



# The Braxted Bulletin

August 2024

## **VILLAGE INFORMATION**

### **Clerks to the Parish Councils:**

Great Braxted                      Lynda Townend    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**

Online: <https://www.essexpolice.uk/.../af/how-to-report-a-crime/>

### **Non-urgent contact for medical concerns: 111**

**Water:** 0345 7820 999 **Electricity:** 0800 029 4285

### **Responsibility for Essex Highways:**

Essex County Council    0845 6037 631

### **Library Information: Wickham Bishops Library**

Wickham Bishops Library Opening hours:

Monday 2-5:30pm; Weds 2—5:30pm; Sat 9am—5pm

Contact 0345 6037 628

The library is a collection point for Maldon District Council recycling sacks

## **Braxted Facebook Groups:**

For local updates and issues please feel free to join the following Facebook groups:

Search 'Great Braxted Residents' or use the link

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1637978482902828>

Search 'Little Braxted' or request to join via Facebook message to Ali Aldis

## **Parish information**

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, such as campaigns, new and bulletins

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

## **Bulletin details**

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# Great Braxted Parish Council – Information & Updates

## Latest Village Works & News

Upcoming & recent works undertaken in the village and funded by Great Braxted Parish Council.

- Gate, Post & Rail replacement across some areas of the cricket & playing field.
- Hedge Trimming across both fields is planned for early/mid-September 2024.



## Pavilion Refurbishment – Phase 2

Following the recent planning approval by Maldon District Council, the GB Parish Council in-conjunction with the Pavilion Mgmt. Committee has finalised the plan / vendors & scope of works for Phase 2 of the pavilion refurbishment.

Phase 2 includes: full re-roofing, solar panels & batteries, storage extension plus some other ad-hoc elements.

Rough Timings which are subject to change are:

- Site Set Up: 13<sup>th</sup> August
- Storage Extension (foundations, structure, cladding, through etc.) 13<sup>th</sup> August – 30<sup>th</sup> September
- Roof (Strip, felt, batten, Roof Tiles etc.) September – 26<sup>th</sup> September
- Solar Panel Installation September – 26<sup>th</sup> September

Disruption will of course be kept to a minimum, and some areas will be fenced off for security and safety to the public.

For any phase 2 project questions please send to:  
[parishclerk@greatbraxtedpc.org.uk](mailto:parishclerk@greatbraxtedpc.org.uk)



## Suggestions

The GBPC would like to hear suggestions from villagers about future village project ideas / initiatives.

What would you like to see in the future?

Funds are not limitless, but we would like to hear any ideas for future discussions / consideration.

Please email thoughts to: [parishclerk@greatbraxtedpc.org.uk](mailto:parishclerk@greatbraxtedpc.org.uk)

## Next Parish Council Meetings

**Gt Braxted PC** next meetings:  
10<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 8pm in the Pavilion

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:** [parishclerk@greatbraxtedpc.org.uk](mailto:parishclerk@greatbraxtedpc.org.uk)

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

**Agendas:** <https://e-voice.org.uk/greatbraxtedparishcouncil/parish-council-meeting-agendas/>

**Minutes:** <https://e-voice.org.uk/greatbraxtedparishcouncil/parish-council-meetng-minutes/>

**Lt Braxted PC** next meetings:  
TBC at 7pm at the Braxted Bakery

**Email:** [littlebraxtedpc@hotmail.com](mailto:littlebraxtedpc@hotmail.com)

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



**@ Village Pavilion**

## Great Braxted Pop-Up Pub Returns

- B.Y.O Drinks, Nibbles, Humour
- 7pm Start
- £1pp Donation to cover hire charge

**Dates:**  
Friday 10th May  
Friday 14th June  
Friday 9th August  
Friday 13th September  
Friday 11th October

## *St Nicholas' Church, Little Braxted*

*In the Ecclesiastical Parish of Wickham Bishops with Little Braxted*

Rector / Priest-in-charge: Vacant      Parish contact phone 07544 973705

Churchwardens :                                  Vacant

Deputy Churchwarden Graham Wingrove

WEBSITE: [churchinwickhambishops.org.uk](http://churchinwickhambishops.org.uk)

**St Nicholas'** is normally open daily, if closed borrow the key from the Estate Office.

For Group visits contact: [stnicholas@churchinwickhambishops.org.uk](mailto:stnicholas@churchinwickhambishops.org.uk)

### **IN AND FROM OUR PARISH : SERVICES FOR AUGUST**

At St Bartholomew's except at St Nicholas' or elsewhere, shown in **red**.

#### **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>**

8.00 am

10.30 am

#### **10<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Trinity**

Holy Communion

Holy Communion

#### **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>**

8.00 am

10.30 am

#### **11<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Trinity**

Holy Communion

Holy Communion

#### **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>**

**9.00 am**

10.30 am

#### **12<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Trinity**

**Holy Communion BCP at St Nicholas'**

Morning Praise

#### **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>**

8.00 am

10.30 am

#### **St Bartholomew's Patronal Festival**

Holy Communion (BCP)

Holy Communion

### **SPECIAL NOTES**

Good news! A new Corona lighting ring has been installed in **St Nicholas'** replacing the old handmade Corona erected in the 1970s. This has been possible following the receipt of a Legacy from the late Roy Tracy, a Churchwarden of many tears standing. No longer candle powered, we've gone 'led' to reduce costs.

The 9.00am Service at **St Nicholas'** on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month continues using the 1662 version of the Prayer Book – the Book of Common Prayer.

No news yet about a replacement resident priest – discussions are ongoing.

## **ALL SAINTS GREAT BRAXTED**

### **CHURCH NEWS**

### **August 2024**

**Our usual pattern of services on the first and third Sunday of the month will continue through until October; we have Parish Communion on the first Sunday of the month and Morning Prayer on the third Sunday.**

**In the winter the church will not hold Sunday services to save costs on heating. We will still be here for you for booking weddings, baptisms and funerals. If you would like to arrange to visit when there is not a service, please do contact us.**

#### **Our contact details are:**

**Team Rector: Revd Anne-Marie Renshaw, 01621 815260**  
**[amlrenshaw@btinternet.com](mailto:amlrenshaw@btinternet.com)**

**Team Administrator, Christine Hall**  
**[thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com](mailto:thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com)**

**Churchwarden Mike Puttick, 01621 816830**

**See our team website for more details, we have our own page its link is here:**

**[thurstablewinstreechurches.org/all-saints-great-braxted](http://thurstablewinstreechurches.org/all-saints-great-braxted)**

# News from Great Totham Primary School

[www.greattotham.essex.sch.uk](http://www.greattotham.essex.sch.uk)



## Y3 Trip to Colchester Castle

*In June, Year 3 went to Colchester Castle. First, we went for a tour underground. We met a man who told us the story of Camulodunum and showed us bits of Roman armour. Then we saw a big map of Britain which showed us the Celtic tribes at the time. Then we went to another room and learned about Boudica.*



*We had a packed lunch outside in the grounds. It was very sunny and hot!*

*In the afternoon, we built a roundhouse and a villa. They took lots of hard work and were quite tricky! We looked at lots of things in the galleries before getting the coach home. It was great fun!*

**Written by: Sebby, Dylan, Rosie & Myla**

## Year 5 Outdoor Learning



*In June, Year 5 had their outdoor learning day. The lady who was in charge of the activities was named Sarah and she told us what we would be doing in each group. We did pond dipping, den building, made seed bombs that will grow into wild flowers and bug hunting. Pond dipping was fun as we got to catch tiny creatures as well as looking and identifying what they were.*

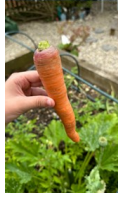
*Den building was a bit of hard work as we could only use wood, a big blue sheet and some rope. For making a seed bomb we had to add a spoonful of seeds to soil, then add a little bit of water and mix it all together and mould it into a ball. Bug hunting was challenging as we had to capture a little bug and then fill in a sheet to describe what we have found. We were all very lucky to have hot weather otherwise we wouldn't have had any outdoor learning to do and had a normal day. Thank you Sarah for this amazing day!*

**Written by: Amelia**



## Gardening Club

We had our first crop of home-grown carrots! Mrs Priest and the gardening club have been nurturing their vegetable patch all year and Mrs McBride was able to use the carrots in the pasta sauce!



## Girls' Cricket County Final

*After our success in the local event, our girls' cricket team competed in the county final at Billericay Cricket Club on Tuesday 2nd July.*

*Our first 3 games were close but we lost them. We were then placed in Division 2 where our confidence grew and we played a semi-final which we won! We were ready for the final and with some great batting and bowling and with Rose taking a huge catch - it helped us become Division 2 Champions!*



*Well done to Rose for being awarded Catch of the Day and Natasha for her amazing bowling display, hitting and knocking the stumps out of the ground and being awarded with Best Bowling Spell of the Day. Amelia and India's opening partnership afforded us 20 runs off 10 balls and they were awarded Batting Hero of the Day!*

*We are very proud of how the girls, who only formed as a team in the last month, were able to produce such a high standard.*

## MSSP Rounders Tournament



*In July, the Maldon Schools Sports Partnership ended the school year with a Rounders Tournament hosted by All Saints Primary.*

*We were divided into two groups. We played St Francis and were victorious with 27 ½ points. We then played Wentworth where we lost by 10 points. This meant we were placed in a 3rd/4th play off against Maldon Court. It was very close and exciting to watch, unfortunately we lost by just ½ a rounder!*

*The games were fun and enabled us to use all the skills we have learnt and practised in Rounders Club.*

## Update from Maldon District Council

Over the past year the council has gone through change, created by using the principle that officers and councillors have to work together as One Team. This has enabled the council to realise change in our organisational culture.

The power of community engagement is inspiring. It was uplifting to see residents of all ages taking part in The Beat the Street programme. It was a huge success with over 5,000 residents across the district taking part, achieving a total of 38,650 miles walked, ran, and cycled. Next, we will deliver with our partners, for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year running, the UFest community event on the 16th of August. Over 60 local organisations will come together to support residents through a fun, informative and action-packed day down in promenade park

In September we have the walking festival being run again in the district, this is a great opportunity for all those who want to get out and about, and also have the chance to meet new people.

We have made significant improvements in our financial sustainability over the last year. We have set a balanced budget for this financial year and are currently projecting healthy levels of reserves in future years. Despite this we cannot afford to be complacent. We know that the national financial outlook remains challenging, and that the local government funding settlement for future years is unlikely to grow, while demand for services is ever-increasing.

As a council we need to ensure that we maintain a sustainable position and at the same time deliver the services you need. I know Jade and myself will continue to deliver on this.

Best wishes

Richard



## Are you ready for the end of analogue landlines?

Essex County Council's Digital Essex team wants to make residents in Braxted aware that changes are coming to analogue landlines.

By 2025, traditional phone lines will be replaced by a digital landline service. This means that calls will be made over a broadband line.

For most residents, this change will be straightforward – you'll also get to keep your phone number. Your telephone provider will contact you before anything changes. It is important to respond and discuss what you need to do to ensure your service won't be affected.

The switch to digital landline services could affect some residents. If any of the following apply to you, or someone you know, make sure you contact your telephone provider:

- You don't have broadband
- You rely solely on a landline
- You use a personal alarm or healthcare device
- You live in an area with poor mobile signal
- You have additional needs

If you're confused, worried, unsure, or have any questions, call your telephone provider.

**Visit us at an event near you!** Digital Essex will be attending events across Essex this Spring and Summer, where we'll be sharing the latest information about changes to phone lines.

We are planning to attend the Maldon U-Fest event on the 16th of August. This is subject to change so please see the full list of events at [www.superfastessex.org/landline-switch-events](http://www.superfastessex.org/landline-switch-events)

BT is also visiting locations across Essex throughout May. For full details, visit their website at [www.bt.com/broadband/digital-voice/events](http://www.bt.com/broadband/digital-voice/events)

If you'd like to read more about the switch to digital landlines, visit Essex County Council's website: [www.essex.gov.uk/landline-switch](http://www.essex.gov.uk/landline-switch)

## **Ride for a cause: Essex & Herts Air Ambulance announces I Did It My Way fundraising challenge and free Motorcycle Show**

Create unforgettable memories and seize the chance to win a thrilling flight for two in a 1960's Navy helicopter with Essex & Herts Air Ambulance's (EHAAT) ***I Did It My Way Motorcycle Challenge***. Registration is now open, inviting riders to embark on their very own epic motorcycle journey throughout August to raise crucial funds. The highest fundraiser will win a flight in the 'Wasp' helicopter, and the first 1,000 registered 'I Did It My Way' riders (including pillions) will receive a limited-edition 2024 embroidered patch, perfect to display on jackets.

Motorcyclists can choose their own routes and journeys, individually or in groups, while fundraising for EHAAT via sponsorship. Participants are encouraged to explore their favourite roads, visit landmarks, or ride in memory of loved ones. To celebrate the supportive local motorcycle community, participants images and stories will be featured online throughout August and showcased at a motorcycle and family fun event on 8<sup>th</sup> September.

Pam Withrington, Fundraising & Marketing Director, says, "We are thrilled to see the return of the 'I Did It My Way' Motorcycle Challenge following its success in 2022. This fundraiser provides our loyal biker enthusiasts with the opportunity to support their local life-saving air ambulance service while enjoying the freedom of the open road. Every mile ridden and every pound raised will directly contribute to our life-saving mission, ensuring that we can continue to provide critical care to those in need."

As the fundraising challenge concludes, riders and supporters are invited to join EHAAT for a special **Motorcycle Show & Family Fun Day** at North Weald airbase on Sunday 8th September 2024, from 11 am - 4:30 pm. This **free event** promises a day of entertainment and activities for all ages, including:

- **Exciting Entertainment:** Experience captivating performances by the **Bold Dogs Stunt Team** and other unmissable acts.
- **VMOTO Electric Bike Raffle:** Enter the raffle for a chance to win an electric motorbike worth £2,499!
- **Free Prize Draw:** A chance to win tickets to **Brands Hatch Superbike Championship, Virgin Experience Day vouchers** and tickets to the **Excel Motorcycle Show**.
- **Live Bands:** Enjoy performances by **The Vicounts** and **Faux Fighters**
- **Police Dog Display:** Witness the impressive skills of police dogs in action.
- **Bike Dealerships:** Browse a selection of bikes and admire the impressive range on display.
- **An Assortment of Exhibitors:** showcasing everything from biking essentials to unique finds.
- **Family Fun:** Engage in a variety of activities designed to entertain the whole family including arts and crafts, free face-painting, bungee trampolines, and kids' rides.
- **Delicious Eats:** Indulge in tasty food and refreshing drinks on offer throughout the day

"We very much look forward to welcoming our biker community, families, and dedicated supporters to the Motorcycle Show & Family Fun Day," added Pam Withrington. "This event is a fantastic opportunity to come together, celebrate our shared passion for motorcycles, and raise vital funds for Essex & Herts Air Ambulance."

To register for the I Did It My Way Motorcycle Challenge (£10 per rider), and for free tickets to the Motorcycle Show & Family Fun Day, please visit [ehaat.org/motorcycle](http://ehaat.org/motorcycle)



## **WITHAM HOCKEY CLUB IS CELEBRATING 100 YEARS**

September 2024 marks the start of Witham Hockey Club's Centenary Season having formed as an official club in 1924. A number of events are planned throughout the upcoming September 2024 - April 2025 season to ensure the centenary is rightly celebrated. This starts with a festival weekend Friday 13<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2024 with three friendly tournaments spanning the generations of hockey amongst the club's history; a Walking Hockey Mixed 7s tournament on the Friday, a Mixed 7s Tournament on the Saturday, and a Under 10s & Under 12s Mixed 7s tournament on the Sunday. All played on clubhouse's outer cricket field paying homage to the tradition and history of hockey in Witham.



### **Get in Touch**

If you're an ex-club member or someone with a link to Witham Hockey Club we'd love to hear from you and listen to any stories or see any photos you might have, as we collate the last hundred years of our history, and of course we'd like to invite those with a connection to join us at these events. Please contact us via email [centenary@withamhockeyclub.co.uk](mailto:centenary@withamhockeyclub.co.uk), social media or by phone 07825304614.



### On your marks . . .

On the second Saturday in September each year, 30 counties across the UK 'Ride and Stride' to raise money to help preserve and improve our historic church buildings

### Get set . . .

- Add Saturday 14 September 2024 to your diary
- Source sponsorship from friends and family
- [www.friendsof Essex churches.org.uk/ride-stride](http://www.friendsof Essex churches.org.uk/ride-stride) for further information or scan the QR code



### Go!

- Explore villages and parish churches by bike or on foot
- Enjoy the exercise, meet new people and raise much needed funds for your church
- **Please join us!**



## BRAXTED GOLF COMPETITION



It is that time of the year again! This annual event will be held on **SATURDAY 28th September 2024** at Braxted Park Golf Club when we can compete for various prizes: the Angela Roast and Fred Rodford Memorial trophies and various minor others such as Nearest the Pin, Best 9, etc.

The proceeds will go to the maintenance of our 900+ year old church. Many thanks to Braxted Park are kindly loaning us the course.

As always it will be a Stapleford Competition with a shotgun start at 08.30 am. The entry fee will be £20 which is less than the usual weekend green fee. For an entry form or more details please contact:-

Ken Hornett, The Village Farmhouse, Tiptree Rd, Gt Braxted,  
CM8 3EJ (01621) 891424 [hornettk@hotmail.com](mailto:hornettk@hotmail.com)

Once again we may go to the Prince of Wales pub/restaurant at Prince of Wales Road, Great Totham for the (optional) lunch plus the prize giving and a libation or two. P o W is a good pub and it can accommodate the numbers of us and has an extensive menu. Anything from sandwiches and snacks to a 3 course meal all with reasonable prices – and good beer! I will try to email a menu nearer the time so you can pre-order



## VILLAGE ACTIVITIES IN BRAXTED PAVILION & GROUNDS

**Lettings Officer & Key Holder: Sarah Mann, 892821, email sarahm66@btinternet.com**

**NOTE:** The pavilion itself is subject to regular checks for such things as maintenance, cleaning and decorating, etc.

The pavilion can be booked by Braxted residents for private hire.

The cost is £20

<b>Monday</b>	<b>U3A Bridge Group 9:30am—12:30pm (Ken Hornett 01621 891424)</b> <b>Metafit [keep fit] - 6-7pm (Lisa Brand, 01621 893720)</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Pilates Class—1:30-2:30pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Home Schooling—All Day—Fortnightly</b> <b>Band Rehearsal 7pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Braxted Barkers Dog Club Thursday 11:30am—1:30pm</b> <b>Diane Sawford, 07840 778042</b> <b>Band Rehearsal 2pm</b> <b>PC Meeting Bi-monthly</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Braxted Art Club from 11:00am. David Joyce, 01621 891241</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Summer Cricket matches May to September 1pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Braxted Barkers Dog Club, first Sunday each month.</b> <b>Diane Sawford, 07840 778042</b>

### **Braxted Pavilion Committee Announcement**

After over 12 years, the Pavilion Management Committee have had to decide to increase the hire fees. This is due to inflation and maintenance costs.

They still remain very competitive.

Village clubs and societies   £10

Other village hires           £20

Outside GB and LB hires   £50

Sarah Mann                   Secretary

Ken Hornett                  Chairman

*Just for fun!*



# SUMMER

## Word Scramble



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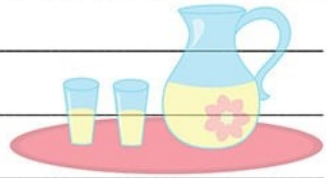
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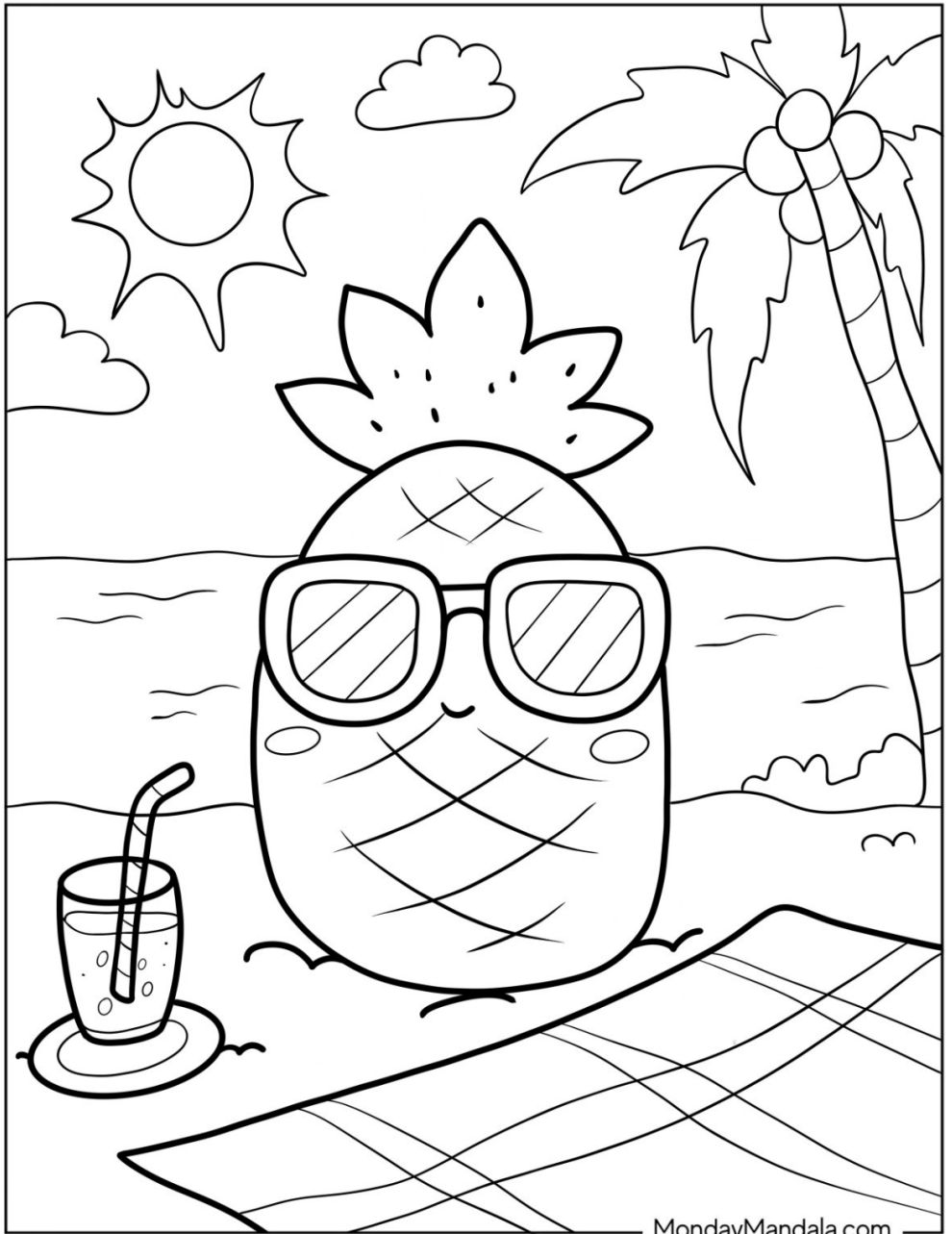
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# SUPPORT AVAILABLE FOR THE COMMUNITY

**Little Braxted Community and Educational Fund**



This fund benefits people living in Little Braxted, neighbouring villages and the surrounding rural areas. It also supports educational opportunities in Wickham Bishops and Little Braxted.

**To apply for a grant please call the friendly Essex Community Foundation team on 01245 355947 or visit: [essexcommunityfoundation.org.uk](https://essexcommunityfoundation.org.uk)**



  
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