

The Braxted Bulletin

JUNE 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
July 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
JUNE 2019

Summer Fayre

Saturday 8th June 2019

12.00-3.00pm St Bartholomew's Church (CM8 3LA)

St Nicholas' (CM8 3EU)

Sunday 9th June	4.00 pm	Choral Evensong for Pentecost followed by wine and refreshments
Sunday 16th June (Trinity Sunday)	9.00 am	Holy Communion

St Mary's Chapel (Braxted Place CM8 3LD)

Wednesday 19th June	10.15am	Holy Communion
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Events of interest:

Saturday the 8th of June will see the bi-annual Rectory Fayre on the field next to the Rectory in Wickham Bishops - the excitement starts at midday.

9th June there will be a special Choral Evensong at 4.00pm at St Nicolas, Little Braxted followed by drinks and nibbles. The choir look forward to lots of support.

This year sees the **899th Anniversary of the founding of St Nicholas church**...that means special events are planned for the year, including a special Service led by the Bishop of Chelmsford...watch out for more announcements.

(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 JUNE 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 every two years and it [hopefully] raises a lot of money for the two churches and also 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!

No weddings this month but several in July and August

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

SUNDAY 2nd June Family Service at 11.15am

including a Celebration of Baptism

SUNDAY 9th June PENTECOST Communion at 11.15 am

SUNDAY 16th June TRINITY Matins (Morning Service) at 11.15am

SUNDAY 23rd June Communion at 11.15 am

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

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

Campaign group, trying to save Wickham Bishops libraries launch "alternative" consultation

The **Save Our Libraries Essex** group have released an "alternative" survey asking the community if they wish to see their libraries go, as Katy Vargas of **Sole**, said the council's original consultation was "flawed". She added: "Our community consultation gives residents the chance to say if they want our 24 threatened libraries to remain open, run by professional staff, and publicly financed without these proposed cuts – a chance the council's survey never gave them.

"It also asks for ideas on how library usage can be encouraged – something the Council didn't seem interested in. "It removes the Council's gag and allows people to make positive suggestions for the future of our libraries."

Essex County Council responded to the claims from Sole that its survey did not give residents a chance to put across their view.

A spokesman said: "Essex County Council consulted on the draft libraries strategy for 12 weeks, receiving over 21,000 responses.

"This was the official route for people to have their say. "The consultation is now closed and the results are being analysed. "All responses, including the petitions from Sole will be considered before any decisions are made. "No decisions about any library has or will be made until the County Council Cabinet considers the final strategy in the summer."

The consultation closes on June 11, where the group will display their findings to Essex County Council on June 18. The survey can be found by typing the following into your internet browser address bar, <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CN7CQRF>



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WELCOME TO JUNE

This month is the Queens official birthday on the 8th June and Fathers day on the 16th June.

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:

8th June vs Broomfield 2

22nd June vs Rayleigh 5

29th June (2nd team) vs St Andrews 1

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 then please contact their Chairman Richard Dickenson

[07799118829 / rw dickenson@googlemail.com]

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GREAT BRAXTED PARISH COUNCIL.

ELECTIONS.

The election was uncontested and the 3 nominations – Mr Ken Hornett, Mr Iain Armstrong and Mr Craig Knapman were duly elected.

The Council usually has 5 members and at the recent meeting the Councillors agreed to co-opt 2 additional members. If any resident is interested in joining the Council as a co-opted member please contact the Clerk Sarah Mann or the Chairman Ken Hornett.

PARISH CLERK

VACANCY.

The Parish Council is seeking to recruit a new Clerk to replace Sarah Mann who will be retiring shortly after 18 years.

The post is part time and home based. The Council meets 6 times a year with occasional extra meetings where necessary. The main purpose of the job is to provide clerical and admin support to the Councillors. The responsibilities include taking minutes, correspondence, finance and maintaining the website. (I.T. equipment provided)

If interested please contact Ken Hornett (Tel# 891424 email: hornettk@hotmail.com) or Sarah Mann (Tel# 892821 email: sarahm66@btinternet.com) for an informal chat.

The Braxted Fete

**The next planning meeting is scheduled for:
Tuesday 11th JUNE 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).



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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)

Little Braxted Parish Council

Little Braxted Housing Project Dispelling the myths

Myth 1: No one in the village wants more housing

The Parish Plan Survey conducted during 2016, the findings of which were presented at a public meeting in January 2017, showed that **23 out of 37 responders wanted more development in the Parish** over the next 15 years. Some wanted just 1 to 2 properties while others wanted more than 15. Since the publication of the Plan at least one resident has submitted an application to build a new dwelling. The survey results put Myth 1 firmly to bed.

Myth 2: The project has been sprung on the village without warning or consultation

The results of the Parish Plan Survey, which was hand delivered to every house, have been available on the Council's website since 2017. The follow-up, independently conducted Housing Needs Survey took place during the same year and the findings were presented to a public meeting of the Parish Council in November 2017, and again have been available on the Council's website since that date.

All further discussions regarding the affordable housing scheme have been in Parish Council meetings, which are open to the public. The agendas and minutes containing the Council's decisions are not only available on the website but circulated to those residents signed up to receive them by email. There will be more consultation once the plans are more fully formed. Myth 2 is unfounded.

Myth 3: The development would lead to further large-scale development

The proposal would be considered by Maldon District Council an "exception" site under its Local Plan Policy H5 which clearly states: "Outside of the defined settlement boundaries and strategic growth areas, land which may not otherwise be considered appropriate for residential development may be released for a Rural Exception Scheme for affordable housing development where there is an identified need within that parish or community for affordable housing". Any future large-scale development would be solely dependent on two concurrent conditions; Maldon District Council failing to demonstrate to an independent Planning Inspector that it has a 5-year housing land allocation, and there being a landowner willing to sell their land.

Myth 4: Little Braxted's need for affordable housing can be accommodated in Wickham Bishops

Wickham Bishops' Housing Needs Survey resulted in the provision of affordable housing in the Snows Corner development. Once residents recognized that their aspirations were to become a reality, more residents in need came forward and a new Housing Needs Survey, conducted as part of Wickham Bishops' Neighbourhood Plan, has identified a need for further affordable housing. Rather than there being a surplus there is a shortfall.

Myth 5: You have chosen affordable housing to rent to the exclusion of other types of scheme

The Housing Needs Survey conclusions included:

“Analysing the need of the respondents, based on affordability and the information they have provided in the survey (omitting the children too young for us to determine projected need), we would suggest the remaining 3 respondents each require a 1 bed property for rent. **None of the respondents have sufficient savings to make purchasing on the open market achievable, despite 2 stating this as their preferred tenure.**”

The Government's National Planning Policy Guidance states that affordable housing for rent must meet all of the following conditions: (a) the rent is set in accordance with the Government's rent policy for Social Rent or Affordable Rent, or is at least 20% below local market rents (including service charges where applicable); (b) the landlord is a registered provider, except where it is included as part of a Build to Rent scheme (in which case the landlord need not be a registered provider); and (c) it includes provisions to remain at an affordable price for future eligible households, or for the subsidy to be recycled for alternative affordable housing provision.

Myth 6: Parish Councillors stand to make money from the project

Only one Parish Councillor has offered land for the project. The offer is to donate the land free of charge (other than professional fees). No monies will change hands between the landowner, the Housing Association or the Parish Council (and Councillors). Myth 6 is plain wrong.

Myth 7: The PC has pursued this project to the exclusion of its other work

Our minutes, publicly available on the website, demonstrate that during this period since the publication of the Parish Plan we have:

- a) Employed a litter picker to pick up litter from the verges on a weekly basis
- b) Provided a defibrillator and arranged its installation at The Green Man
- c) Arranged funding for the Village Fete
- d) Made representations about the impact of the quarry on road safety
- e) Secured funding towards the cost of refurbishing a bridge over the River Blackwater

We have also debated, investigated and pursued:

- f) The issue of speeding traffic and pedestrian safety
- g) Signposting to prevent HGVs using Witham Road to try to access the A12
- h) The extension of ultra-hi-speed broadband to parts of the Parish not otherwise connected to hi-speed broadband
- i) The demise and revival of “The Braxted Bulletin”
- j) The clearer definition of future traveler site policies in the Maldon District Local Plan
- k) The future of Wickham Bishops Library

Like the other myths, Myth 7 is unfounded.

LETTER TO CARAVAN PARK OWNER

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1

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2

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3

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R.I.P Charlie

WICKHAM BISHOPS JAZZ CLUB

Saturday 8th June

Wickham Bishops Jazz Club Presents
Simon Nelson and Dixiemix

Doors open 6.30 for 7.30 start until 10.45 p.m.
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Shut Heath Wood, one of the best places to see bluebells in Essex

Shut Heath Wood made it into one of the top ten places in Essex to see bluebells, according to The Maldon Standard, they went on to say "This quiet nature reserve located just below the crest of the Great Totham Ridge is entirely carpeted in bluebells and other spring flowers such as Cuckoo flower, Primrose, Dog Violet and Bugle.



Above left is Shut Heath Wood in early May, and above right is Pods Wood Tiptree

Are you interested in being a Summer Reading Challenge 2019 Volunteer?

Essex Libraries are looking for volunteers aged 14 or over to help children develop their enjoyment of reading through Space Chase, Summer Reading Challenge 2019.

Every year thousands of children across the county come to the library to take part in a fun reading activity during the summer holidays. The challenge is to read 6 books and their reward is stickers and a medal.

As a volunteer you'll help library staff to:

- Join children to the Summer Reading Challenge
- Talk to children (mainly aged 4 to 11) about their books
- Hand out stickers and rewards.

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We are looking for volunteers who can commit to a minimum of 18 hours from Saturday 20 July to Monday 2 September 2019.

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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
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Admission: Tickets for the talk are £15.00 and must be purchased in advance online at:

horatiosgarden.org.uk/braxted2019
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Admission to the National Garden Scheme Open Day is £6 for an adult, children go free.

VILLAGE ACTIVITIES IN BRAXTED PAVILION

Lettings Officer & Key Holder: Yvonne Hunter 892034

- Monday** **Metafit [keep fit]** 7pm – 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** 4:15pm. *Maureen Barnes* 07718741362
- Thurs& Sat** **Dog Club** Thursday 11:30am-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
- 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

