

# *The Braxted Bulletin*

APRIL 2019



## VILLAGE INFORMATION

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[thebraxtedsneighbourhoodwatch@yahoo.com](mailto:thebraxtedsneighbourhoodwatch@yahoo.com)

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Opening times

Monday 14.00 – 18.00

Wednesday 14.00 - 18.00

Saturday 09.00 – 13.00

## Next Parish Councils

**Great Braxted** The next meeting of the Gt Braxted PC date TBC  
Location – in the Pavilion  
Email: [parishcouncil@greatbraxted.com](mailto:parishcouncil@greatbraxted.com)

**Little Braxted** All are held at the Braxted Bakery, and start at 7.00 p.m.

The next dates are:-

23rd April, 14th May

All members of the public are welcome to attend

## The Braxteds Village Fete 2019 Committee members and volunteers required



Calling all Little and Great Braxted residents. The time has come to start planning for our 2019 Braxteds Village Fete, and to do this we need enthusiastic volunteers to form an organising Committee.

Our Fete has proven to be a great way to meet up, socialise and enjoy the fun of the fair but also to raise funds for the many urgent repairs to our oldest village residents – St Nicholas and All Saints churches. We also use funds to invest in things that add to the benefit of the villages as a whole. The Pavilion extension, the Gazebos and the more recent outdoor gym equipment being examples of such investments.

But, to raise £000's doesn't happen without the efforts and enthusiasm of local people – and while many will support the event, spend their money, and take part in the activities of the day, *we also need an organising committee that can bring the whole event together.* The committee will typically hold 5 or 6 meetings in the next 6 months, held in the Braxted Pavilion at 8pm (usually 'til 9.30 ish) and which whittles down the many ideas and concepts suggested until the final Fete format drops into place. Simple!!

Why not come along and help? It's also a great way to meet your neighbours, make new friends and get involved with what is without doubt one of the highlights of village life in the Braxteds.

The first meeting will be on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April in the Braxted Pavilion starting at 8pm. If you would like to get involved but can't make this first meeting, please drop an email offering your help to either Bee Goody ([bgoodyb@googlemail.com](mailto:bgoodyb@googlemail.com)) or Dick Collins ([richardmpcollins@btinternet.com](mailto:richardmpcollins@btinternet.com)).

**ST NICHOLAS' LITTLE BRAXTED**  
(Parish of Wickham Bishops with Little Braxted)

**CHURCH NEWS**

**April 2019**

**GOOD FRIDAY** 19th April

2.00pm

Last Hour at the Cross Space to reflect on the last journey Jesus made, to the Cross

**EASTER DAY** 21st April

9.00 am

Holy Communion

(For children's and family activities and other services see  
<http://www.churchinwickhambishops.org.uk/> and related Facebook pages)

<b>Contacts:</b>	Priest-in-Charge	Revd. Hilary Le Sève	01621 892867
	Churchwardens	Barry Cousins	01621 891355
		Graham Wingrove	01621 891844



## ALL SAINTS GREAT BRAXTED

### CHURCH NEWS April 2019

We are now in British Summer Time and as these notes are written, the sun is shining and there are green shoots of Spring everywhere.

We are still in LENT and will be until Easter Day which is Sunday 21st April. We have started the wedding season and also have our first Baptism of the year this month.

The church services at All Saints for this month are as follows:

SATURDAY 6th April **WEDDING** @ 2 pm  
SUNDAY 7th April Family service at 11.15 am  
SUNDAY 14th April Communion 1 at 11.15 am  
**PALM SUNDAY** followed by Annual Parochial Church Meeting @12.30 pm  
MONDAY 15th April **TAIZE** Service @ 8 pm  
SUNDAY 21st April Communion @ 11.15 am **EASTER DAY**  
SUNDAY 28th April Communion 1 at 11.15 am  
Followed by **BAPTISM** at 21.30 pm  
SUNDAY 5th May Celebration of Marriage at 11.15 am

During Holy Week there are also the following services at St Luke's Tiptree:

Thursday 18th April Service and Agape meal for Maundy Thursday 6pm  
Friday 19th April GOOD FRIDAY Stations of the Cross @ 12noon;  
Liturgy @1pm; Family Service @ 2.30pm

#### Contacts:

Rector	Revd. Anne-Marie Renshaw	01 621 815260
Churchwardens	Mike Puttick	01621 816830
	Toni Curson	01621 819149
Admin. Assistant	Christine Hall [office hours]	01621 819557

## WELCOME TO APRIL

this month has Easter, followed by The London Marathon, although I am not sure that an abundance of chocolate and marathon training go together very well, but just think the average calories burned during a marathon is 2600, so perhaps a small creme egg for a competitor would be OK!

## WELCOME TO BRAXTED

Welcome to New arrivals in Braxted, congratulations to Hannah and Ben of Westacre, Maldon Road on the birth of their son Frances on 3rd January. A brother for Enid. Also, Congratulations to Marie and Craig of 6 Brookfields on the arrival of their daughter Rosalie on the 7th January. *If you have new neighbours that you would like to add to this article next month, please let me know.*

## GREAT BRAXTED PAVILION, POP-UP PUB

There will be the first pop-up pub night of the year on **12 April from 7.30pm**. If you want to come for a drink, and chat with other Braxted neighbours, or perhaps have a game of darts or ping pong it would be great to see you.

Plus If you are willing to go on a rota for opening the Pavilion for the pop up nights going forward, please come along and we'll make a list. *Special thanks to Lisa & John for keeping it going for previous years.*

## MONTHLY COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING \*free Tea & cake

Held the first Tuesday of every month, from 10am to noon at the Braxted bakery. Lots of information booklets available covering avoiding scams, safety advice, health etc When possible the local police attend and it is a great chance to meet other people from the villages. \*Tea & cake for Braxted residents

## UPDATE ON WICKHAM BISHOPS LIBRARY ...

A working group comprising three Parish Councillors and four residents meets twice per month to consider the possible future for the Library. Whilst there is still hope that Essex County Council can be persuaded to change their plans and keep it open, we also need to consider future possibilities should they decide to close it.

Priti Patel, our local MP, is offering her support, as are Maldon District Council as part of their 'Health and Wellbeing' programme. Other neighbouring parishes have also offered support as many of their residents use Wickham Bishops library.

A business plan is being prepared to look at possible sources of funding. As part of the plan, the plan needs to be able to demonstrate that there would be sufficient volunteers to run an expanded range of services, many of which have been suggested by local people. Please consider volunteering by emailing Peter Bates via the Parish Council email: [peter.bates@wickhambishopsparishcouncil.org](mailto:peter.bates@wickhambishopsparishcouncil.org)

*Cut off for next month's Bulletin – approx. 20th day of the previous month*  
[Lee.kane01@hotmail.com](mailto:Lee.kane01@hotmail.com)

**GREAT BRAXTED PARISH COUNCIL.  
LOCAL ELECTIONS.  
2ND MAY 2019.**

**PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY.**

The Parish Council is looking for someone to serve as a Parish Councillor.

If you feel like you would like to get involved in making decisions about your local community and make a contribution to the area, then this is the time to put your name forward. There are 6 meetings per year plus other ad-hoc meetings which you will be required to attend.

Nominations must be in by April 3rd.

For further information and a nomination form please contact the Parish Clerk Sarah Mann. 01621 892821.



**ANNUAL VILLAGE CLEANUP**

The annual village clean up (collecting all types of rubbish from the roads, verges and park, etc) will take place on:-

**Saturday 13th APRIL 2019**

It will start at about at 10 am – please meet at the Pavilion. The more the merrier [and easier!] Many hands make light work!

Refreshments will be served at the Pavilion from about 11 am for all the volunteers. Bags and maybe litter pickers will be provided but it is a good idea to wear boots and strong gloves.

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## Livewell gives out grants to grow your own food

GRANTS are up for grabs in a bid to get more people growing their own healthy food.

Maldon District Council is now providing funding to individuals, groups and organisations who want to promote growing healthy food.

Grants are available for schemes designed to get

people growing fruit and vegetables for the first time, helping to promote the benefits of growing their own produce or which educate people about healthy eating.

Applications can be made for up to £1,000 which can be spent on buying resources, renting allotments or training to provide education and skills.

The council says one of the aims of the Ready, Steady, Grow scheme is to give all residents the opportunity to grow and enjoy their own food.

The council has identified obesity, mental health, social isolation and the ageing population as the four key areas its wishes to see influenced as a result of the scheme.



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## CRICKET AT BRAXTED

As many of you will know, Gt.Braxted & Tiptree Cricket Club had to fold up in 2017 due to lack of numbers of members so we had no cricket last year (apart from an enjoyable 'beer' match. This was after about 200 years!

We are pleased that cricket will be back again this year. Great Totham Cricket Club are to hold their 3rd eleven matches [and one 2nd eleven] at Braxted and 10 home dates are booked on Saturdays from May to September. They will look after the square and the equipment. They play in the Essex league.

Feel free to go and watch, the dates will be published in the Bulletin and the Notice Boards. If anybody is interested in playing then please contact their Chairman Richard Dickenson [07799118829 / [rwdickenson@googlemail.com](mailto:rwdickenson@googlemail.com)].

## PAID DELIVERER WANTED

Deliverer of The Village Emporium magazine to Great and Little Braxted required. Bi-monthly delivery, door to door. Will need transport as magazines boxed in packs of 60. Langford and Ulting round also available. Paid per magazine.

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## School News

### **School Council – Visit to the Houses of Parliament**

On the 13th February the school councillors visited the Houses of Parliament along with representatives from the other Blackwater schools. We went inside the House of Lords, the Queen's dressing room, the first House of Commons, the room where Guy Fawkes hid the barrels of gunpowder under the floor and the only room that stayed up from the Great Fire of London. After that we had a workshop all about debates and what the next debate is about. It was a fun day out for all school councillors. Written by Amelie 6Q



### **Dates for the Diary**

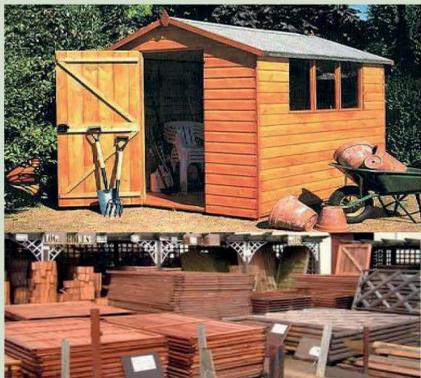
Saturday 11th May 2019 – Sponsored Walk

Friday 12th July 2019 – 5.00 – 8.00pm - Summer Fete

Friday 27th September 2019 – Golf Day, Benton Hall

*Please contact the school office for further details*

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3

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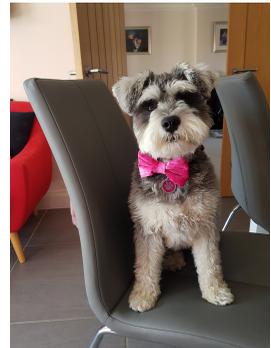
This is Darcie.shes a 14 month old miniature schnauzer.

She was bought as a therapy dog for daughter Ellie.

She is primarily Ellie's dog, but is spoiled by all of the family.

She faithfully stays by Ellie's side through times of excessive sleepiness and bad pain days.

*If you believe your pet or pets are the most adorable, one of a kind, or even most unusual, please forward your favourite picture (or group picture if you are up for a challenge), and a few descriptive words to the editor [Lee.kane01@hotmail.com](mailto:Lee.kane01@hotmail.com), and the best will be done to include this in The Bulletin, in the months to come.*



## Jam factory Wilkin & Sons donate 52,000 jars to polio appeal

A POLIO-FIGHTING initiative has been recognised for its efforts in raising hundreds of thousands of pounds.

World famous jam-makers Wilkin & Sons and Nigel Dyson have been part of the Rotary Purple4Polio initiative to rid the world of the infectious disease.



Rotary clubs have been raising funds to eradicate the disease for around 40 years and according to Rotary Club of Kelvedon and District president Mr Dyson the fight is now on the "home run".

Mr Dyson and Tiptree-based Wilkin & Sons are one of ten winners of a new People of Action Polio Award in Rotary Great Britain and Ireland.

The jam producers made 52,000 pots of their greengage and plum jam which were then distributed around the country to Rotarians.

Once the jars were empty, they were filled with coins and this, along with proceeds from selling the jam, raised more than £131,000.

With double match funding from the Gates Foundation, it has raised nearly £400,000. Mr Dyson is keen to continue raising the last of the funds needed to ensure polio is wiped out for good.

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- If you can, take the dog to a local vets for them to scan for a chip. In most cases they will then be able to call the owner if dog is chipped, or call the local dog warden to collect if not.
- In Scotland you should also report to the police.
- Also check in the 'Lost' section of the DogLost website to see if this dog has been reported as missing. [www.doglost.co.uk/dog-search.php?status=Lost](http://www.doglost.co.uk/dog-search.php?status=Lost)
- Many of our volunteers in the area do have scanners so may be able to come out and scan the dog for you. You can ask on local DogLost pages if anyone can help or call our head office for more information.
- Register the dog on the DogLost website: [www.doglost.co.uk](http://www.doglost.co.uk) and share on Social Media such as Facebook / Twitter, local DogLost pages and groups.
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## VILLAGE ACTIVITIES IN BRAXTED PAVILION

Lettings Officer & Key Holder: Yvonne Hunter 892034

- Monday**      **Maldon Art Group** 9am-4pm, every second Monday of the Month.  
*Gill Cameron 01621 857602*
- Monday**      **Metafit [keep fit]** 7pm – 9pm. *Lisa Brand 01621 893720*
- Tuesday**      **Whist Club**, 7pm every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month from October to April. *Roy Copsey 01621 892697*
- Tuesday**      **Choir**, every last Tuesday of the month. *Emma Jackson 07852988502*
- Wednesday**      **Pilates Class** 4:15pm. *Maureen Barnes 07718741362*
- Thurs& Sat**      **Dog Club** Thursday 11:30am-1:30pm, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month (Excl Jan), from 10am. *Diane Sawford 01621 893664*
- Friday**      **Braxted Art Club** 12pm-5pm. *David Joyce 01621 891241*
- Friday**      **Pop-Up Pub**, bring drinks & nibbles, all welcome, £1 a head, *every second Friday evening of the month from April-December*
- Misc**      **Parish Council and Pavilion Committee** Meetings (details in Bulletin)  
**Home school** intermittently some weekday Wednesday's

# BUNNY GUINNESS TO HOLD EXCLUSIVE TALK AT BRAXTED PARK IN SUPPORT OF HORATIO'S GARDEN CHARITY

Horatio's Garden creates and nurtures stunning gardens in NHS spinal injury centres for patients and families facing difficult times.

To help to support this life-changing work, celebrated garden designer and star of BBC 4's Gardeners' Question Time, Bunny Guinness has generously offered to hold a talk during the Braxted Park **National Garden Scheme** Open Day. Bunny will be sharing her thoughtful insights into a world behind the scenes of TV, radio, and of course her gorgeous gardens.



Visitors will also have the chance to explore the beautiful, privately-owned estate and gardens. Light lunches, refreshments and afternoon tea will be available in the Walled Garden Pavilion for guests to enjoy.

**When:** Tuesday 11th June,  
Bunny Guinness talk at 12:00.  
Gardens open 10:00-16:00.

**Where:** Braxted Park Estate  
Braxted Park Road  
Great Braxted  
Witham  
Essex  
CM8 3EN

**Admission:** Tickets for the talk are £15.00 and must be purchased in advance online at:  
[horatiosgarden.org.uk/braxted2019](http://horatiosgarden.org.uk/braxted2019)  
or by calling 01722 326834.

Admission to the National Garden Scheme Open Day is £6 for an adult, children go free.

