

# Neighbourhood Coronavirus Support Network (NCSN)



We are working closely with, and taking referrals from:

- Maldon & District CVS
- Essex Welfare Service
- Farleigh Hospice
- Community Agents Essex

Please contact us on **07791 397160** if you or a self isolating/shielding family member could use some support. Our volunteers are waiting · If you want to volunteer with NCSN please complete this short registration form: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CHZXQ3T>

## VILLAGE INFORMATION

### Clerks to the Parish Councils:

Great Braxted Sarah Gaeta 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 or 0300 333 4444

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### Responsibility for Essex Highways:

Essex County Council 0845 603 7631

### Library Information:

#### Wickham Bishops Library

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## Next Parish Councils

**Great Braxted** The next meeting of the Gt Braxted PC - 2nd July 8pm

Email: [greatbraxtedpc@gmail.com](mailto:greatbraxtedpc@gmail.com)  
Website: <https://e-voice.org.uk/greatbraxtedparishcouncil/>

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

The next dates are: To be confirmed Email:  
[littlebraxtedpc@hotmail.com](mailto:littlebraxtedpc@hotmail.com)

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## WELCOME TO JULY

In regard to the subject of the CoronaVirus and isolation, the governments lockdown announced on the 23rd March, means that this edition of The Bulletin, will only be distributed via email and the Braxteds Facebook groups.

If you know anyone that does not access Facebook, or would like a copy emailed to them, please let me know at [lee.kane01@hotmail.com](mailto:lee.kane01@hotmail.com)

I hope you and your family all remain well, during this worrying time.

## WELCOME TO BRAXTED

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

## BRAXTED RESIDENTS FACEBOOK GROUPS



Those interested, in local updates, including stories found in the Braxted bulletin and other local issues, please feel free to join the following Facebook groups , **by either** searching for 'Great Braxted Residents' or using the below link for Great Braxted, or requesting to join 'Little Braxted' group via Facebook message to Ali Aldi. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1637978482902828/>

## GREAT BRAXTED PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

<https://e-voice.org.uk/greatbraxtedparishcouncil/>

The above referenced website is updated by our parish clerk, and includes local information, including planned road closures, as well as news from Maldon District council including campaigns, news and bulletins.

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# ST NICHOLAS, CHURCH LITTLE BRAXTED

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

With some easing for public services we are resuming the 10.30am Service of Holy Communion Sundays in St. Bartholomew's Church starting on the 26th July 2020. The first part of the Service will also be streamed via Face Book Live as happens now. Numbers for this service will be limited to 36 maximum taking into account required social distancing. More details of how we plan to adhere to the guidelines and safely manage expectations will appear in notices and the Pew Sheet over the coming weeks. The guidelines received from the Government also indicate that those over 70 remain in the vulnerable bracket and are advised not to attend public worship services.

Still under discussion is our ability to re-open St Nicholas for either private prayer or public services under the guidelines. For the present time and until further clarification or relaxation of the guidelines St Nicholas will remain closed. However St Bartholomew's will be open for private and individual prayer on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2.00pm to 4.00pm until further advised.

Our 'Zoom' on-line prayer meetings on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays continue to be well 'attended' and give participants a chance to join in or, if they prefer simply to just 'attend'. If you want to join, it is quite a simple process but you need to let me know so that I can add your email address to the invitation list.

The Sunday Service 'script' as well as the weekly Pew Sheet, double the usual size, with the Collect and Readings for the day and other information about other podcast or online services is available on our Website to read or download.

This continues to be a challenging time for all of us so may we assure you of our love and prayers; that we are thinking of you. We look forward to making the house of God a 'home' again!

Rev. Hilary

SUNDAY 5	<b>Trinity 4</b>
10.30 am	Sunday Service on <a href="#">FaceBook Live</a>
SUNDAY 12	<b>Trinity 5</b>
10.30 am	Sunday Service on <a href="#">FaceBook Live</a>
SUNDAY 19	<b>Trinity 6</b>
10.30 am	Sunday Service on <a href="#">FaceBook Live</a>
SUNDAY 26	<b>Trinity 7</b>
10.30 am	Holy Communion St Bartholomew's Church
	Also on Face Book Live

MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS and FRIDAYS

10.15 am **ZoomPrayers** (please email [revhilary@btinternet.com](mailto:revhilary@btinternet.com) if you wish to be part of this

Sunday Service Orders of Service, prayers and sermons are posted on the parish website.  
<https://www.churchinwickhambishops.org.uk/>

Priest-in-charge	Rev Hilary Le Sève	01621 892867
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## ALL SAINT'S GREAT BRAXTED CHURCH NEWS JULY 2020

We are delighted to tell you that our church will be re-opening for Sunday services on 5th July at our usual time of 11.15 am. Social distancing and hygiene measures will be in place. Unfortunately, we don't think we will be allowed to sing.

Weddings and funerals can now take place in church with limited numbers. We are awaiting further guidance on whether baptisms can take place.

Our last Sunday service on Zoom will be on 28th June, but the Thursday service will continue for a couple more weeks. Check the website [www.thurstablewinstreechurches.org](http://www.thurstablewinstreechurches.org) for up to date details. It is a fast moving situation and changes are likely to happen soon. The pandemic and the restrictions mean that churches' income is severely reduced as there are no fees and fund raising events cannot take place. The Big Band concert planned for June was cancelled; there will be no fete and quiz this year and the golf day in September is at risk.

Services this month are

- Sunday 5th July FAMILY SERVICE at 11.15 am
- Sunday 12th July COMMUNION at 11.15 am
- Sunday 19th July MATINS at 11.15 am
- Sunday 26th July COMMUNION at 11.15 am

### Contacts:

Rector	Revd. Anne-Marie Renshaw	01621 815260
Churchwardens	Mike Puttick	01621 816830
	Toni Curson	01621 819149
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Website:	<a href="http://www.tk-tiptree-braxted-benefice.org.uk">www.tk-tiptree-braxted-benefice.org.uk</a>	

### School News

We were delighted to welcome back so many of our Year R, 1 and 6 children as well as the children of critical key workers at the beginning of June. To hear the sound of children playing and have the school filled with laughter and smiles again has been wonderful. However, we continue to miss the other children and can't wait to see them again.



#### **Learning Fun**

The children in the critical key workers class are continuing to enjoy a range of exciting lessons, one of the most recent themes was the ocean.

Here are some examples of the children's fabulous under water artwork.



#### **Outdoor Classroom**

The building is up and the landscaping is nearly complete which means our new outdoor classroom will soon be ready for the children to enjoy using.

#### **Fundraising Superstar**

We were so proud to hear that Saskia, one of our Year 3 pupils, has been busy making wooden plaques with personalised messages. She has currently raised £336 which she will be donating to Mid Essex Hospitals to support their work. Well done Saskia!



#### **Wickham Bishops Scarecrow Week**

The staff enjoyed spotting the various scarecrows on their way into school, dotted all around our neighbouring village. It was a pleasure to support this event by hosting a competition to design the posters for what has been a successful first ever Scarecrow week. It was wonderful to see a scarecrow wearing a Great Totham Primary School uniform!



## Message from District Councillor

In the budget speech presented by the leader of Essex County Council, it was announced that every county councillor would be given a sum of money that could be awarded to projects in their respective divisions. Despite the considerable financial strain that the county council is experiencing with the Covid 19 pandemic, these funds are still available.

Every division has been allocated £10,000 for the year 2020/21 and it is my intention to spend this amount before the end of the calendar year. Clearly there are some criteria for the fund that need to be satisfied, but in the main, the decision where the money is awarded is down to the member. The guidance suggests that there are three main ways where the money can be spent. 1. making a grant to a registered charity, parish council, community or voluntary body. 2. buying goods or services. 3. Commissioning services from ECC.

There are of course several areas where the money may not be spent, for example to an organisation that the councillor has an interest, any political use or any profit making organisations etc.

I am therefore seeking bids for this funding from parish councils and other qualifying bodies in my division. I am open to any proposal that qualifies for any sum up to and including £10,000. It would be nice to spread the money across the division, but I am willing to look at all requests.

There is not a formal application form, but ideally I would like a short description of each request giving details about the project, who will benefit from the grant and the amount being applied for. I would like to receive applications by 1st September so that I can make the decisions and submit my bid to the Democracy Team at ECC. This should enable the grants to be paid by the end of 2020.

CLlr Mark Durham

## **THE ESSEX WELFARE SERVICE**

**0300 303 9988**

**[provide.essexwelfareservice@nhs.net](mailto:provide.essexwelfareservice@nhs.net)**

### **OPENING HOURS**

**MON - FRI, 8AM - 7PM**

**SAT - SUN, 10AM - 2PM**

**THE ESSEX WELFARE SERVICE IS THERE TO HELP YOU FIND AND ACCESS SUPPORT DURING THE COVID-19 CHALLENGE. IF YOU NEED SUPPORT WITH ADVICE, DAILY LIVING TASKS AND WELLBEING, PLEASE CONTACT US.**

## **PLEASE DO NOT REPLY TO THIS MESSAGE.**

If you or someone you know is vulnerable and has been a victim of fraud, please call Essex Police on 101.

Report fraud or attempted fraud by contacting Action Fraud at [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk) or call 0300 123 2040.

## **NHS TRACK AND TRACE**

With the development of Track and Trace, many people have been asking for advice around how this works.

Please find below the official advice from the [GOV.UK website](https://www.gov.uk) on how the system works and advice on how to avoid being the victim of any possible scams as a result of the implementation of this system.

### **When we contact you**

If the NHS test and trace service contacts you, the service will use text messages, email or phone.

All texts or emails will ask you to sign into the [NHS test and trace contact-tracing website](https://www.nhs.uk/track-and-trace).

If NHS test and trace calls you by phone, the service will be using a single phone number: 0300 013 5000.

All information you provide to the NHS test and trace service is held in strict confidence and will only be kept and used in line with the Data Protection Act 2018.

### **Contact tracers will:**

- call you from 0300 013 5000
- send you text messages from 'NHS'
- ask for your full name and date of birth to confirm your identity, and postcode to offer support while self-isolating
- ask if you are experiencing any coronavirus symptoms
- provide advice on what you must do as you have been in contact with someone who has tested positive for coronavirus

### **Contact tracers will never:**

- ask you to dial a premium rate number to speak to us (for example, those starting 09 or 087)
- ask you to make any form of payment or purchase a product of any kind
- ask for any details about your bank account
- ask for your social media identities or login details, or those of your contacts
- ask you for any passwords or PINs, or ask you to set up any passwords or PINs over the phone
- disclose any of your personal or medical information to your contacts
- provide medical advice on the treatment of any potential coronavirus symptoms
- ask you to download any software to your PC or ask you to hand over control of your PC, smartphone or tablet to anyone else
- ask you to access any website that does not belong to the government or NHS

For the full guidance/information please check the GOV.UK website - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-test-and-trace-how-it-works>

### **Remember our advice**

If in doubt use the A, B, C of scam awareness:

A- Never **Assume** a caller, email or text is genuine.

B- Never **Believe** a caller, email or text is genuine.

C- Always **Confirm** by contacting a trusted number, family member, friend, your bank's fraud department or the police to check if it's genuine.

'Tell2, protect many' is a communication initiative that empowers you to spread crime prevention messages to others in your life, who otherwise may never know.

Start with 'tell2' and ask them to do the same. It starts with YOU!

## Farleigh Hospice launches Walk for Life 2020

On Sunday 11th October the residents of mid Essex are being invited to dust off their walking boots and join Farleigh Hospice for the charity's annual Walk for Life 2020!

Walkers can choose between two scenic routes taking in the peaceful towpaths of the Chelmer and Blackwater Navigation: a leisurely 12km ramble from Paper Mill Lock, or a more challenging 24km from Heybridge Basin. Dogs are also welcome to join in the fun!

Dominique Brunning, Fundraising Manager for Farleigh Hospice said: "Walk for Life has been running for 27 years and its popularity has grown year on year. On the day you will enjoy a beautiful walk along the picturesque waters of mid Essex, crossing six bridges and passing 11 locks. It's a fantastic opportunity to enjoy the spring air, get fit and help raise money for your local hospice. All the money raised from this event will go towards helping people living with a life-limiting illness or bereavements, across mid-Essex, free of charge.

"Nature and wildlife is at the heart of this beautiful walk and that is why we have been working hard to make this event as eco-friendly as possible. From environmentally sourced promotional materials, wooden medals to no longer using plastic water bottles and encouraging our regular supporters to reuse their Walk for Life t-shirts. We want to protect the very environment that makes this event so special!"

There is a £20 registration fee for adults and £8 for under 18s (under 16's must be accompanied by an adult). All walkers will receive a t-shirt, walker number and a medal.

To register visit [www.farleighhospice.org/walk](http://www.farleighhospice.org/walk) or call Farleigh Hospice Events team on 01245 457354.

**NOTE:** *In regard to the events mentioned above and on the next few pages, due to the current situation in the UK, please refer to event organisers, before attending any event, to ensure that events are still going ahead!*



# Walk for Life



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## VILLAGE ACTIVITIES IN BRAXTED PAVILION & GROUNDS

Lettings Officer & Key Holder: Yvonne Hunter 892034

**NOTE:** Several of the below regular activities have been suspended including, The Whist Club, The Bridge Group, The Art Club and Parish Council meetings, all separately decided to close for the time being. This is in line with government recommendations. There may be others that hold activities within the pavilion building, so please check with organisers before attending.

The pavilion itself will be subject to daily checks to ensure it is OK and things such as maintenance, cleaning, decorating and the like will continue, as these do not involve "gatherings" of more than a very few people

<b>Monday</b>	<b>U3A Bridge Group</b> 09.30 am, - 12.30 pm (Ken Hornett 891424)  <b>Metafit [keep fit]</b> 6:30pm – 9pm. <i>Lisa Brand 01621 893720</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Whist Club</b> , 7pm every 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month from October to April. <i>Roy Copsey 01621 892697</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Pilates Class</b> 4:30pm - 5:30pm. <i>Maureen Barnes 07718741362</i>
<b>Thurs&amp; Sat</b>	<b>Dog Club</b> Thursday 09:30am-1:30pm, 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month (Excl Jan), from 10am. <i>Diane Sawford 01621 893664</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Braxted Art Club</b> 12pm-5pm. <i>David Joyce 01621 891241</i>  <b>Pop-Up Pub</b> , bring drinks & nibbles, all welcome, £1 a head, <i>every second Friday evening of the month from April-December</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Braxted Bombers Keep Fit</b> (outdoors when weather good) 8.30am -9.30am. Terry Martin 07976617534
<b>Misc</b>	<b>Parish Council and Pavilion Committee</b> Meetings (details in Bulletin) <b>Home school</b> intermittently some weekday Wednesday's

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

