



# The Braxted Bulletin

May 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](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

## **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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## Next Parish Council Meetings

**Gt Braxted PC** next meetings:  
9<sup>th</sup> July 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-meeting-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

# We are looking for sponsors!



We are Beacon Hill Under 9 Girls,  
and we are looking for local businesses to  
sponsor our new kit for next season.

If you can donate £50 your company name will  
be put into a raffle, and the winner will have  
their logo featured on the front of the shirts.

Please contact Michelle at [michelle.davis390@gmail.com](mailto:michelle.davis390@gmail.com) or  
07598460578 if you can help.

Thank you!



## *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 April*

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

<b>Sunday 5th</b> 8.00 am 10.30 am	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – Rogation Sunday</b> Holy Communion in the church hall Rogation Holy Communion Service at old St Peter's Wickham Bishops down by the old railway track – those who wish to do so are welcomed to bring a picnic lunch. Walkers gather at St Bartholomew's at 10.00am to walk down to St. Peter's.
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup></b> 7.30pm	<b>Ascension Day</b> Holy Communion in St Bartholomew's Church Hall
<b>Sunday 12th</b> 8.00 am 10.30 am	<b>7th Sunday of Easter <i>beginning of Christian Aid Week</i></b> Holy Communion in the church hall Holy Communion in the Church Hall
<b>Sunday 19th</b> 9.00 am 10.30 am	<b>PENTECOST [Whitsunday]</b> Holy Communion (BCP) at <b>St Nicholas' Little Braxted</b> Sunday Praise Service in the Church Hall
<b>Sunday 26th</b> 8.00 am 10.30 am	<b>Trinity Sunday</b> Holy Communion (BCP) in the church hall Holy Communion in the Church Hall
...and looking ahead, possibly back in <i>St Bartholomew's Church after redecoration etc.</i>	
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b> 8.00am 10.30 am	<b>Trinity 1</b> Holy Communion Sung Holy Communion

**Please note;** that the Parish contact number at the Wickham Bishops Rectory has been discontinued. All queries and contacts can be made to a mobile # 07544 973705. Please leave a message and you will be contacted as appropriate by hopefully who will be able to help.



Bread and Cheese Lunch at Mackmurdo's, Beacon Hill,  
Wednesday May 22 12 - 2 pm. All are very welcome. No ticket required.

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

# ALL SAINTS GREAT BRAXTED

## CHURCH NEWS

### MAY 2024

We are back to normal routine now with a service at church every two weeks.

Jackson has retired so we have a vacancy for the Layers and other churches in the northern part of our benefice. All services are covered with help from retired vicars and others

It is Rogation on 5th may and there is a walk, service and lunch at the three Layers please see the website if you are interested

There are two Bank Holidays in May – Mondays 6<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>

The services at All Saints for the next month are as follows

SUNDAY	28 <sup>th</sup> April	no service
SUNDAY	5 <sup>th</sup> May	Communion 11.15 a
SUNDAY	11 <sup>th</sup> May	Matins [morning service] at 11.15 am
SUNDAY	26 <sup>th</sup> May	to be confirmed
SUNDAY	2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Communion at 11.15 am

#### Contacts:

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

# News from Great Totham Primary School

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



## Year 5 Mayan Day

Last term, Year 5 were learning about the Mayan and we had a whole special day of activities dedicated to them - it was so much fun. Firstly, we were introduced to how Mayan society was organized. With the Mayan society came sacrifices! It was said to be a privilege because it meant that you were gift to the gods. But if you were sacrificed for your master that would mean you were there to serve them in the afterlife and be buried alive. Next, we sketched some Mayan artefacts and found out what they were. I sketched a shell which the Mayans used to warn the citizens of war.



In the afternoon, we took part in drama activities. My group had to act out how the Mayan made their delicious chocolate, whereas the other groups acted out sacrifices. After the drama, we got to taste chocolate which was pure cocoa bean - it wasn't the nicest taste. Finally Miss Brewer and Miss Baker were turned into Mayan gods from the creation story. Then we all acted out a part of the story: some of us had to be humans made out of wood, some of us had to be animals and the others were sweet little raindrops.

The whole day was just a bundle of joy, amazement and fun and we learnt lots more about the Mayan. **Written by Chloe Y5**

## Outdoor Learning - YR



Year R had a great time during Outdoor Learning. Our theme was 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'. The children completed a variety of exciting activities which included building bridges, retelling the story in different ways, making clay troll heads and planting broad beans.

## Outdoor Learning - Y3

Last term, Year 3 did Outdoor Learning. One of our favourite activities was making a spark using a flint and steel to light cotton wool. We also liked making a bow and arrows with willow sticks and colourful string. The most disgusting part was when we went in the den to make shelters and half the year got stuck in the mud!



We looked at different cave paintings for inspiration and made our own with charcoal. We drew on rocks with different symbols from the Stone Age. After that we put our hands on some card and smeared some broken chalk around them so when we took our hands off the chalk was in the shape of our hands.



*We read books about Stonehenge and tried to work out why it was built before making our own model. Then we made a journey stick by getting a stick and tying a piece of string around it. Next, we went on a journey round the edge of the field and picked up leaves, daisies and tree bark to tie to the journey stick to help us remember where we'd been.*

*After that, we got a piece of cloth and hammered the colour from the leaves on to the cloth. When we finished and took the cloth away, it had leaf prints on - this was called 'The Hapa Zome'.*

*We really enjoyed all the activities, especially when we got covered in mud!*

**Written by Flo B, Aphelia, Chloe, Agnes, Harper and Clancy**

### **iRock**

Last Friday we welcomed parents to a concert performance by those children that have been taking part in the weekly rock band sessions with iRock. It was wonderful to see and hear the progress the children have made.



### **Girls' Football League**

We organised the first of our football league matches with other local primary schools. It was held at Beacon Hill Sports Ground on Thursday 7th March.

It was cold and windy but the girls all managed to keep upbeat with smiles on their faces!

We played 2 matches and won both, due to the high number of goals in the first match we are currently top of the league!

### **Y4 Football Tournament**

On Wednesday 13th March we were invited to participate in a Y3/4 Football Tournament. The tournament took place at Shrub End in Colchester on the all-weather pitch.

There were 16 teams playing. We won 3 games and drew 3, only letting in one goal! The children all did so well, coming 2nd in the tournament and were rewarded with certificates and silver medals!



## Update from Maldon District Council

We have had problems again with the work at Westcombe Park leaving mud on the surrounding roads. I have made sure that the developer increases the road and pavement cleaning when we have wet weather. If you do see a problem like this or any kind of littering and fly tipping, then please let me or Jade know, as unlike the road conditions and potholes, the district council does have responsibilities in these areas.

We have been awarded a grant of £3000 to create activities as part of a Community Activation for the upcoming Ford Ride London event. This will serve as a focal point for local activities, offering a diverse range of opportunities for residents. These will include:

- Free bike maintenance sessions to encourage residents to attend the Ride London event by bike, and also get their bikes looked at
- Places Leisure will be promoting cycling activities at their centre, providing membership offers and a taster fitness class at Promenade Park before the start of the race.
- A programme of free spin classes at Blackwater Leisure Centres
- Parish Councils will be offered either a bike maintenance session or lead ride.

Wickham Bishops Parish Council has been awarded £750 from the Active Maldon Fund to support a project aimed at promoting outdoor activities and social interactions within the village. This includes a redesign and update of the Six Walks booklet, which I am sure Great Totham ward residents will be interested in accessing. The revised booklet will be easily accessible, both online through the village website and in hard copy format.

Kind regards

Richard

# **BEACON HILL SPORTS ASSOCIATION**

## **WHAT'S ON AT WICKHAM BISHOPS VILLAGE HALL?**

### **MAY**

Friday 3rd	Wine Circle
Saturday 4th	Graham's Country Music 7:30pm
Thursday 9th	Arts Society - The Elizabethan Court
Saturday 11th	Hardy Plants Society - Lecture Day
Saturday 18th	Jazz Club - Gambit Jazzmen 7:30pm
Monday 20th	Maldon U3a 1:30pm
Friday 24th	Community Cinema 7pm
Saturday 25th	Graham's Country Music 7:30pm

### **JUNE**

Saturday 1st	Graham's Country Music 7:30pm
Saturday 8th	Starlight Dancing – Summer Ball

### **WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:**

Nursery	Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri from 9:30am
Cotton Scatterers	Mondays 1-4pm
Drama Club	Mondays & Thursdays 8-10pm
Tai Chi	Tuesdays & Fridays 9:30am-12pm
Ladies Badminton	Tuesdays 2-4pm
Vicki Little Stars	Tuesdays 4-8pm
Mens' Badminton	Tuesdays 8-10pm
Toddlers	Wednesdays 9:30-11:30am
Ladies Badminton	Wednesdays 1:30-3:30pm
Starlight Dancing	Wednesdays 4-8pm
Bridge Club	Wednesdays 7-10pm
Georgias Dance	Thursdays 5:30-7pm
Ladies Badminton	Thursdays 1:45-4pm
Social Club (Snooker)	Every day

**For further contact details see the BHSA website:**

**[wickhambishopvenues.org](http://wickhambishopvenues.org)**

## 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

# HOLIDAY HANGOUT

KATE

ADRIANA



## SATS SUPPORT FOR YEAR 6

Led by fully qualified teachers.  
Fully Insured and DBS checked

Thursday 30th May  
9am–3pm  
Ages 5–11

St Nicholas Village Hall  
Tollshunt D'Arcy Road  
Tollshunt Major  
Essex CM9 8LN

Guided Arts and Crafts and school support activities including:

- Design a Baseball Cap
- Lolly stick butterflies
- Skittle patterns
- Cress Heads
- Messy play
- SATs support



£25 per child (includes a free water bottle for newcomers)

Booking required. Limited spaces available.

Contact through our Facebook



*Just for fun!*

—STAR WARS—  
**MAY THE 4TH BE WITH  
YOU WORD SEARCH**

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LUKE SKYWALKER  
THE FORCE AWAKENS  
SLAVE I  
YODA

BOBA FETT  
NABOO  
STAR WARS  
LIGHTSABER  
TATOOINE  
OBI WAN KENOBI

FORCE  
HAN SOLO  
MANDALORIAN  
DARTH VADER  
TIE FIGHTER  
MILLENNIUM FALCON

# FLOWERS

## WORD SCRAMBLE

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



  
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