

The Braxted Bulletin

MAY 2019



VILLAGE INFORMATION

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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

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

The next dates are:,

14th May

All members of the public are welcome to attend

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

May 2019

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

Wednesday 15th May 10.15am Holy Communion

St Nicholas' (CM8 3EU)

Sunday 19th May 9.00 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 May 2019

Easter has been and gone and the weather is picking up despite a brief return to winter once we were in British Summer Time!

Schools are back and the children are now in the summer term, good luck to all those taking exams or tests.

The joint fete of Great and Little Braxted will be on Saturday 14th September at the Braxted pavilion and field. The first ad hoc meeting has 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.

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

SUNDAY 5th May Celebration of Marriage at 11.15 am
SUNDAY 12th May Communion 1 at 11.15 am
SUNDAY 19th May Matins (Morning Service) at 11.15am
SUNDAY 26th May **Rogation Service at Rivenhall**
 Followed by **BAPTISM** at 1 pm @ All Saints
THURSDAY 30th May Interment of ashes at All Saints at 12 noon
 NB Ascension Day Service at St Luke's at 8 pm
FRIDAY 31st May **WEDDING** at 1 pm
SUNDAY 2nd June Celebration of Baptism at 11.15 am

Contacts:

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WELCOME TO MAY

A month where we enjoy two bank holidays, this year May 6th & 27th, and some will also enjoy dancing around the Maypole. Here are a few other memorable dates for you to enjoy in May, Hug Your Cat Day May 3rd, Star Wars Day May the fourth, Clean up your room day May 10th.

WELCOME TO BRAXTED

Welcome to Pete and Becks who have moved into Buck House [behind the Du Cane House) from Witham. They have two cats. Best wishes to them and we hope they are settling in OK. 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.

DOG FOULING AT GREAT BRAXTED

A reminder for all dog owners to be more considerate to others, by using dog bags and the dog bins provided, or dog bags to be taken home if you do not pass a dog! 

CRICKET AT BRAXTED

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

Great Totham 3rd XI versus:

11th May vs Beaulieu Park 2

25th May vs Rankins 3

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 / rwickenson@googlemail.com]

REMINDER: PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS. 2ND MAY 2019

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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NORTHERN LIGHTS OVER WITHAM?

The below picture was taken at around 10pm on Saturday 6th April, looking toward Witham from Great Braxted, and the green light seen in the sky does not seem to have made the news, but all sorts of theories were expressed locally as to the reason, or source for the strange light, such as Aurora Borealis (although sometimes seen from the North Norfolk coastline, it has not been reported that the northern lights have been seen so far South), or perhaps an alien invasion or an attempt at contact from extra terrestrials !



A more likely explanation is that Tech company Huawei, brought the Northern Lights to London in a P30 Pro stunt, via artist Dan Archer who used high powered lasers and particle clouds to bring a man-made Aurora Borealis to the skies above the Tower of London, on the nights of 5th & 6th. Then again as I am not sure Tower Bridge is in the direction of the horizon facing Witham, maybe it was something else altogether and unexplained!!



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School News

Year 5 – Mayan Experience Day

On Monday 11th March, a descendant of the Mayans came to teach us all about this civilisation, and his name was Big Nose. Big Nose taught us lots of amazing information about the Maya, like how they sacrificed and why. He also showed us how to count to ten in Mayan; oo, car, ash, can, o wak, uk, washat, balong, la-oon. Big Nose brought in some Mayan chocolate, 90% cocoa! There were also some raw cocoa beans that 12 daring people tasted, as well as the teachers. He told us the story of how the Mayans believed that the world was created, and we all took part. Big Nose also gave us information cards, and we got to perform a drama scene. As well as that, he brought in loads of brilliant artefacts that we all got to sketch. We really enjoyed the day. *Written by Sophie, Y5*



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

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PETS OF THE MONTH

Below right you can see Mable, she took her time posing for this picture. She currently resides in Great Braxted, and enjoys taking her owner for long walks.



Above left is a picture of 'Luna' or looney as her owners like to call her at home. She is a lively little character, very loyal, protective and loving.

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.

WICKHAM BISHOPS JAZZ CLUB

Saturday 11th May

The Chicago Teddybears Society Jazz Band.

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.

£12.50 - No bar bring your own Drinks and Nibbles

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34-YEAR OLD CRISP PACKET FOUND

Ocean rower and marine police officer Dawn Wood, from Burnham, said she has been doing her bit to clean up the Essex coastline for more than a decade, she recently found a crisp packet dating back to 1985 in the water.

Tests in the River Blackwater found 15.1 pieces of tiny plastics per litre of water.

They used fluorescent lighting to identify particles less than 5mm in size such as fragments, fibres and film.

It's an example of how not looking after your property while enjoying the Essex coastline can result in the pollution of our oceans. Dawn found the crisp packet on the bank of the River Crouch near to a storm drain. It is in perfect condition other than the print has faded.



Dawn said "This goes to show just how long our plastic waste lasts. It's frightening that every piece of plastic ever produced since the 1950s still exists today. After time the plastic will break down forming tiny fragments called microplastics so it never actually goes away – it just breaks down into tiny bits.

"Next time you are at the beach, grab a handful of sand, look through it very carefully and you will almost certainly find tiny fragments of plastic. The microplastic causes a whole other issue as it attracts toxins which live on it. It is then eaten by smaller sea life and eventually gets into our food chain"

"In Essex, we have 400 miles of coastline and everyone needs to do their bit to protect it."

A guide to Taking Your Dog In The Car

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34% of drivers fail to restrain pet passengers
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One in 10 drivers allow their pets to sit in the front seat of the car
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64% of drivers are unaware that they can get a fine if a pet in a car is unrestrained
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UK drivers are risking a fine of up to £2,500
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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 . . .

Thank you for caring!!!



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Helpline **0844 800 3220** or **01633 673 859**

e-mail: admin@doglost.co.uk

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 1st & 3rd 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, 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)
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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
Braxted Park Road
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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.

