

The Braxted Bulletin

AUGUST 2019



VILLAGE INFORMATION

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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 5th September,
Location – in the Pavilion
Email: parishcouncil@greatbraxted.com

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

The next dates are: To be confirmed

All members of the public are welcome to attend

ST NICHOLAS' LITTLE BRAXTED

(In the Ecclesiastical Parish of Wickham Bishops with Little Braxted)

CHURCH NEWS, AUGUST 2019

Services for August are listed below. There will be just the one service at St Nicholas at 9.00am on Sunday 18th August. Please note that the mid-week Communion Services and Messy Church will resume in September.

Christmas seems a long way off with the Braxted Fete and autumn only just round the corner but we have fixed the date for St Nicholas Patronal Festival. St Nicholas day is the 6th December and we shall be celebrating with a Patronal Eucharist at 4pm on Sunday 8th December. There will be the usual weekday early evening Carol service at St Nicholas on the run up to Christmas; the date will be announced soon.

On September 15th at 10.30am there will be a special Pet Service in a marquee on the field at Wickham Bishops; all are welcomed to bring along their pet for this simple service. If your elephant is too big to bring along just bring a large photo!! Refreshments will be served afterwards.

We hope to have more news on the celebrations for the 900th anniversary of the founding of St Nicholas Church in the next month or two.

CHURCH SERVICES FOR AUGUST

AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S or ST NICHOLAS [where shown]

SUNDAY 4th **Trinity 7**

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.30 am Parish Eucharist

MONDAY 5th

8.30am Parish Prayers for start of month

SUNDAY 11th **Trinity 8**

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.30 am Parish Eucharist

SUNDAY 18th **Trinity 9**

9.00 am Parish Eucharist at St Nicholas Little Braxted

10.30 am Morning Praise in the Church Hall

SUNDAY 25th **St Bartholomew/Patronal Festival**

8.00 am Holy Communion (1662)

10.30 am Parish Eucharist

Contacts:	Priest-in-Charge	Rev. Hilary Le Sève	01621 892867
	Churchwardens	Barry Cousins	01621 891355
		Graham Wingrove	01621 891844



ALL SAINTS GREAT BRAXTED

CHURCH NEWS AUGUST 2019

Reminder. The joint fete of Great and Little Braxted will be on Saturday 14th September at the Braxted pavilion and field. We hold the Fete event every two years and raise money for the two Churches and community projects.

One of the items that All Saints is responsible for is the provision of teas, etc., in the Pavilion. Ideally we need a team of at least 12 working in shifts so they are not doing it all afternoon! Volunteers names to Jenny Hornett [891424] please. Equal opportunity so gentlemen as well as ladies! Helpers for other stalls/stewarding needed please call Dick Collins {893136}

The Annual Braxted Golf Competition is on Saturday September 28th, again raising money for Churches. See details in Bulletin or call Ken (891424).

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

SUNDAY	4th August	Family Service at 11.15 am
SUNDAY	11th August	Communion at 11.15 am
THURSDAY	15th August	WEDDING at 1.30 pm
SATURDAY	17th August	WEDDING at 12.30 pm
SUNDAY	18th August	Matins (Morning Service) at 11.15 am
THURSDAY	22nd August	WEDDING at 1.30 pm
SUNDAY	25th August	Communion at 11.15 am
SUNDAY	1st Setember	Family Service at 11.15am

Contacts:

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

Website: www.tk-tiptree-braxted-benefice.org.uk

WELCOME TO AUGUST

This month is the last Bank Holiday before Christmas, but maybe still a bit early to put your decorations and lights up, but despite the bank holiday, perhaps it will still feel like the longest month of the year for some parents! There are no music festivals at Hyland's Chelmsford in August this year, which breaks the run of festivals that took place over the past few years.

WELCOME TO BRAXTED

...If you have new neighbours that you would like to add to this article next month, please let me know.

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.

CRICKET AT BRAXTED

Here is a list of the fixtures to be played at Great Braxted:

Great Totham 3rd XI versus:

3rd August vs Hornchurch 3

17th August vs Eastwood 3

31st August vs Galleywood 3

Feel free to go and watch. If anybody is interested in playing then please contact their Chairman Richard Dickenson

[07799118829 / rwdickenson@googlemail.com

MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Having met many residents, we understand the need to address crime and anti-social behaviour, road and traffic issues, and ensure that Braxted and the Tothams are protected and great places to live. We will be taking actions in these areas. We have also created a Facebook page www.facebook.com/tothammatters/ where you can get in touch and also be kept up to date with what the District Council is doing

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The Braxted Bulletin is published to help everyone feel part of the community, recognizing people's achievements, the value of community activity, and to encourage support of local businesses. Please contribute by sending us your good news, suggestions and details of any events. Cut off for next month's Bulletin – approx. 20th day of the previous month

Lee.kane01@hotmail.com

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THE BRAXTED FETE

The next planning meeting is scheduled for:
Tuesday 6th AUGUST at 8pm – Venue:
Braxted Pavilion



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR YOUR 2019 BRAXTEDS VILLAGE FETE.

Why not come along and help? It's a great way to meet your neighbours, make new friends and get involved with what is one of the highlights of village life in the Braxteds. If you would like to get involved but can't make this meeting, please drop an email offering your help to either Bee Goody (bgoodyb@googlemail.com) or Dick Collins (richardmpcollins@btinternet.com).

Volunteers Wanted for Remembrance Sunday

We are in urgent need of volunteers to assist with the organisation of the Remembrance Day Service, to be held this year on Sunday 10th November. To comply with our Health & Safety obligations to those attending the Service we need to have a minimum of eight volunteers to assist with setting out road closure barriers, staffing them during the period of the Service, and opening the roads afterwards. Full training (but no pay other than the grateful thanks of your community) will be given.

If you are able to assist please contact the Little Braxted Parish Clerk (email: littlebraxtedpc@hotmail.com tel: 01376520103)

Saturday 14th September WICKHAM BISHOPS JAZZ CLUB presents

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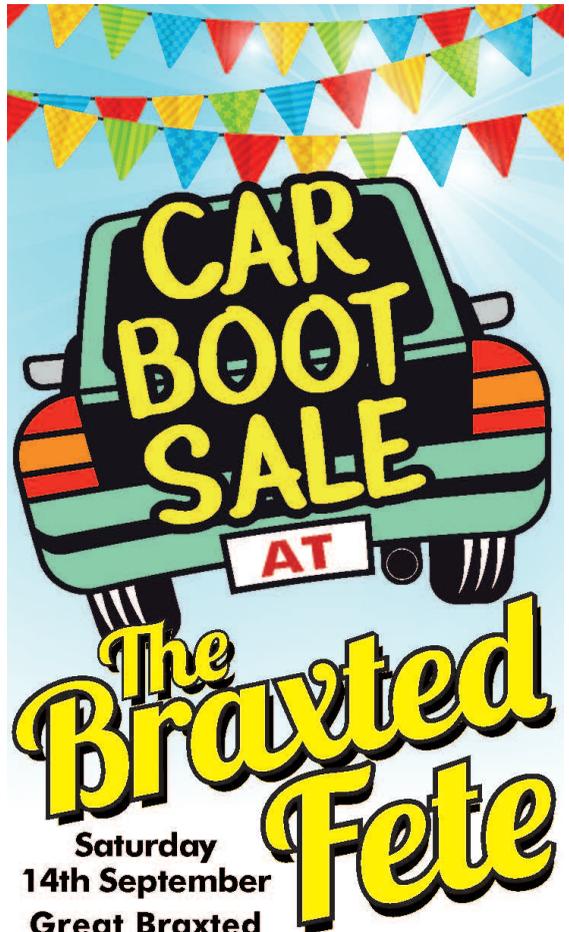
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Which machines are potentially a risk?
Millions of machines under its Hotpoint,
Indesit, Creda, Swan and Proline brands
were identified as requiring a fix to
make them safe to operate.

What to do if you have one
Whirlpool urged anyone with an
unmodified machine to contact them.



Saturday
14th September
Great Braxted
Cricket Field

Gates open 11.30am
Sellers entry from 10.30am

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BRAXTED GOLF COMPETITION



It is that time of the year again! This annual event will be held on SATURDAY 28th September 2019 at Braxted Park Golf Club, when we can compete for various prizes: the two original shields plus 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. 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 a usual weekend green fee. For an entry form or any 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

ESSEX LIBRARIES TO REMAIN OPEN FOR FIVE YEARS Radical changes to Libraries Strategy announced

During Essex County Council's (ECC) Full Council meeting on Tuesday 9 July, Essex County Council's Leader Cllr David Finch announced radical changes to the libraries strategy, including the **commitment that no library will close for five years.**

Addressing ECC members before the final strategy is published next week Cllr Finch acknowledged that we have listened to what communities said they wanted and needed.

Next Monday ECC will publish its final libraries strategy for approval at Cabinet on 23 July. The strategy has been finalised following a comprehensive consultation on the draft strategy. The consultation took place between November 2018 and January 2019.

There was a significant response to the consultation with over 21,000 responses, over 1000 letters and over 50 petitions received. Respondents made it clear that libraries are not just about books or computers – but that they are spaces too for people to meet, learn and exchange ideas.

The new strategy focuses on two key elements:

- Developing an investment plan to improve libraries
- Work with and support community groups or other partners to set up community run libraries, with the aim of ensuring a library service is retained in every current location.



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Space Chase, Summer Reading Challenge 2019

Essex Libraries and The Reading Agency are excited to introduce Space Chase, Summer Reading Challenge 2019; an out-of-this-world adventure inspired by the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing.

The challenge runs from Saturday 20 July to Monday 2 September in all Essex libraries and mobile libraries.

Children will be challenged to read six books to help our super space family track down books nabbed by mischievous aliens! As they read library books, they'll solve clues and collect special stickers to complete their mission folder. If they complete the challenge and read all six books they earn their Space Chase certification and medal. Can they find the aliens in time to save the day?

Children can read any library book of their choice; fiction, non-fiction or picture books and Sensory Story Boxes, which they can share with parents and carers – they all count. The under threes are not forgotten with a special version of Space Chase just for them.

The Summer Reading Challenge is delivered by libraries and produced by The Reading Agency. It is open to all children, free of charge.

Keep up to date with this year's Summer Reading Challenge by following us on Facebook or Twitter.

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NEXTDOOR LETTER SCAM

The website mentioned in the letter received recently through many peoples doors does exist, but it remains a mystery why they tried to legitimise addressing this to the villages by using the name Maurice Blik a local resident, that knew nothing of this letter or website.

Maurice & Debra have said "We have been shocked by this very bizarre act, the letter is not from Maurice, and he has attempted to contact the so called 'Next Door' platform to find out what they're up to and who the perpetrator is. So far, he has had no response."

We sincerely hope that people have not been misled by this, and are very distressed that it has happened.

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Science Day

What a fabulous success the Great Totham Primary School's Science Day was! A big thank you to all who made this day possible including teachers and teaching assistants, parent helpers and of course the PTFA who generously funded the event.

Our visitors who ran the workshops were really impressed with our school especially with how welcoming and engaged with the activities the children (and grown-ups!) were.



From animatronic dinosaurs, CSI in the cabin, the whole universe in the hall, popping rockets and boats powered by soap, everyone took something away from the day and were well and truly stuck in with science, and we quote, it was 'Epic.'

'Overall, the day was an amazing way to celebrate science and I would love to have more days like it. After all, where would we be without science?' Martha, Year 6



Sports Day

Thank you for all those who came to support the children during our Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Sports Days. Birch were crowned the winners in both the KS1 and KS2 events.

The children demonstrated determination and sportsmanship throughout and were well supported by friends and family. Well done to all!



Dates for the Diary

Friday 27th September 2019 – Golf Day Forrester Park

Please contact the school office for further details



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- Look around the area and see if there is anyone obviously looking for their lost pet.
- Report to the local council (dog warden); it is the law and they may already have had the dog reported as missing. You can find details of your local dog warden on-line here: www.gov.uk/report-stray-dog
- 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
- 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 and share on Social Media such as Facebook / Twitter, local DogLost pages and groups.
- You can also print posters from this dog's page using the **View Poster** button and put up around the area that he / she was found. Don't forget to laminate in case it rains.
- If you can, put Posters in local shops, pubs, garages, supermarkets; everywhere that there are a lot of people. Spread the word to try to find the owners . . .

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VILLAGE ACTIVITIES IN BRAXTED PAVILION & GROUNDS

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Monday **U3A Bridge Group** 09.30 am, - 12.30 pm (Ken Hornett 891424)

Metafit [keep fit] 6:30pm – 9pm. *Lisa Brand*
01621 893720

Tuesday **Whist Club**, 7pm every 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month from October to April. *Roy Copsey*01621 892697

Wednesday **Pilates Class** 4:30pm - 5:30pm. *Maureen Barnes*
07718741362

Thurs& Sat **Dog Club** Thursday 09:30am-1:30pm, 1st Saturday of the month (Excl Jan), from 10am. *Diane Sawford* 01621 893664

Friday **Braxted Art Club** 12pm-5pm. *David Joyce*01621 891241

Pop-Up Pub, bring drinks & nibbles, all welcome, £1 a head, *every second Friday evening of the month from April-December*

Saturday **Braxted Bombers Keep Fit** (outdoors when weather good) 8.30am -9.30am. Terry Martin 07976617534

Misc **Parish Council and Pavilion Committee** Meetings (details in Bulletin)
Home school intermittently some weekday Wednesday's

The cost of the Pavilion is £25 or £10 for residents of Great and Little Braxted.

