



The Braxted Bulletin

July 2023

VILLAGE INFORMATION

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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

Next Parish Council Meetings

Gt Braxted PC next meetings:

13th July 2023 at 8pm in the Pavilion; **14th September 2023**

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

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-meeting-minutes/>

Little Braxted: all meetings are held at the Braxted Bakery and start at 7pm. Next dates are TBC.
Email for details:

littlebraxtedpc@hotmail.com

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

Message from editor:

Lots of activities around the villages to look out for—popup pub is back again, the Library is running the Summer Reading Challenge for children, and the golf tournament will be held in September. It's a busy time!

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/>

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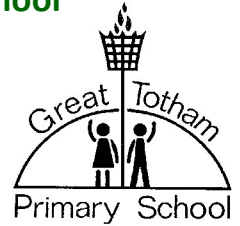
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News from Great Totham Primary School

www.greattotham.essex.sch.uk



School Gardening Club



RHS School Gardening Scheme: The children have been working towards the Royal Horticultural Societies School Gardening Awards. We have successfully achieved level 3 of the 5 awards. We are so proud of our latest certificate and the fifty pounds voucher we received as a reward.

New Equipment: With the proceeds from the last plant sale and the voucher we received from the RHS we bought lots of new items including funky planters, pond plants, items for the fairy garden and a grow tunnel, all of which have kept us incredibly busy.



Sports Day 2023

*In May, both KS1 and KS2 enjoyed Sports Day. The morning belonged to KS1 and, despite the weather being a bit cold, it was a massive success. Whilst competing for their respective house teams, the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and worked hard to gain every point available. After the team event, we hosted the sprint finals and they were incredibly close. Well done to all of the winners. The overall winner of the event was **Willow**. Very well done.*

*In the afternoon, it was KS2 turn, thankfully the sun came out to warm up proceedings. The children competed in a variety of activities with huge smiles on their faces and they earned a record breaking points score for all of the house teams. Afterwards, the sprint race finals were held - well done to all of the winners in those races. For the second year running the winner was **Oak**. Very well done.*

Written by Mr Hunt

News from Great Totham Primary School

www.greattotham.essex.sch.uk

Netball



On Thursday 4th May, we invited Wentworth to play a netball friendly. It was a lovely, friendly atmosphere with many supporters watching from the sidelines.

Two Great Totham teams played several games against Wentworth's teams. We were able to try different positions to see where we played best. It was great to be able to put all we'd learnt at Netball Club into playing actual matches.



Towards the end we played a few games where we mixed up teams with Wentworth which was great and meant we made some new friends!

Tag Rugby

After previously winning a Colchester and Blackwater event, we were invited to take part in a Tri-partnership event with Witham and Clacton schools on Tuesday 16th May.



Fifteen teams competed in different groups. We won every game making us winners of the group. This meant we were through to the 1st/2nd place match against St Michael's of Clacton.

St Michael's scored the first try, making the atmosphere very tense. We pushed on, darting through the defence, passing accurately and with great teamwork we were rewarded with 3 tries - making us winners of the tournament!

A gold medal was presented to each of us and we all enjoyed an ice cream after our hard work and determination.

Thank you to Mr Pearson, our rugby coach, for coaching us throughout, trying to keep us calm when we didn't really feel it!



ALL SAINT'S GREAT BRAXTED CHURCH NEWS July 2023

Summer now and it is warm. No weddings this month which is unusual.

We will have a new member of the ministry team next month. She is Rev. Christine Newmarch and is joining us from Witham. She will be licenced shortly. We are looking forward to welcoming her. It will be good to see the numbers getting better especially that Rev. Jackson is only part time in the Layers, working also for the Diocese.

The Braxted Golf Day, which is a fund raising event for the church, is due to take place on Saturday 23rd September at Braxted Park Golf Club. Interest has been slow so far but it should improve and hopefully more entries will come in. Details from Ken Hornett (01621 891424 or hornettk@hotmail.com)

Layer Marney Tower will be 500 years old and this will be celebrated on 16th July.

Services for the coming month are

Sunday 16th July Matins (morning service) at 11.15 am

Sunday 16th July Confirmation Service at ST LUKES at 5pm

Sunday 30th July and is a fifth Sunday when we have been having a different service but attendance has been very patchy so this is postponed.

Sunday 6th August Communion at 11.15 am

Contacts: -

Rector	Revd. Anne-Marie Renshaw	01621 815260
Churchwarden	Mike Puttick	01621 816830

Admin. Assistant	Christine Hall [office hours]	07421078981
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Website: www.tk-tiptree-braxted-benefice.org.uk

St Nicholas' Church, Little Braxted

In the Ecclesiastical Parish of Wickham Bishops with Little Braxted

Priest-in-charge: Rev Hilary Le Sève 01621 892867

Churchwardens: Vacant

WEBSITE: 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

IN AND FROM OUR PARISH : SERVICES FOR JULY

At St Bartholomew's except at St Nicholas' shown in red.

Sunday 2nd

8.00am

10 30 am

Fourth Sunday of Trinity

Holy Communion

Holy Communion – Sermon Theme:- *Valuing the small, the vulnerable and the marginal*

Sunday 9th

8.00am

10.30 am

Fifth Sunday of Trinity

Holy Communion

Holy Communion

Sunday 16th

9.00 am

10.30 am

Sixth Sunday of Trinity

BCP Holy Communion at St. **Nicholas' Little Braxted**

Sunday Praise - Sermon Theme:- *Focusing outward*

Sunday 23rd

8.00am

10.30 am

Seventh Sunday of Trinity

Holy Communion

Holy Communion - Sermon Theme:- *Sustaining healthy rhythms*

Wednesday 26th

10.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 30th

8.00am

10.30 am

Eighth Sunday of Trinity

Holy Communion

Holy Communion Sermon Theme:- *Kindness, mutual respect, gentleness and humility*

Vacancy

For very many years we have had a Manager/Caretaker at St Nicholas' and now need to find a replacement, which could be a formal Churchwarden role. Duties are not onerous, mostly on 3rd Sunday of the month plus special services acting as Verger/Sidesperson; and organising cleaning and churchyard maintenance etc. To discuss please contact Rev Hilary on 01621 892867 or email on revhilary@btinternet.com

Popup Pub

Popup Pub again on Friday
14th July from 7pm onwards.



Bring your own drinks and
snacks to the Pavilion, and hope the rain holds off!

It's a chance to catch up with villagers and maybe meet
some new faces in a fun and relaxed setting.

£1 per head to cover the cost of Pavilion hire



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

Monday	U3A Bridge Group 9:30am—12:30pm (Ken Hornett 01621 891424) Metafit [keep fit] - 6-7pm (Lisa Brand, 01621 893720)
Tuesday	Metafit [keep fit] - 8:30-9:30am (Lisa Brand, 01621 893720) Pilates Class—1:30-2:30pm (Maureen Barnes, 07718741362)
Wednesday	Home Schooling—All Day—Fortnightly
Thursday	Braxted Barkers Dog Club Thursday 11:30am—1:30pm Diane Sawford, 07840 778042 Band Rehearsal 7:00pm PC Meeting Bi-monthly
Friday	Braxted Art Club from 11:00am. David Joyce, 01621 891241
Saturday	Summer Cricket matches May to September 1pm
Sunday	Braxted Barkers Dog Club, first Sunday each month. Diane Sawford, 07840 778042

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

Volunteers Needed!

Great Braxted Parish Council are looking for volunteers for two separate endeavours.

Community Speedwatch

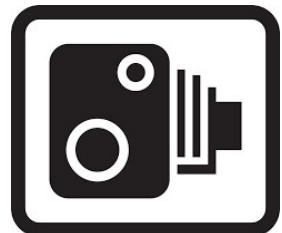
Discussions are underway to pick up more speed patrols through the village. To do this, the Parish Council need a team of volunteers willing to stand at speed watch points in the village for a shift of an hour.

Whilst the volunteers have no powers to sanction a prosecution, offenders' details will be passed on to Essex Police.

In 2018, Essex Police dealt with **117,800** excess speed cases, of which **21,728** were formal warnings having been detected by Community Speed Watch.

Volunteers would be fully trained by TruCam and would work in pairs or small groups to capture details of speeding vehicles as they drive through Great Braxted.

If you would like to add your name to a list of volunteers for speedwatch, please email **braxtedbulletin@yahoo.com**. Further details will follow.



Remembrance Day

Arrangements have been agreed for the traditional Remembrance Day Service joint with the surrounding villages. As road closures will be in place volunteers are needed to help man security barriers.

The service will be held on **Sunday 12th November.**

If you are able to help out please email braxtedbulletin@yahoo.com



BRAXTED GOLF COMPETITION



It is that time of the year again! This annual event will be held on **SATURDAY 23rd September 2023** 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

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

Maldon District Council Update

July 2023 news

The council now has 6.5 years of land supply. This is 1.5 years more than the 5 year target that is set by the government. This means that our local plan takes priority when it comes to housing applications. This means that any development that is not in the local plan is more likely to be refused. This is very good news as it means we can manage any speculative development that comes forward.

The election results produced a council where there was no overall control, with 10 conservative, 6 liberal democrats, 1 labour and 14 independents, some nonaligned and others in the Maldon District Independent group with myself and Jade.

This meant that creating an administration was more complicated than it would be if a group had a enough councillors to form an administration on its own. In the first week, there were further changes in the makeup of the groups. This left us with in an even more complicated situation. Eventually through negotiations it was recognised as there were more independent councillors at the council, then they should form the administration. This led to the Maldon District Independent group forming the leadership at the council, with members from other groups, administering committees.

I was therefore very honoured and delighted at last week's full council meeting to be elected leader of the council for the municipal year. I hope that all groups can work together in the best interests of the district and its residents. Jade was appointed to the Overview and scrutiny committee and I am sure she will be an asset to the work that takes place there.

If at any time you need to contact us, please do so at: 01621 890809 or email cllr.richard.siddall@maldon.gov.uk or cllr.jade.hughes@maldon.gov.uk

With best wishes
Richard and Jade

Summer Reading Challenge 2023



Ready, Set, Read!



Arriving in your local library this summer!

Children across Essex are being challenged to read six books to help a superstar team and their animal mascots make their way through a summer obstacle course, collecting golden books along the way. If they complete the challenge, they receive a certificate and medal!

Find out more about how to take part in this free activity on our website:

libraries.essex.gov.uk

**Saturday 15 July to
Saturday 2 September**

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SUMMER DAYS

Word Scramble

Unscramble the words, then use the highlighted letters to figure out the secret message.

Hint: The secret message is scrambled too.

cheab



ensrsecun



esbablal



oplo



iacnotva



rbueecba



reamwntelo



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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




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