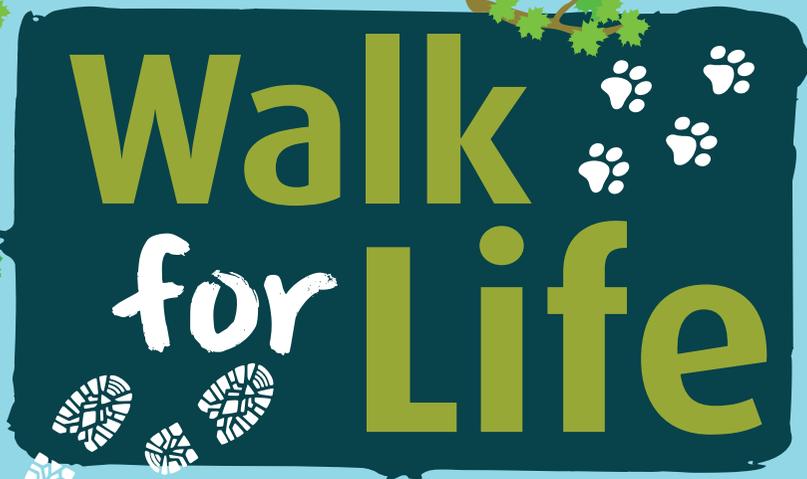
Dominique Brunning, Fundraising Manager for Farleigh Hospice said: "Walk for Life has been running for 27 years and its popularity has grown year on year. On the day you will enjoy a beautiful walk along the picturesque waters of mid Essex, crossing six bridges and passing 11 locks. It's a fantastic opportunity to enjoy the spring air, get fit and help raise money for your local hospice. All the money raised from this event will go towards helping people living with a life-limiting illness or bereavements, across mid-Essex, free of charge.

"Nature and wildlife is at the heart of this beautiful walk and that is why we have been working hard to make this event as eco-friendly as possible. From environmentally sourced promotional materials, wooden medals to no longer using plastic water bottles and encouraging our regular supporters to reuse their Walk for Life t-shirts. We want to protect the very environment that makes this event so special!"

There is a £20 registration fee for adults and £8 for under 18s (under 16's must be accompanied by an adult). All walkers will receive a t-shirt, walker number and a medal.

To register visit www.farleighhospice.org/walk or call Farleigh Hospice Events team on 01245 457354.

NOTE: *In regard to the events mentioned above and on the next few pages, due to the current situation in the UK, please refer to event organisers, before attending any event, to ensure that events are still going ahead!*



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Maldon District Council urge residents to avoid lighting bonfires during lockdown



People who are self isolating rely on fresh air from open windows as they are unable to leave their homes. Officials said people must help them by not creating any pollution that could make their condition worse.

The move has been backed by the British Lung Foundation.

Joseph Carter, head of British Lung Foundation, urged people to be "mindful of others" during the lockdown.

He said: "It's really concerning to see reports of garden waste burning on the rise in recent weeks." People that have a pre-existing lung condition are particularly vulnerable at the moment.

"It's really important that during this time of social isolation we all take the necessary steps needed to keep both ourselves and others safe.

"I urge everyone to be mindful of the health of others."

"We are appealing to anyone carrying out gardening not to get rid of it by burning bonfires, but alternatively build a compost heap instead and put all those nutrients back into the soil."

READERS LETTER:

As summer season approaches we all like to be outside enjoying a nice evening. However it is important to consider how having an outside fire, or fire pit can affect other residents, for example telling your neighbours what you're planning is the right thing to do. Bonfires can be very irritating to neighbours if the smoke stops them enjoying their gardens, opening windows or hanging out washing etc.

Ask yourself the question – "would I like it if one of my neighbours was having a fire and my house was full of the smoke from it?"

The Environmental Protection Act 1990 Section 79 states - That a statutory nuisance includes 'smoke, fumes or gasses emitted from premises so as to be prejudicial to health or a nuisance'.

To be a nuisance smoke must be substantially interfering with a person's enjoyment of their property. Where smoke is drifting across or into someone's property, if they can't open windows or hang their washing out for example, then it can easily be judged to be causing a nuisance. If necessary a notice can be served requiring that the smoke nuisance is abated.

Failure to comply with such a notice can result in prosecution and a fine on conviction of up to £5000.

VILLAGE ACTIVITIES IN BRAXTED PAVILION & GROUNDS

Lettings Officer & Key Holder: Yvonne Hunter 892034

NOTE: Several of the below regular activities have been suspended including, The Whist Club, The Bridge Group, The Art Club and Parish Council meetings, all separately decided to close for the time being. This is in line with government recommendations. There may be others that hold activities within the pavilion building, so please check with organisers before attending.

The pavilion itself will be subject to daily checks to ensure it is OK and things such as maintenance, cleaning, decorating and the like will continue, as these do not involve "gatherings" of more than a very few people

Monday	U3A Bridge Group 09.30 am, - 12.30 pm (Ken Hornett 891424) Metafit [keep fit] 6:30pm – 9pm. <i>Lisa Brand 01621 893720</i>
Tuesday	Whist Club , 7pm every 1 st & 3 rd Tuesday of the month from October to April. <i>Roy Copsey 01621 892697</i>
Wednesday	Pilates Class 4:30pm - 5:30pm. <i>Maureen Barnes 07718741362</i>
Thurs& Sat	Dog Club Thursday 09:30am-1:30pm, 1 st Saturday of the month (Excl Jan), from 10am. <i>Diane Sawford 01621 893664</i>
Friday	Braxted Art Club 12pm-5pm. <i>David Joyce 01621 891241</i> Pop-Up Pub , bring drinks & nibbles, all welcome, £1 a head, <i>every second Friday evening of the month from April-December</i>
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.



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