

The Braxted Bulletin

JULY 2019



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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 Tuesday
2nd July, 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:, TBC

All members of the public are welcome to attend

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

CHURCH NEWS, JULY 2019

Many thanks to those who came to the very successful Choral Evensong at St Nicholas Church in June. It was a great evening with an expanded choir and a visiting organist and the drinks and nibbles rounded off the evening a treat. Plans for next years 900th Anniversary proceed slowly; in addition to the Bishop taking the service in September we have Dr James Betley delivering a lecture on the work of Rev Ernest Geldart in July and we hope to have a return visit from the choir of Corpus Christi College Cambridge following their very successful weekend visit last year.

Watch this space! The July services for the combined Parish are below; of particular interest is the monthly Parish Communion Service at St Nicholas at 9.00am on the 21st July (the usual 3rd Sunday of the month) preceded by the monthly mid-week Communion Service on Wednesday 17th at 10.15am in St Mary's Chapel on the side of Little Braxted Place (opposite the Green Man).

Messy Church for our 'younger' members is a Sports event at Wickham Bishops with a BBQ on 7th July at 4.00pm - all ages welcome! Messy Church will resume in September. Please note "The Open Door" at St Nicholas; the church is unlocked and open daily through the dedication of a couple of wonderful ladies for any passing visitors. Please sign the Visitors book.

CHURCH SERVICES FOR JULY, AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S except where shown

MONDAY 1st	8.30 am	Parish Prayers at the start of the month
WEDNESDAY 3rd	10.15 am	Holy Communion
SUNDAY 7th	Trinity 3	
8.00am	Holy Communion,	10.30am Parish Eucharist,
4.00pm	Messy Church –	Sports Event on the field
WEDNESDAY 10th	10.15 am	Holy Communion
SUNDAY 14th	Trinity 4	
8.00 am	Holy Communion,	10.30 am BHCT Service in Great Totham Village Hall
WEDNESDAY 17th	10.15 am	Holy Communion at St Mary's Chapel Little Braxted
SUNDAY 21st	Trinity 5	
9.00 am	Parish Eucharist at St Nicholas Little Braxted	
10.30 am	Morning Praise in the Church Hall	
WEDNESDAY 24th		
10.15 am	Holy Communion	
SUNDAY 28th	Trinity 6	
8.00 am	Holy Communion (1662)	
10.30 am	Parish Eucharist	
WEDNESDAY 31st	10.15 am	Holy Communion

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

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



ALL SAINTS GREAT BRAXTED

CHURCH NEWS JULY 2019

The joint fete of Great and Little Braxted will be on Saturday 14th September at the Braxted pavilion and field. The first meetings have been held and a lot more to follow – watch the Braxted Bulletin. 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 call Dick Collins {893136}

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

SUNDAY	30th June	Communion 2 at 11.15 am
		Followed by a BAPTISM at 12.30 pm
SUNDAY	7th July	Family Service at 11.15 am
SATURDAY	13th July	WEDDING at 2.30 pm
SUNDAY	14th July	Communion at 11.15 am
SATURDAY	20th July	WEDDING at 1 pm
SUNDAY	21st July	Matins (morning service) at 11.15 am
SUNDAY	28th July	Communion at 11.15 am
SUNDAY	4th August	Family Service at 11.15am

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 JULY

This month is sees Buckingham palace open it's doors to the public for the summer, the Wimbledon Tennis tournament and of course the start of the school holidays.

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:

6th July vs St Johns Billericay 2

20th July vs Bentley 3

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 the... please contact their Chairman Richard Dickenson

[07799118829 / rw dickenson@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 16th JULY at 8pm – Venue: Braxted
Pavilion



We need enthusiastic volunteers for our 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 without doubt one of the highlights of village life in the Braxteds. 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) 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)



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www.essexrcc.org.uk/Our_work_with_Communities/Community_Agents_Essex.aspx



Maldon Cycling Club host introductory rides around district



RESIDENTS can try a bit of bike-riding thanks to this cycling club.

Maldon Cycling Club are hosting Led Rides, which welcome cyclists all ages and abilities to join in an evening circuit around Maldon District.

The club generally meets at the Saints Football Club Hut in Promenade Park.

A spokesman said: "Cycling is already one of the fastest growing sports in the UK and with our encouragement we want to help people understand the thrill of getting back in the saddle."

"We want to get more people healthier, fitter and happier.

Our introductory led rides are small group cycle rides designed to get everyone cycling regularly in a fun and informal way."

"These are rides led by British Cycling and CTC trained ride leaders, who will guide participants along the route, and provide tips and advice on cycle safety and skills."

"Rides vary from beginners to more experienced cyclists, so you can pick a level to suit your skills and enjoyment."

"Whatever level you choose, you'll be riding on safe routes, with your ride leaders. If you haven't dusted off your bike for a while, they'll happily check it over for you.

An introductory led ride is about as much fun as you can have on two wheels."

Rides will last up to 1.5 hours and cover ten to 12 miles.

The rides will continue every Monday until August 19 and excludes Bank Holidays.

For more details and to register, contact Chris Ridley at leadrider@madcc.org.uk

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



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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.

Come along and join at Wickham Bishops Library, our opening hours are Monday & Wednesday 2-6pm Saturday 9-1pm

A guide to
Taking Your Dog In The Car

- 
34% of drivers fail to restrain pet passengers
- 
One in 10 drivers allow their pets to sit in the front seat of the car
- 
64% of drivers are unaware that they can get a fine if a pet in a car is unrestrained
- 
UK drivers are risking a fine of up to £2,500
- 
An unrestrained pet could earn drivers nine points on their licence
- 
Driving with an unrestrained pet can invalidate your car insurance

PET OF THE MONTH



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, and the best will be done to include this in The Bulletin, in the months to come.

I am Moe I am three months old and I live with Lesley and Bill in Little Braxted. Hopefully see you out and about now I have started my walks.



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By Matthew Ruffle

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Fred is babysitting a new set of baby ducklings



Fred, the resident dog at Mountfitchet Castle, Stansted, is now looking after new ducklings who were abandoned by their mother just days after they were born.

Fred, who turns 12 in August, spent much of last summer nurturing motherless ducklings, who took a shine to him and followed him everywhere he went.

Fred's owner Jeremy Goldsmith said: "These newly born ducklings were only born recently. They were part of a large group, but it was too many for the mother so she left them behind."

Mr Goldsmith added: "Fred is a lovely natured dog and is so good with them. When he comes in at night the ducklings come with him. They all sleep together in the hallway."

"He has taken to fatherhood like a duck to water."

'Unplug it immediately' - is your tumble dryer one of 500,000 to be a 'fire risk'?

Whirlpool tumble dryer recalls - 500,000 could be at 'fire risk'

Whirlpool has been informed the Government intends to serve a recall notice over concerns that an estimated 500,000 unmodified tumble dryers pose a potential fire risk.

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.

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Designer looks at high street prices

Upstairs at The Emporium,
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The advertisement features a photograph of a clothing store display. In the foreground, several hats are arranged on a dark table, including a red hat, a blue hat, and a plaid hat. Behind the hats, there are mannequin heads wearing various styles of hats and necklaces. The background shows racks of clothing in a store setting.



"Our children are our greatest treasure. They are our future" Nelson Mandela

"Reforming education in South Africa could reduce inequality of opportunity, boost growth" – World Bank 2019

It Starts with Education

Support for Yomelelani from local residents has been wonderful over the past year and this is much appreciated by both the staff and the trustees.

Yomelelani is a community pre-school project located in Zwelihle, a township on the outskirts of Hermanus, near Cape Town. Aged 5 or less, the majority of the school's children are orphans or from one parent families. Classified as an ECDC (Early Childhood Development Centre) some remarkable events have been experienced over the last few years and your support has made this possible.

A local fishery company (Aqunion) in 2015 offered to rebuild the dilapidated buildings allowing the school to more than double in size from 60 to 155 children. It is now the largest ECDC in Zwelihle which has a population of around 50,000. The Government Grant only covers 30% of the school's nutrition and wage costs, fees another 19%. With total costs this year estimated at around £70,000, that leaves a £35,000 shortfall to be covered by donations.

The Yomelelani Trust, which we set up 3 years ago as a UK registered charity (Reg.No.1161202), was an attempt to raise funds to cover the shortfall. Donations have appeared from many places such as **St Bartholomews Church in Wickham Bishops, All Saints Church Orpington, and Purley Rotary Club**. Fund raising events have included a summer vegetable stall at Chudleigh Village church in Devon, **a bridge day in Wickham Bishops, and a musical evening at Coggeshall church**. Additionally several generous individual donations have been received. Thanks to you all, we have managed annually to bridge the gap so far.

Is it all worthwhile? The Chairman of the Yomelelani Management Committee is also the Head of the local Primary school to which nearly all of our children progress. What is exciting is that all of the Yomelelani children move to the top of their respective classes and we now hear that one of the first pupils to leave the Primary school has won a bursary to a mixed Secondary school. An amazing achievement for an orphan child from a very deprived background. More will soon follow.

More than two decades have passed since the end of Apartheid but now, through education, we are starting to realise how the 'seismic' shift required to bring about a more equal society can be realised.

Yomelelani children are the founder members of that trend.

Please see our website www.yomelelani.co.za for the full story of Yomelelani. You can receive our Newsletter by inserting your name and email address at the bottom of the front page. Thank you for any support you are able to give.

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PTFA Sponsored Walk

Saturday 11th May saw 75 walkers (and their support crews!) participate in our annual sponsored walk. The event is great fun and helps to raise funds to support the children's opportunities in school.



Year 4 – Gunpowder Mills

Just before half term, Year 4 had a school trip to the Royal Gunpowder Mills. We travelled back in time to World War II. We learnt lots about the war. There was someone pretending to be a spy and we had to work out who it was. Everyone enjoyed themselves and had a great day out.

Written by Emma, Holly M and Lucy



Year 6 – Bike-ability

In the last few weeks, we have been learning how to ride our bikes safely in Year 6; you may have seen us around Great Totham! We have been completing our Bike-ability courses; it included a range of challenges to ensure we are safe using our bikes on the road. On the first day, we stayed on our playground completing a

number of obstacles and learning techniques so we could apply them on the roads the following day. On day 2, on the roads, we learnt many new skills including: how to complete a U-turn, how to sensibly turn into the roads and how to enter a main road from a minor road. It was great fun and we have picked up lots of new skills that will help us play safely around the village. *Written by Amelie and Henry*

Dates for the Diary

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

Friday 27th September 2019 – Golf Day Forrester Park

Please contact the school office for further details



If you FIND a dog . . .

- 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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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*

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.

