

VILLAGE INFORMATION

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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 - 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.

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WELCOME TO APRIL

this month sees Easter, usually followed by The London Marathon, although this month is not a usual month!

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/>

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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Because of the Coronavirus issue the following applies until further notice:

- ❖ Public Worship Services, events and activities are suspended in church and outdoor
- ❖ Funerals may take place with close family only
- ❖ Weddings may take place with recommendation of just minimum attendees [five people]
- ❖ Churches were to be kept open for private prayer but from 23rd March all Anglican churches in London and Essex are to be kept locked to dissuade folks from 'going out'.
- ❖ The Open Garden Festival has been cancelled. The Scarecrow competition is still going ahead
- ❖ Stop-press: From 23rd March Weddings and Baptisms are not allowed for a period of three weeks. We shall be guided by further government advice at the end of the ban.
- ❖ From 24th March Funerals may only be conducted at the graveside or at Crematoria.

Current action and provision:

- ❖ Rev Hilary will stream a morning service at 10.30 on Sundays on Facebook Live.
- ❖ A copy of the Sunday Service will be posted on the church website and can be emailed if requested
- ❖ There will also be a streamed service of Prayer on Wednesday mornings at 10.15 to 10.30am on Zoom (<http://zoom.us>) You can use Zoom on a computer or smart phone.
- ❖ A copy of the Weekly Pew Sheet with Readings and the prayer list will on the Website
- ❖ Watch for details of a Messy Church 'virtual gathering' on Sunday 5th April at 4.00pm
- ❖ With Easter round the corner watch the Website for any special announcements.

The Musical Meal Deal concert was obviously postponed and we have pencilled in a new date of Saturday 19th September at 12.30pm. It was a 'sell-out' so please retain your tickets.

Pastoral care - In any time of uncertainty and difficult it is important to look after each other- please do get in touch if you need any kind of support- whether practical or emotional. We will pass along needs as they emerge. Staying in regular contact with each other would be great. In Wickham Bishops the **Neighbourhood Coronavirus Support Network (NCSN) tel: 07791 397160** is the local 'go to' support service for those self-isolating and/or in need of support/shopping/ or just a friendly call.

"We are in a time of great challenge and great opportunity, as the Archbishops wrote, -"This is a defining moment for the Church of England. Are we truly a church for all, or just the church for ourselves? We urge you sisters and brothers to become a different sort of church in these coming months: hopeful and rooted in the offering of prayer and praise and overflowing in service to the world. **In these difficult and challenging times please do keep in touch and especially watch for announcements and changes on our Website:**

www.churchinwickhambishops.org.uk We are confident that once again we can rise to the challenge- to adapt to our context and ask the Holy Spirit to use us in a new way.

With every blessing and all good wishes,

Hilary Le Sève"

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ALL SAINTS GREAT BRAXTED CHURCH NEWS APRIL 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 now closed and will be for some time, all services are postponed. Weddings and baptisms are delayed until later in the year.

St Luke's Tiptree will be open every day for private prayer. Any questions, please contact the office or Revd. Anne-Marie. The Church of England has advised that weddings can only be attended in church by a maximum of five: Bride, groom, 2 witnesses and vicar.

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.

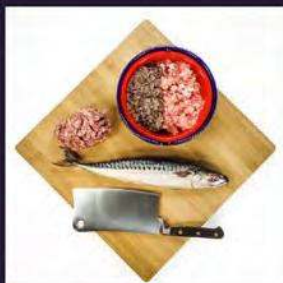
No Church services as advised but check the website or the contacts for info. especially regarding Easter and Holy week.

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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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VILLAGE TIDY UP

On the morning of Saturday 14th March thirteen residents collected loads of bags of assorted rubbish from the roads and hedgerows around Great Braxted.

Litter pickers, bags and Hi-Viz jackets were provided by Maldon District Council many thanks to everyone involved for their help. GBPC

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:

LIVELL 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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in Essex



 www.livewellcampaign.co.uk

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



No to North Essex Garden Communities

"The second Examination of the garden communities once again highlighted huge problems with the proposals - and the fact that the housing in this vanity project is not even needed.

CAUSE warned in summer 2019 that the new evidence was not fit for purpose. Now we find out that even if the inspector does not find the plan unsound altogether, which is still possible, officers have already stated that modifications will be needed. The result will be a further waste of tax-payers' money, more delays and yet more speculative development.

The best outcome for north Essex would be the removal of the garden communities altogether, leaving the strategic policies, so that Section 2 district plans of Braintree, Colchester and Tendring can proceed.

This was the option which the inspector gave the authorities in 2018 and which CAUSE lobbied the councils to take. We continue to support this option, otherwise we see the chaos of a developer free-for-all and cost of preparing a new plan as the unacceptable alternative."

Essex Association of Local Councils COVID -19 UPDATE

There is a strong voluntary sector in Essex including faith groups, parishes, well established third sector groups and communities themselves. There has already been a strong reaction from the people of Essex stepping forward to help and we need to encourage and support all these local actions. Recent events mean too that we have had to do this at pace to ensure support will be available for people.

One key approach has been Essex County Council working in partnership with Facebook, local Facebook Admins and Community Groups to develop a social media campaign that seeks to build community resilience and community through the Essex Coronavirus Action Group.

It is a largely Facebook based initiative and can be found here: https://www.facebook.com/essexcoronavirusaction/?epa=SEARCH_BOX

The initiative consists of the Facebook page above, which has been authenticated by Facebook with the blue ticks to endorse it as a validated and secure information source.

To this end EALC are creating a local action group database that will need to be populated as soon as possible. EALC will ensure that they circulate the sign-up soon. The form will also be on the Essex Coronavirus Action Page and associated admin group today.

Your closest support helpers for Braxteds are Lisa Clampin 07791 397160 or Heidi Stofmeisie Smith 07886239725.

In addition please feel free to join the below Facebook group, you can always make a request through this group

[Neighbourhood Coronavirus Support Network \(NCSN\)](#)

Although common sense is essential EALC recognise that DBS checks maybe required for some daily living tasks and are seeking to work with the Tribe project.

The Tribe Project

The Tribe Project provided by Bronze labs is a secure app that can sit within the Facebook platform, it is able to confirm if a volunteer is DBS checked or not. It can also rapidly process a DBS check. The app provides a safe interface with volunteers who are geo located and allows those people who require support to confirm if they would like someone to be DBS checked, not DBS checked or if they would prefer a volunteer who had already had Covid-19. The system can support with DBS checking those volunteers who have already signed up to our existing form.

Message from the District Councillor

The Bradwell B Project, which aims to build a new nuclear power station at Bradwell-on-Sea, has announced that it will start its first stage public consultation on its early plans in March. The consultation will open on Wednesday 4th March 2020, and run for 12 weeks until 27th May 2020.

The consultation will be a first chance for residents, community groups and businesses to get a detailed understanding of the new nuclear power station proposals including what Bradwell B would look like, and the associated developments that will be necessary during the construction. For the duration of the consultation people will be able to see, and comment on the proposals online at bradwellb.co.uk.

There is also a public consultation on air pollution within Maldon, to complete a survey go to:

https://www.maldon.gov.uk/info/20099/pollution/9148/air_quality

I will continue to push for Highway and infrastructure improvements across the ward and will update you as soon as I obtain any further information.

Kind regards

Councillor Richard Siddall

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School News

Year 6 - Life in Ancient Greece Day

Year 6 had the opportunity to experience a day in the life of Athenian citizens, during the battle of Marathon. In the morning, Year 6 children did a variety of activities; pot making, mosaic making, charm making and had an opportunity to become a Greek doctor, using herbs to make cures for a range of common illnesses. During the afternoon, the children separated into groups and practised a range of plays and dances for an afternoon at the theatre. Rather delightfully, they were also able to sample a range of Greek foods, served by a host of slaves. The day was interesting and a great learning opportunity. Thank you to all the parents who helped by providing costumes and those who gave up their time on the day. *By Jake B and Lauren*



World Book Day 2020

On Thursday 5th March the whole school celebrated World Book Day. The children and staff made a fantastic effort with their costumes and enjoyed discussing their favourite books. Each class took part in a variety of book themed activities throughout the day.

Tag Rugby Tournament

Maldon Rugby Club hosted a tournament for local schools. We gained muddy hands and knees and a first place! Well done team!



Netball Friendly

We welcomed Woodham Walter Primary School to GTPS to play a friendly game of High 5 Netball. We had fun and we hope to have more friendly matches with them in the future.



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)

Please contact the school office for further details

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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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.

