

VILLAGE INFORMATION

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Library Information:

Wickham Bishops Library

Wickham Bishops Library will re-open on Monday 20 July

Opening hours will be 2pm - 5pm on Mondays and Wednesdays, 9am

- 1pm on Saturdays.

Next Parish Councils

Great Braxted The next meeting of the Gt Braxted
PC - 17th September 8pm

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:

littlebraxtedpc@hotmail.com

All members of the public are welcome to
attend either PC meeting

WELCOME TO AUGUST

This month is the last Bank Holiday before Christmas, but maybe still a bit early to put your decorations and lights up

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

WELCOME TO BRAXTED

Welcome to Katie and James and their two lovely little daughters Ivy and Josie, plus their dog Wilson, who have all recently moved to Bung Row.

... 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.

Roy Parker R.I.P.

We are sad to advise that Roy Parker of High Ridge, Great Braxted has passed away after a short illness. He was a long term resident and friend of the village. Our thoughts and prayers are with Fiona (Fi), the children and the family.

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ST NICHOLAS, CHURCH LITTLE BRAXTED

In the Ecclesiastical Parish of Wickham Bishops with Little Braxted

St Nicholas:

❖ We have decided that it is still not possible to re-open St Nicholas for either private prayer or public services under the guidelines. For the present time and until further clarification or relaxation of the guidelines St Nicholas will remain closed. **All plans for the Celebration and Commemoration of the founding of St Nicholas some 900 years ago have now been put on hold until 2021.**

St Mary's Chapel

❖ The Chapel at Little Braxted Place will remain closed (as is usual in August).

St Bartholomew's:

❖ We are pleased to be able to welcome worshippers to a 10.30am service in St. Bartholomew's Church. Numbers for this service will be limited to 36 taking into account required social distancing. The first part of this service will continue to be streamed online on Face Book Live.

❖ St Bartholomew's will be open during the month of August on Wednesday afternoon from 2.00pm to 4.00pm for individual private prayer and there will be some musical accompaniment from 3.00pm.

The whole Parish

❖ For August the Zoom Prayer meeting will only take place on Wednesdays at 10.15am – do let me know if you wish to be included on the invite.

❖ The Sunday Service 'script' as well as the weekly Pew Sheet, double the usual size, with the Collect and Readings for the day and other information about other podcast or online services is available on our Website to read or download. <https://www.churchinwickhambishops.org.uk/>

This continues to be a challenging time for us all, so may we assure you of our love and prayers; and that we are thinking of you. We look forward to making the house of God a 'home' again!

Rev. Hilary

SUNDAY 2nd **Trinity 8** - 10.30 am Service of Holy Communion in St Bartholomew's also on **FaceBook Live**

SUNDAY 9th **Trinity 9** - 10.30 am Service of Holy Communion in St Bartholomew's also on **FaceBook Live**

SUNDAY 16th **Trinity 10** - 10.30 am Sunday Praise Service on the St Bartholomew's Church Field also on FaceBook Live, followed by Holy Communion in the church, followed by picnic on the church field (keeping to social distancing and other guidelines – so in bubbles of 6 people)

SUNDAY 23rd **Feast of St Bartholomew** - 10.30 am Service of Holy Communion in St Bartholomew's also on **FaceBook Live**

SUNDAY 30th **Trinity 12** - 10.30 am Service of Holy Communion in St Bartholomew's also on **FaceBook Live**

WEDNESDAYS - 10.15 am **ZoomPrayers** (please email revhilary@btinternet.com if you wish to be part of this so we can send you the link) **2.00-4.00pm** - St. Bartholomew's is open for Individual Private Prayer **with musical accompaniment** from 3.00pm.

Priest-in-charge
Churchwardens

Rev Hilary Le Sève
Barry Cousins
Graham Wingrove

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CORONAVIRUS:

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Please follow these guidelines when using these outdoor facilities, to help keep everyone safe



Wickham Bishops Library will re-open on Monday 20 July.

There will be some changes in place to keep things safe for everyone:

You'll be asked to use the self-service machine so please make sure you have your library card with you (we're happy to help if you're worried about using it or not sure how it works.)

Opening hours will be 2pm - 5pm on Mondays and Wednesdays, 9am - 1pm on Saturdays.

Visitor numbers will be limited to ensure social distancing. This means you may have to queue outside for a short while.

Services are limited to returning and borrowing books for now.

Please take a look at the FAQs for more information: <http://libraries.essex.gov.uk/.../coronavirus-and-libraries-.../>

The WB library team is looking forward to welcoming you back!



ALL SAINT'S GREAT BRAXTED CHURCH NEWS AUGUST 2020

We are pleased that churches have been able to reopen, albeit with some guidelines. We provide hand sanitization and social distancing. From 24th July face covering or masks are needed. We also take note of names and contact details for test and trace but do not keep this information or use it for anything else. Such details will be disposed of after 21 days.

Weddings, baptisms and funerals can all take place but with limited numbers. Also, at present there is no singing of hymns but we can have music by the organ or recorded on CD or iPod.

The pandemic and the restrictions mean that churches income is severely reduced, as there are less collections and fees; fund raising events cannot take place. The Big Band concert planned for June was cancelled; there will be no fete and quiz this year and the golf day in September is at risk. Thus we in common with all churches are struggling financially.

Our bishop Right Reverend Stephen Cottrell has now been installed as the Arch Bishop of York. We are waiting for news regarding the new Bishop of Chelmsford maybe in the autumn

Services this month are

Sunday 2nd August FAMILY Service at 11.15am
Sunday 9th August Communion at 11.15am
Sunday 16th August MATINS at 11.15am
Sunday 23rd August Communion at 11.15am
Sunday 30th August Communion (Order 2) at 11.15am

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Admin Assistant	Christine Hall [office hours]	01621 819557
Website:	www.tk-tiptree-braxted-benefice.org.uk	



Don't lose your voice

Residents in the Maldon District are urged to look out for their voter registration details from Maldon District Council.

There's lots of helpful information about registering to vote at the below website

[https://
www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter](https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter)

Cricket is back at Great Braxted's ground

The new provisional dates for play are: 22nd Aug, 29th Aug, 12th sept, 19th sept



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During these difficult times, it's important that you remain vigilant and guard against criminals using the publicity around coronavirus as a chance to target you with fraudulent emails, phone calls, texts messages or social media posts.

STOP

CHALLENGE

PROTECT



It's important not to let the criminals rush or panic you into making a decision that you later come to regret.

With fake news articles on the internet and in the press promoting remedies, cures and false advice around coronavirus, it's also important to only share articles from trustworthy sources. If you are in any doubt, then visit www.gov.uk/coronavirus or www.who.int/ for updates and information.

Criminals are experts at impersonating people, organisations and the police. They spend hours researching you for their scams, hoping you'll let your guard down for just a moment. Stop and think: it could protect you and your money.

Always follow the advice of the Take Five to Stop Fraud campaign and Stop, Challenge, Protect when being asked for your money or information.

Emails and text messages

If you receive an email, text or WhatsApp message purporting to be from the government, HMRC, the World Health Organisation (WHO) or a coronavirus-related charity, then take a moment to think before you part with your money or information.

Never click on links or download attachments as criminals may infect your devices with malware or ask you to enter your personal or financial information into fake websites. In some cases this can lead to your identity being stolen.

Phone calls

If you receive a call offering you protective face masks, hand sanitiser, testing kits or medicine, be aware that they may not always be genuine. If you do receive a call, don't be afraid to refuse, reject or ignore their request. Only criminals will try to rush or panic you.

Social media posts

With world markets currently under immense pressure, the chance to move your money to new investments with unusually high returns may sound like too good an opportunity to miss. Proceed with caution and make sure you check the Financial Conduct Authority's register for regulated firms, individuals and bodies. It could be fraud or a scam if you're being pressurised to act quickly. If it sounds too good to be true it probably is.



Infrastructure first

No to North Essex Garden Communities

In case anyone missed the news, the Planning Inspector examining the Local Plans proposed by Braintree, Colchester, Tendring and Essex Councils, has found proposals for West Tey and West of Braintree 'not justified or deliverable' and 'unsound'. East of Colchester new town was felt to have some merit, so the Plan could proceed, excluding the 2 larger towns. Check:

https://www.braintree.gov.uk/downloads/file/9294/ied022_-_inspectors_post-hearing_letter_to_neas_-_15th_may_2020

Subsequently, it's been announced the application for £272m funding for an additional loop in the A12 upgrading, solely to accommodate 4,000 more houses, has been cancelled:

<https://www.gazette-news.co.uk/news/local/halstead/18526655.272m-funding-new-a12-route-marks-tey-withdrawn/>

Colchester and Braintree Councils are due to discuss their next steps on 14th and 16th July and Braintree's agenda includes the Planning Officers' recommendations to remove West Tey and West of Braintree new towns from Section 1 of the Local Plans.

The plans would have yielded very few houses before 2030, so scare stories about further building in the villages and parishes are unfounded. Hopefully plans will emerge in the short-term to build on brownfield sites and for properly affordable homes (and upgrading the A120?), but we will have to wait and see. A lot of money and reputations were involved in these grandiose Plans.

This is a notable success for CAUSE and other volunteer groups who can sensibly say "job done" after much hard work, dedication and focus spanning 5+ years: importantly, supporters raised over £100k to meet the costs of legal, planning, environmental, transport and other experts over that period and at the Examinations. A big 'thank you' is due to everyone that carried the campaign forward, distributing leaflets, putting up signs, signing petitions etc and especially to Rosie Pearson, Tom Foster and William Sunnucks of CAUSE.

CAUSE is now winding down its activities, although it will re-group if the Councils try to act against the Inspector's advice. The CAUSE Facebook page has been suspended, the website and Twitter will be less active, but check Facebook pages 'West Tey Watch' and 'Better Braintree – Together', for relevant updates.

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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.

