

## **EDITORIAL**

e

•

•

•

Once again a shortage of news has meant reducing this month's paper to just four pages.

I apologise to those readers who like the crossword, but it had to make way for the the articles that did arrive. This month's crossword will be held over to the April paper.

Please take note of the item in the next column. It is a chance for all villagers interested in promoting the community spirit in our village to have their say. *Ed.* 

# CHAPPEL & WAKES COLNE VILLAGE HALL ROCK CHOIR CONCERT

### Sunday, 31 Mar 2019 - 2.30 p.m.

Well known and loved ... Gospel, Mo-town, pop and rock songs ... a 'West End' performance for £5 !!

31 March is "mothering Sunday" .. why not treat 'mother' to an afternoon's entertainment?

### During the interval tea and coffee – home-made cakes -for sale ~~ raffle tickets will be available on the day.

For further information please contact Christine Underwood or Patrick Dent

At the end of January 2019 tickets will be available from:

### Chappel & WC Village Post Office and Store

Christine Underwood: 07983 242 517, e-mail: underwood1@live.co.uk Patrick Dent: 01787 220147

The Village Hall needs funds to help keep it running for all C&WC residents to enjoy .. your kind support will help us to do this.

### THANK YOU.

# YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS **YOU!**

Great Tey has a fantastic community spirit and we're blessed with many individuals who work tirelessly to organise village groups and fun events that bring



people together. Just think of the Village Weekend, the War's Over evening, the pre and primary schools, the YAC, the uniformed groups, WI, the Parish Council, Church activities and much, much more. These groups and events are the lifeblood of the village and it is essential that they survive and thrive.

To that end, on Wednesday March 13th, from 7.30 pm, ALL villagers and interested friends, are cordially invited to gather at The Chequers pub to share a drink and ideas for galvanising the village for the year ahead.

This gathering is for you if you –

- Want to hear about village groups and events
- Want to join an existing or establish a new group or event
- Currently help to organise a group and want to promote the group/gather additional support
- Are just curious about what goes on in the village and want to learn more

For clarity, the gathering is NOT for promoting village campaigns.

This informal evening is a fabulous opportunity to bind the village and ensure that we are supporting each other for the greater good. Your first drink will be free and there will be free nibbles during the evening, so come along and help make our village an even better place to live in!

# BOWLS

The final league matches have been played and the winners were Tey Thunder. The team members, Nick Hamer, Frank Britt, Graham Ellis and Andy Newton played consistently first class bowls having lost only 11 of their 48 games. A difficult team to beat and are worthy winners.

The bowls was competitive but played in a good spirit and was enjoyed by all those who played. We look forward to next season.

The final session will be the singles competition. This will be played on the 1st March and Ross Brooks will be defending his title.

WINTER BOWLS LEAGUE TABLE - 10/11/2017							
Team	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	For	Against	Points
Tey Thunder	48	31	6	11	215	151	98
Poles Apart	48	27	4	17	230	156	85
Pee Bees	48	24	6	18	195	162	78
Hot Shots	48	21	7	20	182	191	70
The Ringers	48	21	6	21	170	181	69
Guns 'n Roses	5 48	14	5	29	139	207	47
Youth Club	48	10	6	32	144	239	36

# EYES DOWN - BINGO

The next Bingo Session will be held at the Village Hall on Thursday, 28th March 2019 between 2.00 pm and 4.00 pm.



A great afternoon with prizes to be won. Tea and cakes available – so do come and join the fun and have a chat with your friends.

Bingo takes place on the 4th Thursday of each month.

Beryl Brewer

# VILLAGE WHEELCHAIR UPDATE

The village has been donated another wheel chair so we now have two, both are available to borrow for long and short time loans to anyone in the village/friends or family.

Just call Marion Smith 01206212218 or 07880728822

I would like to pass on my thanks from myself and the residents of Great Tey to Rod who kindly donated the second wheelchair for everyone's use In an emergency.

I also have a request to anyone in the village who would be happy to service the wheel chairs, mend punctures or just give them the once over when they are returned. Although I am the keeper of the chairs I have no experience or skills to do any of the above maintenance.

# GREAT TEY FOOTPATH WALKING GROUP

February was 'Snowdrop month' and our local walk towards the west of the parish was rewarded with hundreds, if not thousands of these little gems popping up in gardens, hedges, verges everywhere. The day was spring like with



blue skies & temperatures in double figures. But particular thanks must go to Ann Bartleet who has been planting Snowdrops by the thousand on footpaths and woodlands surrounding her home in Buckleys Lane for many years now, the display is breathtaking!!

Saturday March 9th & Sunday March 17th -Firstly our annual AGM & Social Evening is on Saturday 9th March 2019. All members are reminded and indeed invited to join us at 7.30pm. It will be held at 25 Chrismund Way, Great Tey as in the past. Once all the formalities are completed the social element will begin with food & drink. Please confirm your presence by email/phone beforehand, see contact details below. Then on Sunday March 17th we have another local walk, this time the emphasis is on 'Lambing' so it will be centered around one of our local sheep farms. We meet in the village hall car park @ 2.30pm. This is a family walk so everyone can join us, but regret prams or pushchairs are not advised because of the uneven terrain

**Sunday April 14th** - Coming up, an awayday walking along the River Orwell foreshore and Pin Mill (4–6 miles) cars leave Great Tey Village Hall sharp at 9.00am.

For more information on any of our walks, please contact Peter Wakeling on 01206 211887 or email: peteanddil@hotmail.com

**LITTER PICK** Don't forget the Parish Council have arranged this year's annual litter pick on Saturday 9th March. We are meeting at the Village Hall at 9.30am and equipment will be provided. Please bring gloves. We will have refreshments afterwards.

# THE CHURCHES OF GREAT & LITTLE TEY

### **Mothering Sunday Family Service**

Our Mothering Sunday Family Service will take place on Sunday 31st March at 9.30am at Great Tey Church when flowers will be distributed by the children to their mums and children in the community will be taking part in the service. This will be a service for all ages to give thanks for our mothers and those who care for us and we hope you can join us. Refreshments will be served by the Brownies after the service. All welcome.

### **Edward Bear**

Edward Bear would like to invite babies and pre-school children with their parent, grandparents or carer along on Friday 1st March at Great Tey Church from 2.00 - 3.00 pm.Activities and refreshments are provided in the vestry after the short time of songs and worship in the church. We finish at 3.00 pm so that older children can be met from school. Come and join us and ring the church bell! To find out more take a look at our website www.edwardbear.org.uk or email us at admin@ edwardbear.org.uk. We look forward to seeing you, Elizabeth, Emma and John.

### **Mothers' Union**

Our meeting this month will take place on Thursday 21st March at the Rectory, Great Tey when our speaker will be Mr. John Carr whose topic will be Volunteering Win Win! Everyone is welcome to join us. There is a change of week for our April meeting when we will meet on Thursday 11th April (as it will be Maundy Thursday on our usual meeting day). Details of our Songs of Praise service on Thursday 16th May will be included in next month's newsletter. We are pleased to welcome new members Gill and Joy to our branch and a warm welcome awaits you if you if you would like to come along to any of our meetings. We have a short service to begin with, notices, a speaker and then tea/coffee and refreshments with time to chat afterwards. For more information please contact Branch Leader Jane Richardson on 01026 211481.

### **Sunday Club**

Sunday Club for children will take place the Parish Communion service during on Sunday 24th March at 9.30 am in the vestry at St.Barnabas Church, GreatTey. We enjoy a bible story, activities and arts and crafts on the theme of the story. Sunday Club is for primary aged children and younger ones are very welcome if accompanied by a parent/carer.

### Jumbo - The Story of Colchester's Famous Water Tower

An illustrated talk by Peter Jones on the history of Jumbo Water Tower will take place at Li tle Tey Church on Saturday 11th May at 7.00 pm. Admission including refreshments. - £5.00 and tickets available from Mrs. Freda King, Mrs. Jane Richardson and members of the Church Social Committee. All welcome.

### **Church Social Activities Calendar 2019**

We hope you will be able to join us at our social events this year:

- Talk by Peter Jones on The History of Jumbo Water Tower on Saturday 11th May at Little Tey Church at 7.00pm - Tickets £5
- Church Summer Fete at Walcotts Hall, by kind invitation of Mr. Simon Hall, on Saturday 6th July 2 - 4.30pm
- Coggeshall Market Stall August date to be confirmed.
- Musical Evening with Norwood's Band at The Old Rectory, by kind invitation of Mrs. Norma Tregoning on Saturday 17th August. (date to be confirmed).
- Summer Musical Concert and Afternoon Tea at Little Tey Church on Sunday 1st September at 3.00pm
- Coffee Morning in aid of Little Havens Children's Hospice, Essex on Saturday 5th October at the home of Pauline and Alan Mattin, Jesmond, Little Tey
- Harvest Supper at Great Tey Village Hall on Saturday 12th October at 7.00pm
- Shepherds Pie Evening at Great Tey Village Hall on Saturday 16th November at 7.00 pm.

For more details please contact Jane Richardson on 01206 211481 or email john.richardson195@btinternet.com

### GREAT TEY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

We are looking for enthusiastic new members to join the team and help us to progress our plan and to influence future development in our community. You do not need to have any specific skills, just time and a willingness to contribute.

If you are interested in helping with this important project, please contact Marian Hamer on 07532 345988, or email us at greatteynp@gmail.com

# **DROP IN**

Although I was not actually at the Drop In last month I gather it went very well. Thank you so much to everyone who stood in for Beryl, Sheila and Myself, it was very much appreciated. The IT man from the Council came and, evidently, will come again to help anyone with problems, or wishes to learn more about their computers, iPads and laptops. Plus also if you need garden bags (voucher can be printed on line), food boxes and clear bags, they can be collected next time.

This month the Drop In will be on Thursday 14th March in the Village Hall from 2.00pm - 4.00pm. Everyone is welcome. Norma Tregoning



# Wednesday 20th March 2019

Please send all copy BEFORE noon on this day to the editor, David Edwards at

# edwardsdj44@gmail.com