

VILLAGE INFORMATION

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Library Information:

Wickham Bishops Library

Wickham Bishops Library will re-open on Monday 20 July

Opening hours will be 2pm - 5pm on Mondays and Wednesdays, 9am

- 1pm on Saturdays.

Next Parish Councils

Great Braxted The next meeting of the Gt Braxted
PC - 17th September 8pm

Email: 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

All members of the public are welcome to
attend either PC meeting

WELCOME TO SEPTEMBER

This month the children should be on their way back to, or starting school, and it is officially the first month of Autumn in the UK.

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

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.

Retired electrician repairs broken electrical items and bicycles, then donates them to charity and the elderly .

Sean Boylan works in a charity shop in Colchester, so if you have any unwanted items of the above description, please contact him on 07936949230

This could be preferable to just taking your old stuff to the tip, as it could go to a good cause

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ST NICHOLAS, CHURCH LITTLE BRAXTED

In the Ecclesiastical Parish of Wickham Bishops with Little Braxted

St Nicholas:

- ❖ **Good News:** We have decided to re-open St Nicholas Church daily from 10.00am to 4.00pm for casual visitors and those wishing to come in for private devotions. Please take heed of the Special Notices relating to Covid-19 restrictions and care, including leaving contact details for potential tracing purposes (a Gov't requirement; details kept for 21 days only)
- ❖ In addition the 9.00am Holy Communion Service on the third Sunday will resume in September using the Book of Common Prayer (1662). Because of Social Distancing we can only accommodate a maximum of 18 worshippers and so, ask that you 'book a pew' with Elsie on 07960558587.

St Mary's Chapel

- ❖ The Chapel at Little Braxted Place will remain closed.

St Bartholomew's:

- ❖ We are pleased to be able to welcome worshippers to a 10.30am Sunday Communion service in St. Bartholomew's Church. Numbers for this service will be limited to 36 taking into account required social distancing. The first part will continue to be streamed on online on Face Book Live.
- ❖ There will be a weekly mid-week Communion Service at 10.00am on Wednesdays also streamed.
- ❖ St Bartholomew's will be open daily from 10.00am to 4.00pm for private prayer

The whole Parish

- ❖ For September the Zoom Prayer meeting will only take place on Fridays at 10.15am – do let me know if you wish to be included on the invite.
- ❖ 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. <https://www.churchinwickhambishops.org.uk/>
- ❖ **St B will be closed for part redecoration from the end of September so Harvest Festival Service on 4th October will be in the Hall** and numbers restricted even more so **bookable** 01621 892867. Although our doors are opening in a small way this continues to be a challenging time for us all, so may we assure you of our love and prayers; and that we are thinking of you. Keep safe! We look forward to making the house of God a 'home' again!

Rev. Hilary

SUNDAY 6 Trinity 13 10.30 am, Service of Holy Communion in St Bartholomew's also on Face Book Live

SUNDAY 13 Trinity 14 10.30 am, Service of Holy Communion in St Bartholomew's also on Face Book live

SUNDAY 20 Trinity 15 - 9.00 am, Service of Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) in **St Nicholas' Please book a Pew!** Phone 07960 558587 to book. (Numbers limited to 18)
10.30 am Sunday Praise Service in St Bartholomew's also on Face Book Live

SUNDAY 27 Trinity 16 10.30 am, Service of Holy Communion in St Bartholomew's also on Face Book live

OCTOBER 4 Harvest Festival Service at St Bartholomew. Please book a Pew with Rev. Hilary

WEDNESDAYS 10.00 am, Service of Holy Communion in St Bartholomew's also on Face Book live

FRIDAYS 10.15 am, Zoom Prayers (please email revhilary@btinternet.com if you wish to be part of this so we can send you the link)

Priest-in-charge Rev Hilary Le Sève **01621 891355**

Churchwardens Barry Cousins & Graham Wingrove 01621 891844 01621 892867 7

STRANGE BUT TRUE, *the following is a story courtesy of Maldon Standard*

Mystery seeds in the post': Warning issued after cases reported in the UK



Security fears have been sparked after numerous cases of people around the world reported receiving mysterious 'seed packages' with unknown contents.

Thousands of shipments of seeds are said to have arrived at homes in New Zealand, the US, Canada and Europe, with 100 cases in the UK.

The origin of the seeds is unknown, and this has sparked biosecurity fears among officials.

International investigations have been launched in order to uncover the source of the seeds, as well as to determine the reason they've been posted.

What do the seeds look like?

Photographs posted by recipients show that the packaging of the seeds varies, with some packages marked as containing a "toy", others bearing Chinese characters, and some marked as "rose stud" earrings - likely in order to evade security checks.

Alarmingly, the shipments are addressed to recipients by name, suggesting that there may have been a data breach.

The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) has asked recipients of the seeds not to plant them while it works out the source and nature of them.

In the UK, the Animal and Plant Health Agency (Apha) of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs is similarly investigating reports of the seeds.

An Apha spokesperson said: "Biosecurity is of vital importance and we have robust checks in place to protect our plants and wildlife, including for online plant sales. We are currently investigating packages of seeds marked as 'ear studs' sent to people in **the** UK. Anyone who has received such seeds should not plant them and instead report them to us."

Where have the seeds come from? The most likely explanation for the seeds is that they're collateral in a so-called 'brushing scam'.

A brushing scam occurs when people are sent items unsolicited by online sellers to generate a transaction and thus support fake reviews to boost their business or product.

Some officials fear that the seeds could be an invasive species, such as Japanese knotweed, intended to introduce disease, pathogens or otherwise compromise national security.

Where should any reports be made to?

Members of the public across the UK should report suspicious seeds to PlantHealth.Info@apha.gov.uk



ALL SAINT'S GREAT BRAXTED CHURCH NEWS SEPTEMBER 2020

We are pleased that churches have been able to reopen, albeit with some guidelines. We provide hand sanitization and social distancing. From 24th July face covering or masks are needed. We also take note of names and contact details for test and trace but do not keep this information or use it for anything else. Such details will be disposed of after 21 days.. Also, at present there is no singing of hymns but we can have music by the organ or recorded on CD or IPod.

It is with great sadness that we must report that Toni Curson one of our Churchwardens and a Wedding Verger passed away on 4th August. She was only 58 years old. Her funeral was held at All Saints on 24th August. Our thoughts and prayers are with her husband Peter and her children and the rest of the family and friends. May she rest in peace.

The pandemic and the restrictions mean that the churches income is severely reduced, as there are less collections and fees; fund raising events cannot take place. All churches are struggling financially. We are waiting for news regarding the new Bishop of Chelmsford possibly in October

Services this month are as follows:

Sunday 6th September FAMILY Service at 11.15am
Sunday 13th September Communion at 11.15am
Sunday 20th September MATINS at 11.15am
Sunday 27th September Communion at 11.15am

Contacts:

Rector	Revd. Anne-Marie Renshaw	01621 815260
Churchwardens	Mike Puttick	01621 816830
Admin Assistant	Christine Hall [office hours]	01621 819557
Website:	www.tk-tiptree-braxted-benefice.org.uk	

Warning over PayPal and Facebook scam -

RESIDENTS across Essex have been warned after a spike in reports of fraudsters using Facebook Messenger to carry out their scams.

Essex Trading Standards has issued the warning following a rise in incidents.

It sees the recipient get messages through Facebook Messenger from friends/family requesting to use their PayPal account.

The messages asks them to receive funds from the sale of items on eBay.

In June and July Action Fraud had 95 reports made to them, which specifically mention that the item sold was a camera.

An Essex Trading Standards spokesman said: "Messages are sent by fraudsters purporting to be friends/family stating that they have sold a camera on eBay but that they are unable to process the payment as they either do not have a PayPal account or because their PayPal account is not working.

"The request is that the message recipient receives the funds into their own PayPal account, then, after transferring it into their own bank account, they forward it onto an account controlled by the fraudster.

"If the victim agrees the payment is transferred into their PayPal account but, after the money is transferred out, the initial transaction is reversed leaving the account in negative balance.

"Multiple reports have also been received from victims stating that their Facebook Messenger accounts have been hacked and that these fraudulent messages have been sent to all their contacts on their behalf.

What you need to do if you get a message:

- **Verify financial requests:** Be wary of unusual messages asking for assistance with financial transactions. Even if the message appears to be from someone you know and trust, you should check it's really them that sent the message by calling them or speaking with them in person.
- **Unusual financial requests:** Never respond to any requests to send money, or have money transferred through your account, by someone you don't know and trust.
- **Secure your accounts:** You can protect your important online accounts by using a strong separate password and, where available, turn on two- factor authentication (2FA).
- **If you have made a payment:** Inform your bank, or payment service provider, such as PayPal, as soon as possible. They can help you prevent any further losses. You should also monitor your bank statements regularly for any unusual activity.

Report all scams to via 0808 223 1133.

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Message from District Councillor

I continue to chase the highway applications, especially for the Five Corners junction. Our MP Priti Patel, has also sent a letter to Essex CC, asking what action they are going to take to improve the junction.

A consultation is being held into planned developments at Promenade Park. A new play area with sensory garden is being proposed. If you would like to view and comment on the proposals, please go to: www.visitmaldondistrict.co.uk/GardenPlayArea

During the last month we have considered the ground works for Bradwell B. We have to consider this application carefully and its consequences, the damage it would do to this sensitive area around Bradwell.

It is a challenging time at the Council and a time when there have been allegations against the leader. This has caused him to resign, there will be further issues during September, which I hope will resolve matters for the future

There will be a white paper published in the Autumn, that will put forward proposals for changes in local authorities. We will have to see what is in the white paper and what the future for the council maybe and whether it amalgamates with another local authority. If the proposals go ahead, then there will be more delegated powers to Parish Councils.

The district council surgeries are postponed currently, but please contact me if you need anything.

Stay safe and well, Councillor Richard Siddall
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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 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!*



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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 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

Monday	U3A Bridge Group 09.30 am, - 12.30 pm (Ken Hornett 891424) Metafit [keep fit] 6:30pm – 9pm. <i>Lisa Brand 01621 893720</i>
Wednesday	Pilates Class 4:30pm - 5:30pm. <i>Maureen Barnes 07718741362</i>
Thurs& Sat	Dog Club Thursday 09:30am-1:30pm, 1 st Saturday of the month (Excl Jan), from 10am. <i>Diane Sawford 01621 893664</i>
Friday	Braxted Art Club 12pm-5pm. <i>David Joyce 01621 891241</i>
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.

