

ROUNDABOUT

APRIL 2019

GREAT TEY

NEWS, VIEWS AND EVENTS IN & AROUND GT TEY

EDITORIAL

We're back to eight pages again, but sadly there were some blank spaces. I was promised more items but despite prompting they sadly they did not appear in time to print.

However, I have filled these spaces with a couple of short stories, which I hope you will find interesting and may be the start of a new monthly addition. *Ed.*

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YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU!

We had a very well attended meeting at The Chequers on 13th March to discuss enhancing the Village community. The key is to identify events and activities which are engaging, fun, and attract people of all tastes and ages. We also need to support the more vulnerable members of the Village. We now need people to agree to step up and take responsibility for the organisation and execution of these events and activities. We have some cash to help and event insurance coverage (though please ask first to ensure that the specific event is covered!). We should also use the resources the Village is blessed with – the people, the playing fields, the Hall and other available spaces. We had lots of ideas presented – these are some of them:

- Garage sale
- More sporting activities
- Collective charity challenges
- Welcome activities for new villagers
- Visiting the elderly or sick
- Nature rambles
- Art classes
- Bug days
- Firework display
- Film club
- Talent show
- Christmas/New Year party
- Book club
- Trips to other places in Essex



We are looking for more ideas and to choose the best of these, put names of volunteers against them, and build a calendar of village events. We have a meeting planned for 23 April in The Chequers at 7.30 again – first drinks free – and hope to move forward from there with a busy schedule

BOWLS

The bowls season came to an end with the singles competitions. The singles competition was won by Mick Stone who beat Jack Perfect-Brown 7-3 in the final. Matthew Brown was the Plate winner beating Bob Flack 3-2 in a very close and nail-biting final.

The winter bowls season is now complete and was enjoyed by all those who took part. There was a good mix of ages from the young, not so young and the mature.

Once again, a big thank you to the Friendship/Bowls club for the use of their equipment.

EYES DOWN - BINGO

The next Bingo Session will be held at the Village Hall on Thursday, 25th April 2019 between 2.00 pm and 4.00 pm.

We are enjoying large turnouts of players which mean bigger cash prizes to be won.

A great afternoon to meet friends, old and new. Tea and cakes available – so do come and join the fun and have a very enjoyable afternoon.

Bingo takes place on the 4th Thursday of each month

Beryl Brewer



GREAT TEY FOOTPATH WALKING GROUP

March update – Earlier in the month we held our AGM at 25 Christmund Way, Great Tey (by kind invitation of Dilys & Peter Wakeling) with 19 members in attendance for both the official part and the social event that followed. Whilst the existing Chairman and Treasurer were re-elected, Peter Wakeling & Gill Blakes respectively, the Secretarial role was vacant and Jane Pearson was unanimously voted to replace the outgoing Secretary, Rosemary Joseland. The Chairman thanked Rosemary in her absence for her sterling work over the years. A lively debate followed which paved the way for a new programme of walks that will be available shortly.



Then on Sunday 17th thirteen walkers and two dogs set off from the village hall for our annual Lambing walk. We started westwards to pick up Brookhouse Road and Lamberts Lane that lead us down to Swanscombes Farm and the river meadows where we turned east towards Chappel spotting several large lambs in the distance. We continued under the viaduct then swung south to Popes Lane continuing to walk along the Colne Valley in the direction of Aldham. We then headed south west up to Bacons Farm hoping to catch some early lambs, but regrettably were too early this time, so returned to the village along Pattocks Lane and Chappel Road. For most of the walk the weather was bright sunshine with a chilly wind just avoiding the deluge that threatened early on.

Sunday April 14th – An awayday walking along the River Orwell foreshore at Pin Mill and surrounding area (4-6 miles) cars leave Great Tey Village Hall car park sharp at 9.00am

Sunday May 19th – Coming up, local morning walk to Aldham Ford Street (5 miles) with tea/coffee stop perhaps enroute, meet 10am Great Tey Village Hall car park

For more information on any of our walks, please contact either Peter Wakeling on 01206 211887 email: peteanddil@hotmail.com or Jane Pearson on 01206 210855

DROP IN

Last month's Drop-In was very well attended because the Council actually stood by their word and sent the Warden with all the recycling items requested. If anyone has lost items in the recent windy weather or used up their supply of clear bags, or their garden bags are worn out (NO garden bags will be given out without an online voucher number) then please come along to the Drop In to collect your requirements. There will be a list of items you can get replaced, so please come along and whilst there, for £1.00 you can spend a while chatting with friends and neighbours, eating home made cake with tea/coffee, and getting your items replaced.

Another good reason to come is that a lovely young man from the Council, called Michael, will be coming every month to help us all with our queries and to also gain extra knowledge of The Internet. The Council wants more older people to use, iPad, laptops and computers in general so Michael will be there each month to answer your questions. Please bring your iPad and laptops along as the Village Hall now has WiFi.

The Drop-In is always on the 2nd Thursday of the month (this month it will be Thursday 11th April) from 2.00pm – 4.00pm. Everyone is welcome. *Norma Tregoning*

DRAFT AGENDA GT TEY PARISH COUNCIL

Summons and Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given that a Meeting of the Parish Council will be held in the Village Hall, Chappel Road, Great Tey on Tuesday 9th April 2019 at 7.30 pm

1. Apologies For Absence
 2. Declaration Of Interests
 3. Confirmation Of Minutes Of The Parish Council
Meeting of 12th March 2019
 4. Matters Arising From The Minutes
 5. Public Questions and Statements
 6. Report from Colchester Borough Councillor
 7. Neighbourhood Plan – To receive an update from the committee
 8. Financial Matters
 - (a) Cheques for payment:
D Williams-clerk salary £476.83 less PAYE £190.40 £286.43
HM Revenue & Customs - PAYE for clerk salary £190.40
 - (b) To receive the financial report
 - (c) To conduct the annual review of the clerk's salary
 9. Planning Matters
 - (a) Applications
None at present
 - (b) Advice of Planning Applications Approved by Colchester Borough Council – None at present
 10. Seating Bench at Junction of Greenfield Drive and The Street
To receive an update
 11. Highways - To consider any management matters
 12. Village Hall - To consider any management matters
 13. Harold Fairs Recreation Ground
 - a) To consider the replacement of the vandalised posts at the skate park
 - (c) To consider any management matters
 14. Old Playing Field - To receive an update on the registration of the deeds with the Land Registry
 15. Allotments – To consider any management matters
 16. Emergency Plan – To receive an update regarding completion of a new plan
 17. Annual Parish Meeting – to consider agenda and any arrangements
 18. Correspondence not dealt with elsewhere.
 19. Other Business for Discussion
- Date and Time of Next Meeting. Tuesday 14th May 2019 at 7.30pm
- Close of meeting
- Signed:- *D K Williams* Clerk to the Parish Council.
- Approved minutes of previous parish council meetings may be inspected by arrangement with the Clerk – telephone: 01787 224895.

LITTER PICK

The parish council would like to thank all parishioners who took part in the annual litter pick. We picked 45 bags of rubbish and enjoyed refreshments afterwards.

GREAT TEY PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council meets in the Village Hall on the second Tuesday in every month at 7.30pm. The Clerk, David Williams, is contactable on 01787 224895 or greatteyparishcouncil@outlook.com

GREAT TEY WI

Last month's talk was not the talk we were expecting, but it was a very entertaining evening nevertheless. Unfortunately we did not find "The Secrets of Life", but we did go home feeling more cheerful after the talk.

This month's meeting is on Tuesday 2nd April in the Village Hall with a 7.30pm start. The speaker, Amanda Sutherland, will show us items she has made, and will talk about how she makes them. There will be a beautiful display of jewellery, hats and neckwear, so don't forget to bring your purse!

Also this month we will also be having a Fashion Show, curtesy of M & Co, on Tuesday 16th April, 7.30pm in the Village Hall. This Fashion Show is open to anyone in the Village, or beyond, and if you see anything you like on display you can buy on the night. Tickets are £3.00 per person for entry, which includes the Fashion Show, wine, tea, coffee, or soft drinks and home made cakes. EVERYONE is welcome.

Great Tey WI Committee

CHAPPEL & WAKES COLNE VILLAGE HALL

CRAFT FAYRE

**SATURDAY, 20th
APRIL 2019**

10.30am to 5.00pm

Numerous stalls, including: Jewellery, artists paintings etc, knitted toys etc, Damian's hand crafted metal sculptures, embroidery, clothes, cakes, cards, hand crafted wooden items and many more different craft stalls.

Refreshments available

The Village Hall restoration work is on-going and we need your support please to help raise funds. There is plenty of car parking space at the Hall. **THANK YOU.**

If you would like a stall at this event, or, for further information, please contact Christine Underwood – 07983 242 517 or on e-mail: underwood1@live.co.uk

COLCHESTER'S BIGGEST PARTY RETURNS THIS MAY!

St Helena's Midnight Walk, returns this May with a tropical Hawaiian theme and two brand new routes - and registration is open.

St Helena

The Midnight Walk will take place on Saturday 11th May, starting and finishing at Severalls Business Park, Colchester, and once again, men are also invited along with women and children aged 11 and over to take part.

This year there are two new routes to choose from: either 4.5 miles or 9 miles, both of which will allow you to show off your grass skirts and Hawaiian shirts as you walk through Colchester. Along the route there will be Hawaiian themed entertainment, refreshment stops, and a memory stop where you can remember a loved one and hang a personalised message on our dedicated memory tree.

Lisa Chenery, St Helena's Events Fundraiser, added: "We are so excited for the return of our Midnight Walk and we cannot wait to see all the hundreds of men, women and children dressed up to the nines in their tropical fancy dress, all coming together for one epic night to support St Helena.

"The atmosphere is always incredible on the night and we hope to see lots of familiar faces as well as new ones joining us to make some special memories, not only for themselves as a walker, but for the people supported by St Helena who face incurable illness and bereavement. So whether you're looking for a fun night out with your family, friends or colleagues; want to walk in memory of a loved one, or are just looking for a walking event with a difference, sign up now - we would love to see you there."

To sign up now, visit sthelena.org.uk/midnightwalk



BRUCE AND THE SPIDER

by James Baldwin

There was once a king of Scotland whose name was Robert Bruce. He had need to be both brave and wise, for the times in which he lived were wild and rude. The



King of England was at war with him, and had led a great army into Scotland to drive him out of the land. Battle after battle had been fought. Six times had Bruce led his brave little army against his foes; and six times had his men been beaten, and driven into flight. At last his army was scattered, and he was forced to hide himself in the woods and in lonely places among the mountains.

One rainy day, Bruce lay on the ground under a rude shed, listening to the patter of the drops on the roof above him. He was tired and sick at heart, and ready to give up all hope. It seemed to him that there was no use for him to try to do anything more.

As he lay thinking, he saw a spider over his head, making ready to weave her web. He watched her as she toiled slowly and with great care. Six times she tried to throw her frail thread from one beam to another, and six times it fell short.

"Poor thing!" said Bruce: "you, too, know what it is to fail."

But the spider did not lose hope with the sixth failure. With still more care, she made ready to try for the seventh time. Bruce almost forgot his own troubles as he watched her swing herself out upon the slender line. Would she fail again? No! The thread was carried safely to the beam, and fastened there.

"I, too, will try a seventh time!" cried Bruce.

He arose and called his men together. He told them of his plans, and sent them out with messages of cheer to his disheartened people. Soon there was an army of brave Scotchmen around him. Another battle was fought, and the King of England was glad to go back into his own country.

I have heard it said, that, after that day, no one by the name of Bruce would ever hurt a spider. The lesson which the little creature had taught the king was never forgotten.

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY – USAGE AND THE LAW

As a recently retired Rights of Way Inspector in the South of England I often find the same old questions and issues coming up when talking to landowners and footpath users. As the weather is getting better I thought it would be a good time to provide some guidance on this.

In my experience, the majority of disputes between landowners and walkers occur when someone is not using the right of way correctly or is not on the right of way itself. The below frequently asked questions cover some of the most common questions.

1. Who can use a Right of Way?

- Footpaths can only be used on foot – no cycles or horses. There is not even a right to push a cycle along a footpath.
- Bridleways can be used on foot, cycle or horseback.
- Restricted byways can be used on foot, cycle, horseback and horse and carriage, i.e. all non-motorised vehicles.
- Byways can be used by all user groups detailed above and also include motorised vehicles.

You may take a horse, cycle or vehicle along a footpath with the permission of the landowner, although the county council may require the landowner to reinstate, at their own cost, any damage done to the surface of a footpath caused by these uses.

2. What about the Right to Roam?

Contrary to popular belief there is no right to roam, although there is open access in certain parts of the country this does not relate to anywhere around the village and its surrounding villages. Therefore you only have a right to access the countryside where there is a right of way as detailed in 1 above. Farmers have to abide by strict rules governed by the Rural Payments Agency. This means that they leave wide verges around fields as wildlife areas. These should not be an invitation to walkers/cyclists/horses. They have to maintain these areas and establish seed or flower mixes and usage by the public conflicts with this. Therefore as long as you are on a public right of way the farmer will have no reason to tell you off.

3. Can I walk my dog on a Public Right of Way?

Yes, but it should be kept under close control and must remain on the right of way itself.

4. How can I find a Right of Way?

The County Council holds the definitive maps showing the accurate location of public rights of way and this should always be referred to in dispute situations. However for general use Ordnance Survey sell paper maps and have a useful subscription app for phones, which costs from £19.99 a year. This will show you your location and where the rights of way are, amongst other things. It is possible to see the map without paying the subscription but this is not accurate, as it does not distinguish between private tracks and those with public rights of way over them.

5. Who is responsibly for the maintenance of a Public Right of Way?

- The land owner/occupier is responsible for maintaining the width of a right of way. They are also responsible for trees and hedges against a footpath and cutting back any overhanging growth. They are also responsible for cross-field paths, which must be usable within 2 weeks of cultivation and kept clear from impassable crops.
- The County Council is responsible for the surface of the footpath and keeping vegetation like grass and nettles cut.

6. How wide should a footpath be?

- Field edge paths should be 1.5 metres wide.
- Cross-field paths should be 1 metre wide.

Note that when using a right of way you only have a right to access the actual width of the right of way, you may go around temporary obstructions such as fallen trees but a muddy surface is not a reason to deviate from the path. Appropriate footwear should be worn to ensure that you can access the path without the need to deviate.

7. I have found an issue with a Right of Way, who should I contact?

If you have a good relationship with the landowner you could contact them or alternatively you can contact Essex County Council Rights of Way team. You should report any issues that affect the safe use of a public right of way. For example, missing finger posts from the public highway, blockages, unsafe structures (stiles, bridges, gates, etc) and aggressive behaviour experienced when using a public right of way. Waymarkers that show the route of a footpath around fields and away from the public road are not a statutory requirement of the County Council and as financial cutbacks are made to budgets, waymarking is often one of the cutbacks a council will make, however it is always worth asking.

This is above only a very brief guidance on public rights of way, for more information and to report an issue please see www.essexhighways.org/getting-around/public-rights-of-way.aspx *Kindly supplied by Saffron James*

The Primary Survey

When an accident happens follow the primary survey:

Danger

Make sure that it is safe for you, the casualty and any bystanders.

Response

Talk to the casualty to see if they reply.

If no reply gently shake their shoulders and talk to them.

Airway

Place your casualty on their back.

Put one hand on their forehead and using your fingertips on the other hand gently lift the chin open.

Breathing

Now place your ear over the casualty's mouth.

Look down the chest to see if moves.

Check for normal breathing (2 – 3 breaths) for 10 seconds.

If breathing is not normal dial 999 or 112 press hands free button on phone and ask for ambulance.

START CPR (cardio-pulmonary resuscitation)

Kneel at the side of the casualty

Place the heel of one hand in the centre of the chest (armpit to armpit, nose to navel)

Put your other hand on top

Straight arms and position yourself over chest

Press down 5 – 6 cms (2 – 2.5 inches)

Come up and repeat

Do 30 chest compressions at a rate of 100 -120 a minute

After 30 compressions give 2 rescue breaths

Pinch casualty's nose

Place your mouth over theirs and blow watching chest raise.

After the 2 breaths return to chest and continue again

Carry on until help arrives.

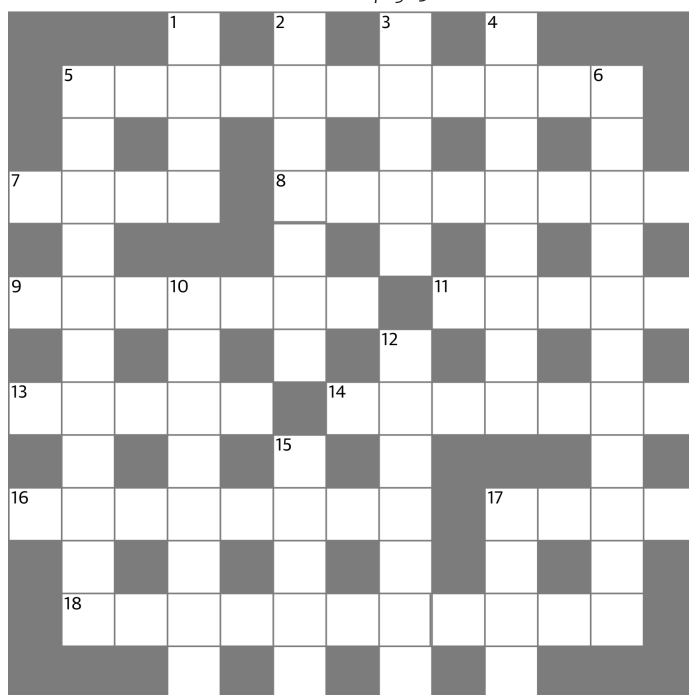
Consider learning the above and practicing on a resuscitation doll by doing a basic first aid course.

You never know when you may be called upon to help.



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15. King with the golden touch (5)
17. Dog – food (4)

DOCTOR'S SURGERY HELD AT GREAT TEY VILLAGE HALL

The Doctor's Surgery will be held at the Village Hall on the following dates:

- Tuesday 2nd April
- Tuesday 16th April

Please telephone: The Pump House Surgery, Nonancourt Way, Earls Colne (01787) 222022 to make an appointment, or to register as a new patient. Pre-ordered prescription collection at Great Tey Village Hall, every Friday 9.30 am – 9.45 am

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THE CHURCHES OF GREAT & LITTLE TEY

Services of Worship for Holy Week & Easter 2019

Palm Sunday, 14th April, Family Worship at Great Tey Church at 9.30 am

Maundy Thursday, 18th April, The Last Supper Sung Eucharist at Great Tey Church at 7.30 pm

Good Friday, 19th April, The Liturgy of Good Friday at Great Tey Church at 2.00 pm

Easter Day, Sunday 21st April, Parish Communion at Great Tey Church at 9.30 am

Copies of the Services of Worship leaflet for Holy Week and Easter are available on the table at the back of the church.

Sunday Worship details during April and more information on Easter Services may be found in the Church Newsletter.

Edward Bear

Edward Bear would like to invite babies and pre-school children with their parent, grandparents or carer along on Friday 5th April 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 April Meeting and Songs of Praise in May

Our meeting this month will take place on Thursday, 11th April at 2.15 pm at the Rectory, Great Tey when Carolyn Richer will be sharing some of her favourite poems.

The date of the meeting has been changed from the third to the second Thursday in the month as it will be Maundy Thursday on our usual day and the time has been changed slightly as we have a youth group event taking place at 3.30 pm. We invite everyone to our Songs of Praise service on Thursday, 16th May at Great Tey Church at 2.30 pm when our preacher will be Rev. Rod Reid, Diocesan Chaplain. The service will include hymns chosen by members and guests with prayers and readings. Refreshments will be served after the service and a bring and buy stall will be held to raise funds for an MU project. All welcome.

Sunday Club

Sunday Club for children will take place during the Parish Communion service on Sunday 28th April at 9.30 am in the vestry at St. Barnabas Church, Great Tey. 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

We welcome everyone to an illustrated talk by Peter Jones at Little Tey Church on Saturday 11th May at 7.00 pm. Admission £5.00 - includes refreshments.

Tickets available from Mrs. Freda King, Mrs. Jane Richardson and members of the Church Social Committee.

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

THE GREAT TEY FRIENDSHIP/ BOWLS CLUB

Here we are again! sorry I missed the dead-line for last month but this time I made it! We've been very lucky to be invited to tea at the Barn, courtesy of Mrs. Rosemary Browning and we're looking forward to it very much! the other item on our current agenda is a search for a new carpet for our meetings - we have one which is looking very sorry for itself! After that we'll be making plans for an outing (or two...) later on in the year. Our dates for April are Wed. 10th and 24th, with lunch at the Chequers on the 3rd. For further info please contact Jim on 01206 210838



THE ENDLESS TALE James Baldwin

In the Far East there was a great king who had no work to do. Every day, and all day long, he sat on soft cushions and listened to stories. And no matter what the story was about, he never grew tired of hearing it, even though it was very long.

"There is only one fault that I find with your story," he often said: "it is too short."

All the story-tellers in the world were invited to his palace; and some of them told tales that were very long indeed. But the king was always sad when a story was ended.

At last he sent word into every city and town and country place, offering a prize to any one who should tell him an endless tale. He said,--

"To the man that will tell me a story which shall last forever, I will give my fairest daughter for his wife; and I will make him my heir, and he shall be king after me."

But this was not all. He added a very hard condition. "If any man shall try to tell such a story and then fail, he shall have his head cut off."

The king's daughter was very pretty, and there were many young men in that country who were willing to do anything to win her. But none of them wanted to lose their heads, and so only a few tried for the prize.

One young man invented a story that lasted three months; but at the end of that time, he could think of nothing more. His fate was a warning to others, and it was a long time before another story-teller was so rash as to try the king's patience.

But one day a stranger from the South came into the palace.

"Great king," he said, "is it true that you offer a prize to the man who can tell a story that has no end?"

"It is true," said the king.

"And shall this man have your fairest daughter for his wife, and shall he be your heir?"

"Yes, if he succeeds," said the king. "But if he fails, he shall lose his head."

"Very well, then," said the stranger. "I have a pleasant story about locusts which I would like to relate."

"Tell it," said the king. "I will listen to you." The story-teller began his tale.

"Once upon a time a certain king seized upon all the corn in his country, and stored it away in a strong granary. But a swarm of locusts came over the land and saw where the grain had been put. After searching for many days they found on the east side of the granary a crevice that was just large enough for one locust to pass through at a time. So one locust went in and carried away a grain of corn; then another locust went in and carried away a grain of corn; then another locust went in and carried away a grain of corn."

Day after day, week after week, the man kept on saying, "Then another locust went in and carried away a grain of corn."

A month passed; a year passed. At the end of two years, the king said,--

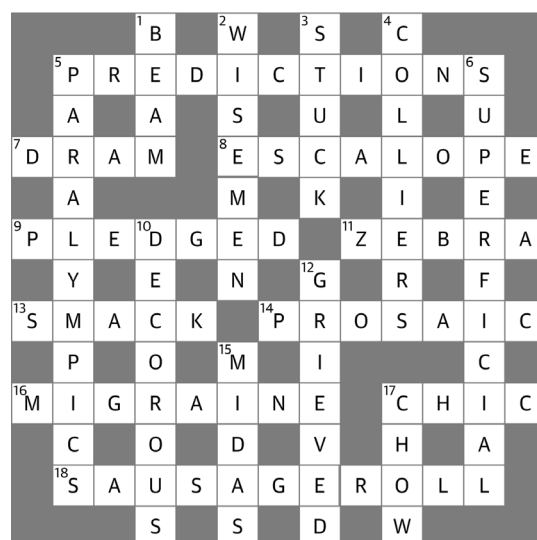
"How much longer will the locusts be going in and carrying away corn?"

"O king!" said the story-teller, "they have as yet cleared only one cubit; and there are many thousand cubits in the granary."

"Man, man!" cried the king, "you will drive me mad. I can listen to it no longer. Take my daughter; be my heir; rule my kingdom. But do not let me hear another word about those horrible locusts!"

And so the strange story-teller married the king's daughter. And he lived happily in the land for many years. But his father-in-law, the king, did not care to listen to any more stories.

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