



The Braxted Bulletin

July 2024

VILLAGE INFORMATION

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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/>

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Next Parish Council Meetings

Gt Braxted PC next meetings:
10th 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

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/>

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

Email: 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

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	Pilates Class—1:30-2:30pm
Wednesday	Home Schooling—All Day—Fortnightly Band Rehearsal 7pm
Thursday	Braxted Barkers Dog Club Thursday 11:30am—1:30pm Diane Sawford, 07840 778042 Band Rehearsal 2pm 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

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

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' or elsewhere, shown in **red**.

Sunday 7th

8.00 am

10 30 am

6th Sunday of Trinity

Holy Communion

Holy Communion

Sunday 14th

8.00 am

10.30 am

7th Sunday of Trinity

Holy Communion

Holy Communion

Sunday 21st

9.00 am

10.30 am

8th Sunday of Trinity

Holy Communion BCP at St Nicholas'

Celebration Eucharist with Bishop Roger

Sunday 28th

8.00 am

10.30 am

9th Sunday of Trinity

Holy Communion (BCP)

Morning Praise

SPECIAL NOTES

Just the one service as usual at **St Nicholas'** on the 3rd Sunday; this month with Rev^d Rose from Chelmsford. We use the old prayer book. All welcome..especially children.

However, a bit of a change at St Bartholomew's with Bishop Roger presiding over a Celebration Eucharist on the 21st, now that the decoration and re-forming has been completed and we resume services in the church. The Morning Praise service is changed to the 4th Sunday. We also give thanks for all the help in raising the funds required. All welcome – cake to follow!

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

For Group visits contact: stnicholas@churchinwickhambishops.org.uk

ALL SAINTS GREAT BRAXTED

CHURCH NEWS

July 2024

Please note a change to our services for August when we have no service on Sunday 4th due to circumstances beyond our control. We apologise for any disappointment caused, any wedding couples can still attend St Luke's Church Tiptree instead, CO5 0SU, at 9.30 am to ensure they can continue to establish their qualifying connection.

Any banns due to be called on 4th August will be called at St Luke's instead. If you have any questions or concerns please do get in touch with us on 01621 819557 (message) or 01621 815260 (our Team Rector, Revd Anne-Marie Renshaw).

Before then, our next church service at All Saints Church is on Sunday, 21st July when we have Morning Worship (Matins) at 11.15 am. Everyone welcome.

Contacts:

Rector	Revd. Anne-Marie Renshaw	01621 815260
Churchwarden	Mike Puttick	01621 816830
Admin. Assistant	Christine Hall [office hours]	01621 819557

Y3 Roman Horse Carriage Experience



Year 3 had an amazing day because 2 horses came in to visit them. The horses were dressed in fun Roman costumes. In groups Year 3 went out to see them in action. They looked so cool with the Roman carriage and we all loved how cute they were. Once we had seen them move we got to pet them softly on the nose. Once everyone had petted them we began to ask questions. They included how old they were, what their names were and how many times

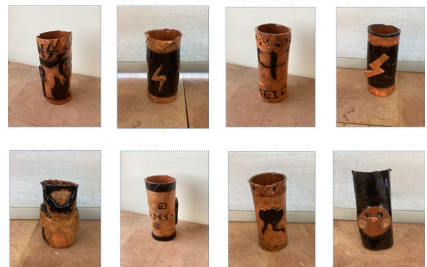
they had visited a school. We were very lucky because we were the first year group to be able to do it. Written by Aphelia and Ariya (Year 3)

Y6 Art

Y6 have been enjoying creating Greek-style clay slab pots inspired by their favourite Greek gods and goddesses this term.



Y6 also experimented with oil pastels and watercolour and created a piece of artwork based on the human heart.



Sports Day 2024

Last month our school held our annual sports day. Luckily, the weather was to our advantage and glorious sunshine beat down on us all day; this meant that we had to apply vast quantities of sun-cream and wear our hats.

For the KS1 children, there were Year 6 students helping them as they travelled around the activities, along with their parents and families. There was a medley of assorted events for everyone to participate in: the hurdles, egg and spoon race, bean bag throw and many more. I played my part by scoring the points (which reached extremely high amounts) in the bean bag throw with my friend and fellow Sports Leader Chloe. After an exhausting morning, it was announced that Willow had won the KS1 sports day. Then, it was time for the KS2 children to have a turn.

The KS2 children gradually made their way around each activity. There was a variety of fun and challenging things to get stuck into – such as the hockey slalom, cricket relay, bean bag throw and the hurdles. Then came the sprint races and shortly after that, the moment we had been waiting for! Using his microphone, Mr Hunt declared that Oak had been victorious! Everyone had fully enjoyed everything sports day had to offer.

I will miss it as I move on to secondary school and hope that all future sports days are filled with as much fun, enjoyment and entertainment as this one has been. Written by Natasha (Year 6)

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 3rd 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

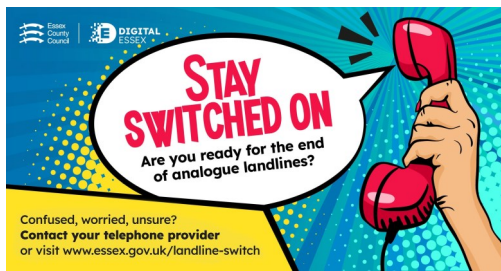
In September we have the walking festival being run again in the district, this is a great opportunity for all those who want to get out and about, and also have the chance to meet new people.

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

BT is also visiting locations across Essex throughout May. For full details, visit their website at 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

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 8th 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



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 13th – Sunday 15th 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, social media or by phone 07825304614.

Just for fun!

Cricket Word Scramble

Unscramble the letters to solve the puzzle!

1. INTAPCA _____
2. EEPKRE _____
3. WOLBER _____
4. SNTBMAA _____
5. GGLOYO _____
6. UARYNODB _____
7. ROVSE _____
8. HCPIT _____
9. AET KABRE _____
10. IESXS _____
11. NIEPSRN _____
12. RUFSSO _____
13. ITCWKE _____
14. SFAT LEORWB _____
15. UPRMEI _____

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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