



# The Braxted Bulletin

June 2023

## 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](mailto: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

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-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](mailto:littlebraxtedpc@hotmail.com)

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

Message from editor:

The weather has certainly warmed up and it is a joy to see lots of families enjoying the playground on a daily basis! Please read on for volunteering opportunities and an update about the Pavilion project.

**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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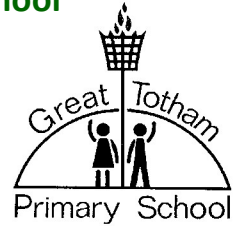
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# News from Great Totham Primary School

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



## Cross Country – 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023

24 children from years 3-6 enjoyed an afternoon at St Francis School, taking part in a cross country competition.



The boys and girls ran separately against the other local schools. We had some excellent results in each year group:-



**Year 3** - 1<sup>st</sup> place Henry

**Year 4** - 2<sup>nd</sup> place Olivia / 1<sup>st</sup> place Ralphie & 2<sup>nd</sup> place Stanley



**Year 5** - 1<sup>st</sup> place James & 3<sup>rd</sup> place Elliott

**Year 6** – 1<sup>st</sup> place Freddie

Well done to all the children that took part representing GTPS!



## Barney – Our School Dog

Barney is a golden retriever with a very calm and loving nature. He belongs to Miss Vass who has enjoyed watching him grow from a puppy. At nearly 8 years old, he is not so small now but he loves his time in school, adoring the attention from staff and children.

Barney works with children one to one, in small groups and in whole class situations. He loves being read to; he offers emotional support and helps children learn about responsibility.



# Beacon Hill Sports Association

The Local Charity providing Sports and Leisure Facilities to the 4 Villages

Wickham Bishops  
Great Totham  
Great Braxted  
Little Braxted

# QUIZ???

# NIGHT

FRIDAY

30<sup>th</sup> June 2023

7.30pm

Wickham Bishops  
Village Hall

Tickets  
£8  
Each

Bring  
Your own  
Refreshments

Tables  
of 8

Contact **Elizabeth** on  
[ejcoeshall@aol.com](mailto:ejcoeshall@aol.com)  
Or **07740 663383**



## ALL SAINT'S GREAT BRAXTED CHURCH NEWS April 2023

Summer is here and the sun is shining and it is warmer and the world is brighter and colourful. We have had 3 bank holiday Mondays and of course the Coronation. A lot of celebration events.

Our main news is that we are pleased to announce a new member of the Ministry team. She is Rev. Christine Newmarch who will be joining us from the Witham team as a self-supporting vicar.. She will be licensed in September and will be working in the nine churches in our Ministry with Anne-Marie; Jackson; Liz and Christine.

We wish her well and look forward to seeing her

The services at All Saints will be as follows:

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June Wedding at 1 pm

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June Communion at 11.15 am

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June Wedding at 1pm

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June Matins (morning service) at 11.15 am

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 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

Website:                                      [www.tk-tiptree-braxted-benefice.org.uk](http://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](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 JUNE**

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

#### **Sunday 4th**

8.00 am

10.30 am

#### **Trinity Sunday**

Holy Communion

Sung Holy Communion

#### **Sunday 11th**

8.00am

#### **Feast of St Barnabas**

Holy Communion

**No 10.30am service to accommodate the Wickham Bishops Garden Festival**

#### **Sunday 18th**

9.00am

#### **Second Sunday of Trinity**

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

10.30 am

Sunday Praise Service in the Church Hall

#### **Sunday 25th**

8.00am

10.30 am

#### **Third Sunday of Trinity**

BCP Holy Communion

Sung Holy Communion

#### **WEDNESDAY**

28<sup>th</sup> June Service of Holy Communion in St

Bartholomew's Church Hall 10.00 am

**Wickham Bishops Garden Festival Sunday 11th June 11am—5pm**

**Earlybird Tickets on sale now at WB Health Food Shop**

**£7.50 a wristband (cash only please) Tickets on the day £10, why wait?**

10 beautiful gardens to visit

Classic Car Show & Scarecrow Trail

Lunchtime refreshments in addition to BBQ, Beer, Pims & Prosecco ,  
Tent, Tea and Cake Plant sales and Grand draw

Performances by

Silver Darlings (Church grounds 12.50)

Alive and Kicking (Village Hall car park 14.00)

Free parking close to the church (limited parking for Blue Badge holders at the Village hall and church car parks)



## Popup Pub

Popup Pub makes a welcome return to the villages on **Friday 9th June** from 7pm onwards.



Bring your own drinks and snacks to the Pavilion

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

<b>Monday</b>	<b>U3A Bridge Group 9:30am—12:30pm (Ken Hornett 01621</b>
	<b>Metafit [keep fit] - 6-7pm (Lisa Brand, 01621 893720)</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Metafit [keep fit] - 8:30-9:30am (Lisa Brand, 01621 893720)</b>
	<b>Pilates Class—1:30-2:30pm (Maureen Barnes, 07718741362)</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Home Schooling—All Day—Fortnightly</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Braxted Barkers Dog Club Thursday 11:30am—1:30pm</b> <b>Diane Sawford, 07840 778042</b>
	<b>Band Rehearsal 7:00pm</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

# Volunteers Needed!

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

## Community Speedwatch

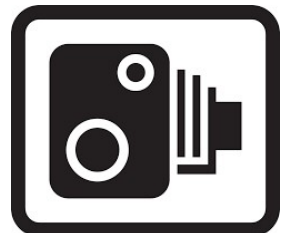
Discussions are underway to pick up more speed patrols through the village. To do this, the Parish Council need a team of volunteers willing to stand at speed watch points in the village for a shift of an hour.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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

### Latest News

I would like to thank all those who voted for myself and Jade at the local election. We really appreciate the support you gave us, and the vote of confidence in voting in 2 independents to be your councillors for the first time ever. Both Jade and I will continue to listen and be a strong voice for Great and Little Totham, and Great Braxted. The villages should also be proud of their engagement in the vote, as we had the highest turnout of any ward at the election of just under 42%, around 10% more than anywhere else.

The matter of speeding in Totham north was raised to me again during the campaign. I have raised this with the officers at Maldon, who have identified a suitable location and this will then be approved by the police. I will also chase the progress of a highway application to introduce a 30mph on the B1022.

I am also hoping that within the next year, we may see some changes on the speed limit at Five Corners/May. There are plans to reduce the speed limits on the stretch of road. We are still waiting for the funding for the crash reduction scheme, but the interim measure of a reduction in speed has been approved. This however has to be implemented by Essex County Council.

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

With best wishes  
Richard and Jade

# **Pavilion Initiative 2023**

## **May 2023 project update**

*The project aims to secure the Pavilion for the future through external insulation and cladding along with low cost heating and lighting. Internal works will also include redecoration and repair from subsidence. Externally the plan is to improve the land drainage around the Pavilion and associated parking facilities.*

Since last writing I am pleased to confirm that we now have £60,000 pledged towards the project. Charitable pledges always have restrictions on them (as we learnt from the Playground project), the primary one being that the project must be tendered for and fully budgeted before charities will transfer any funds. Tender documents are currently being produced for the various elements of the project and a planning application is shortly to be submitted.

Research with other Parish Councils has been especially helpful and the most recently successful hall cladding planning application has been by Mayland Parish Hall.

We would propose to use the same Cedral Lap C06 Grey Green cladding especially as it would blend in so well with the surrounding foliage of the Pavilion.

Cladding is the project team's recommended finish as it not only enhances the look of the building and supports the external fabric but it will conceal the many cracks from subsidence. It is also very low maintenance which must be considered for Parish Council expenditure in the future.

*Below is a picture of Kindsdown Village Hall – an example which was used in our charity funding applications to illustrate the use and aesthetic impact of cladding around a village hall.*



With successful pledges of funding from the Essex Community Foundation and the Enover Community, I am now targeting the Jubilee Village Halls Fund (with help from the Rural Community Council of Essex) The bid must be in by 5<sup>th</sup> June and we have to have all tender info out, back and selected if we are to stand any chance of funding. Success here would get us very close or possibly over the 'funding finishing line'.

The project aim (assuming successful funding) has always been to start work in early autumn and to be finished before the cold months kick back in again (have they ever gone away?).

My sincere thanks must go to Great Braxted residents Andy Holt, Andy Sage and Jim Goody for their technical help and extensive input of all things buildings, trees and groundworks. Projects like these require time and specialist knowledge which they have willingly offered whenever asked.

The next project update will hopefully be at the end of July but if you have any ideas, questions or inputs in the meantime please feel free to drop me an email or call at any time.

Regards

Richard Collins

CLlr Great Braxted PC.

# 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](http://essexcommunityfoundation.org.uk)**



  
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