



ROUND & ABOUT

DECEMBER 2019

GREAT TEY

NEWS, VIEWS AND EVENTS IN & AROUND GT TEY

EDITORIAL

It's almost the end of yet another year and may I thank all our regular monthly contributors, our distributor and all the great people who deliver this paper to your door and wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year.

Please continue the good work during 2020 and remember the next paper will be in February, so let me have all your news for the start of the new year by the date on the back page, please. *Ed.*

ROLL UP FOR A GAME OF NEW YEAR'S DAY BOULES

PETANQUE is a game more normally associated with the south of France.

Although it may not be as warm in Great Tey there will still be a chance to roll up and play the game at the Chequers on Wednesday January 1 11am.

The Brass Monkeys fun tournament has been staged on New Year's Day by the Chequers Petanque Club for more the two decades. Just turn up and join in the fun.

There will be a small charge for entry (£1 but free for under 16s). Balls will be provided and members will be on hand to explain the basic rules.

For those who do not know the game, the definition is given as a "form of boules where the goal is to toss or roll hollow steel balls as close as possible to a small wooden ball or jack, while standing in a circle with both feet on the ground."

YOU ARE INVITED TO

NEW YEARS EVE

FAMILY PARTY NIGHT!

Date: 31st December 2019

At: Great Tey Village Hall

Time: 7:30 pm onwards



**Happy
New Year!**

Kids Games

Bring your own drinks and nibbles

£15.00 per family (2 adults 3 children)

All proceeds will go to Great Tey Community Pool Fund
Registered Charity No: 1174412
Tickets in advance. To book your place, please contact:
Sally Brooks: 07511986618 or Katy Collier: 07713437708



FIREWORKS

Russell Cottis would like to thank everyone who helped and attended the Tey Community Group Firework Display on Friday 8th November.

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 10th December 2019 at 7.30 pm

1. Apologies For Absence
2. Declaration Of Interests
3. Confirmation Of Minutes Of The Parish Council Meeting of 12th November 2019
4. Matters Arising From The Minutes
5. Public Questions and Statements – when members of the public may ask questions or make a statement about the parish council or other matters of local concern
6. Report from Colchester Borough Councillor.
7. Neighbourhood Plan – To receive an update from the committee
8. Planning Matters
 - (a) Applications received to date
New Barn, New Barn Road – creation of a family pool adjacent to the dwelling in a redesigned garden. Garden to replace existing expansive gravelled area and involves removing a modern open sided timber building.
 - (b) Applications approved by Colchester Borough Council – None at present
9. Financial Matters
 - (a) Cheques for payment:
D Williams-clerk salary £486.33 less PAYE £97.20 £389.13
HM Revenue & Customs - PAYE for clerk salary £97.20
Anglian Water Business (National) Ltd – allotments water £ 43.35
 - (b) To receive the financial report
10. Handyman - To receive a report on outstanding jobs and consider any action required
11. Communication Channels – to consider a media policy
12. Harold Fairs Recreation Ground
 - (a) To receive an update on the agreed fencing, gate and hedge planting.
 - (b) To consider any management matters
13. Tree Wardens and Woodland Project – to consider proposals by Colchester Borough Council
14. Highways - To consider any management matters
15. Village Hall - To consider any management matters
16. Old Playing Field - To consider any management matters
17. Allotments – To consider any management matters
18. Emergency Plan – To receive an update regarding completion of a new plan
19. Correspondence not dealt with elsewhere
20. Other Business for Discussion

Date and Time of Next Meeting 14th January 2020 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, email: greatteyparishcouncil@outlook.com



I'd like to begin with a huge thank you to everyone who helped us to clear away the large laurel hedge in the Early Years playground over half term. It was a mammoth task, carried out on a very rainy weekend, and our thanks go to everyone who helped with the cutting down, the clearing away, and those who provided trailers to get rid of the evidence! The fence that has replaced the hedge looks good, and we now have space for a pathway to the community swimming pool. We hope the Community Group who are working on the redevelopment of the pool will now be able to apply for the necessary planning permission and will keep you in touch with the latest developments.

Christmas preparations are now in full swing at school, with our very successful Christmas Fayre on 29th November. The children enjoyed lots of games and activities, and there were excellent stalls for the grown-ups to do their Christmas shopping. The highlight, as ever, was a visit from Santa Clause himself. The Christmas Fayre is always a successful and enjoyable way to add to our resources in school and we give our thanks to everyone for their support but particularly, as ever, our hardworking PTA.

Now, we are looking forward to our whole school trip to the Panto on 5th December. The children always thoroughly enjoy this start to the festive season, and our thanks again go to the PTA for funding it. On Friday 6th December we have our Carol Service in school at 2.30pm, and would be delighted if you could join us. Our Christmas Performances are on Friday 13th December, with a morning performance and one in the evening. If you would be interested in coming to watch the children act out the Nativity, please do contact the office for any spare tickets.

Our best wishes to you all for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Best wishes,

Lucy Overton

Headteacher

GREAT TEY FOOTPATH WALKING GROUP

November - Early in the month the group travelled up to Hunstanton in North West Norfolk for the start of three days of moderate walking. Starting in Hunstanton itself for our first walk, we headed north along the beach to Old Hunstanton, then inland to Old Hunstanton village before turning south through Ringstead Downs to Heacham, then back along the coastal path to Hunstanton town and our accommodation. On the second day we drove the short distance to the village of Harpley completing another circular walk which took in a part of the 'Peddars Way' finishing back in Harpley and a well earned lunch in 'The Rose & Crown' PH. On our final day before leaving for home, we drove to 'Castle Rising' a delightful medieval village with it's centre piece Norman Castle perched high above everything around and in perfect condition considering it's eight centuries of existence.



December - This month we have two scheduled walks. The first is our annual pilgrimage to Lawford Church, near Manningtree on **Sunday 8th** for the Ramblers & Cyclist Special Carol Service @ 3pm, preceded by a local walk in the Manningtree area in the morning, a quick roast lunch nearby, then off to the church. If you would like to attend, then we meet in the Village Hall car park as cars leave sharp at 9.30am. We have attended this service for over thirty years and it is a great starter into the Christmas spirit. A week later on **Sunday 15th** we have a local morning walk in and around Great Tey, followed by something seasonal in The Chequers. Meet in the village hall car park @ 10am.

January 19th 2020 - To kick start the New Year we are pleased to announce that one of our walks helpers, Paul Burns has organised another trip to London for one of his exciting 'Literary Walks' These are always popular so please put the date in your diaries. The journey will be part by car to Epping Station, then the remainder by train on the Central Line to central London returning late afternoon. Meet Great Tey Village Hall car park at 9am, but do please book your place first by contacting one of the numbers below:-

Peter Wakeling 01206 211887
email: peteanddil@hotmail.com

Jane Pearson 01206 210855
email: drjanepearson@gmail.com

Paul Burns 01206 211885
email: pbobb48@gmail.com

Great Tey Footpath Walking Group wishes all our members and guests a very Merry Christmas and a Healthy & Happy New Year.

OLD NICK ARRIVED EARLY BUT LATE AND WON!

The heading might sound like a riddle but all will become clear...

The Autumn Great Tey Scout Quiz attracted a full room at the Village Hall and the Group would like to thank all participants for making it such an enjoyable and successful evening. Quiz master George set his usual well balanced mixture of subjects, which with a range of difficulty in questions meant that everyone could play their part, and a close fought competition resulted.

The winners were " Holding Nick's End Up", so called because they were waiting for Nick Hamer to arrive when choosing their name. Although "Old Nick" was early for Christmas he was late for the quiz and on his arrival provided a super boost to take his team to the top of the leader board!

The winning margin was one point, just edging it over "Two Thirds Stanway", whilst the Parents That Always lose (PTA) won the wooden spoon.

Many thanks to our scorers ,Pat , Roger and Christine Attmere and to Simon Mann for setting up the PA system, ensuring that all ran smoothly on the night.

Further excitement during the evening was provided by Mike Ashworth running a "heads and tails" competition, with the winner Sam Collins very kindly donating the bulk of his winnings back to the Scouts.

Also an excellent raffle was enabled by very generous donations from Scout Group Committee members and a £30 festive food voucher from Barrons Turkey Farm for use at their superb Christmas farm shop (well worth a visit if you want to buy some tasty local festive produce!)

I would like to thank everyone again for supporting this important Scout Group fund raising evening. There was a great community buzz in the hall and we raised over £350 for the Group. We look forward to seeing you all again at our Spring quiz. *Ian Ellis*

THE GREAT TEY FRIENDSHIP/ BOWLS CLUB

It's quite unbelievable but we've only ONE more meeting before Christmas/the end of the year! well, where did that year go?? We do have our Christmas lunch to look forward to as well.

That last meeting will be on Dec.4th, but we do start again in the New Year. Our January dates are Wed. 8th and 22nd, with lunch at the Chequers proposed for the 15th. Maybe we'll see you at the village hall next year! for info on the club please contact Jim on 01206 211838.



Father Christmas

is having a special Grotto at The Chequers on Tuesday 17th December and invites all children to come along and visit him between 4.00pm and 6.30pm. Feel free to bring Mum and Dad with you!



Carols and Festive Cheer

Come along to The Chequers on Thursday 19th December to enjoy some Carols and Festive Cheer, Mulled Wine & Mince Pies from 8.00pm.



Married V. Single's Football

On Boxing Day work-off the Christmas Dinner in a Married v Single Football Match on the new Playing Field – 11.00am kick-off!

For more information and to register your interest, please contact Paul King on 07714 798359



Cheese and Wine Evening at The Chequers

Saturday 18th January from 7.30 pm

For more information please contact Debbie at the Pub.

Coming soon Tey's Got Talent!

Brush up on your talents and take to the stage. Interested Acts to contact Sarah on teycrossbarn@gmail.com

GARAGE SALE

Regrettably we did not have enough takers for the garage sale. We will try and do something in the spring again. Apologies to those who had already sorted out their treasures

FARM OPEN DAY

All of us from G & J Barron would like to thank all those who came and supported our farm event on Sunday 3rd November. We are especially grateful to all those villagers and Colchester Young Farmers who came and helped us on the day. Father Christmas made £170 and we are topping this up £500, which will go towards the Great Tey swimming pool fund. We are also donating a further £500 to Colchester Young Farmers for their Charities which are ABF The Soldiers Charity - East Anglia and RABI helping rural communities in crisis.

We entered everyone into a free raffle who placed a Christmas order before, or on the day. The winners are listed below.

1st prize of £75 voucher for our shop went to Irene Holliday in Great Tey.

2nd prize of award winning Christmas Pudding went to Marion and Stephen Dutton from Colchester.

3rd prize of one of our own gammons went to Catherine Raffe from Manningtree.

Please be aware of our new farm shop opening hours for **Sunday 22nd & Monday 23rd December: 8am to 5pm** and **Tuesday 24th December: 8am to 1pm**. For those who haven't visited our shop we stock a range of other goods in addition to turkeys and gammons including a full range of vegetables, cheese, ice cream, chocolates, beer, spirits, pork pies, chestnuts, apple juice, chutneys, salmon, beef, sausages & bacon.

Open to everyone, even if you haven't ordered a turkey. Free hot food and drinks served to all customers.

GREAT TEY YOUTH ACTIVITY CLUB (YAC)

Calling all Year 6 children, you are invited to start at Youth Club on Friday 10th January, 7:30 to 9:30 at the Village Hall, £1.50 per child per session.

We welcome children from Gt Tey, Little Tey, Chappel and Wakes Colne.

We meet every fortnight for activities including table tennis, Wii, PS3, pool, badminton, games, table football, music, tuck shop and activity trips through the year.

If you have any queries please contact Alec Brooks on 01206 210248.

GREAT TEY WI

Last month we had a very interesting and informative talk on Micro Wave Cooking. We learnt how to make several exciting dishes for Christmas including a Christmas Pudding. I must admit I will feel very guilty when I just use the Microwave for heating things now, when I know what can be made - if you have the time!!

This month, on Tuesday 3rd December at 7.30pm, it will be our Christmas Dinner, and this year we are doing something a bit different. Christine Lucock, our President, is taking on the mammoth task of cooking for us all in the Village Hall, so please make sure, all members, that you have put your names down for a delicious meal.

January will be our Birthday Party and as we have managed our funds quite well this year we are going to have a Magician to entertain us, along with the nibbles and drinks. So please make sure you put the date, Tuesday 7th At 7.30pm, in your diary and come and join us.

On behalf of the WI Committee, and all our Members, we wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Peaceful New Year.

Great Tey WI Committee Member

BOWLS

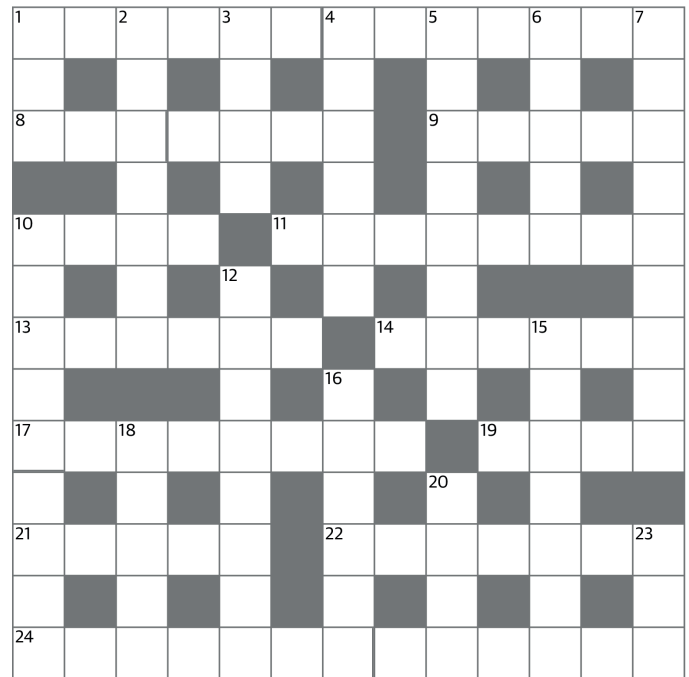
The winter's bowls league has commenced again. The first of 9 sessions took place on the 15th November. There were some outstanding matches and the bowls skills displayed was exceptional especially by 10 year old Freddie Brooks, a new member of the Youth Club team. He had never before played but after some quick tuition by his dad, Alec, he played brilliantly.

WINTER BOWLS LEAGUE TABLE - 12/01/2018

Team	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	For	Against	Points
Hot Shots	6	4	0	2	26	18	12
Pee Bees	6	4	0	2	24	27	12
The Ringers	6	3	1	2	21	21	10
Gt Bowls of Fire	6	3	0	3	26	21	9
Poles Apart	6	2	2	2	30	16	8
Youth Club	6	2	0	4	14	29	6
Guns 'n Roses	6	1	1	4	13	28	4

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Solutions on page 6



Across

- Set of drawers for documents (6,7)
- Toy percussion instrument – mid-turn (anag) (3,4)
- Dwarfs or deadly sins (5)
- (Be in) a huff (4)
- Scouts or guides rally
- Payment for use – antler (anag) (6)
- ly word (6)
- Sameness (8)
- Trick (4)
- Hawaiian hello (5)
- Cutting wood (7)
- Sudden intense excitement (7,6)

Down

- Healthy (3)
- Ointment containing wool fat (7)
- Typical pattern (4)
- Crashing instrument (6)
- Meddler (8)
- On no occasion (5)
- Volatile situation (9)
- Rugby player – March's flu (anag) (5,4)
- Seasoned smoked beef, served in thin slices (8)
- Gradual wearing away (7)
- Disconnect (kettle or toaster?) (6)
- Loop in a rope made with a slip knot (5)
- Food thickening agent obtained from seaweed (4)
- Man (3)

Great Tey Village Hall

www.greatteyvillagehall.co.uk

Post Office:

The Post Office is open twice a week at Great Tey Village Hall.

Opening times:

Tuesday 2.30 pm – 4.30 pm

Friday 1.30 pm – 4.30 pm

Doctors Surgery:

Doctors Surgery is held at Great Tey Village Hall for patients registered with The Pump House Surgery.

Alternate Tuesdays

Pre-booked appointments 9.30 – 10.00 am

Every Friday prescription collection 9.30 – 9.45 am

To book an appointment or register as a new patient, please contact:

The Pump House Surgery, Nonancourt Way, Earls Colne, Colchester CO6 2SW

Telephone: (01787) 222022

GREAT TEY VILLAGE HALL HIRE CHARGES FROM 1st JANUARY 2020

Village Hire Rate per hour

Monday - Friday £13.00

Saturday £13.00 before 6 pm/£19.00 after 6 pm

Sunday £13.00

External Hire Rate per hour

Monday - Friday £19.00

Saturday £19.00 before 6 pm/£25.00 after 6 pm

Sunday £19.00

Village Hire Rate per hour to run a regular class/group

Monday - Saturday £7.40

External Hire Rate per hour to run a regular class/group

Monday - Saturday £8.40

If you are interested in hiring the hall or you would like view the hall, please contact Sally Brooks (Village Hall Manager) on (01206) 210248 or e-mail:

greattey.villagehall@gmail.com

Key holder for village hall notice board:

Please contact: Roger Brewer

At: Purbeck, Chappel Road, Great Tey

Telephone: (01206) 211000

GREAT TEY DROP IN

Unfortunately, due to an unexpected election!!, we can not have our usual Christmas Drop In, in aid of the Colchester Night Shelter. However we will still be in the small hall as usual, but it will just be a normal gathering. As we would still like to send some money to the Night Shelter, for those in greater need, the charge for this month will be £2.00 per person and there will also be a small raffle to aid the funds.

So anyone who is at a loose end and wants to have a chat, a cake and a coffee/tea come and join us and also help those in need.

We will be in the Village Hall from 2-4pm on Thursday 12th December and everyone is welcome.

Also Beryl and I would like to wish everyone Seasons Greetings for Christmas and the New Year.

Norma Tregoning

EYES DOWN - BINGO

There will be NO Bingo Session in December 2019.

The next Session will be held at the Village Hall on Thursday, 23rd January 2020 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. Everyone welcome.

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

Thank you to everyone that has supported us during the Year and hope you have a a merry Xmas. See you all again in the New Year.



Beryl Brewer

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THE CHURCHES OF GREAT & LITTLE TEY

The Rector and Churchwardens extend a warm welcome to everyone at our Christmas services this year and send their best wishes for a blessed and Happy Christmas.

Advent and Christmas Services 2019

Sunday December 1st - Christingle Service at Great Tey Church at 4.00pm

Sunday December 1st - Hymns and Readings for Advent Sunday at Little Tey Church at 6.30pm

Sunday December 8th - Nativity Play and Family Worship at Great Tey Church at 9.30am

Sunday December 8th - Toy Service at Little Tey Church at 9.30am

Sunday 15th December - Christmas Carol Service at Great Tey Church at 6.30pm

Sunday 22nd December - Christmas Carol Service at Little Tey Church at 6.30pm

Christmas Eve, Tuesday 24th December - Midnight Mass at Great Tey Church at 11.00pm

Christmas Day - Parish Communion at Great Tey Church at 9.30am

Christmas Day - Family Worship at Little Tey Church at 9.30 am

Sunday 29th December - United Benefice Sung Eucharist at Great Tey Church at 10.00 am

All other Sunday Worship can be found on the back page of your December Great & Little Tey Church Newsletter or on the parish website at www.greattey.com under Church News - thank you.

Christingle Service

We hope that you can join us for our Christingle Service to begin the season of Advent at Great Tey Church on Sunday 1st December at 4.00 pm. Thank you to Youth Group members who will prepare the Christingles Oranges which will be distributed during the service when we sing Away in a Manger by candle light. This service is for all ages and please do invite your family and friends along.

Nativity Play and Family Worship

Everyone is welcome to the December Family service on Sunday 8th December at St. Barnabas Church, Great Tey at 9.30am. The children and young people will be performing a short Nativity play during the service. Please do invite your family and friends along; everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be served after the service.

Edward Bear

Edward Bear for babies, toddlers and pre-school children and their grown ups will meet on Friday 6th December at 1.15 - 2.15 pm for their Christmas Party when the story is the Nativity. Everyone is asked to bring a small plate of food to share please. We return in the new year on Friday 10th January 2020 2.00 – 3.00 pm.

Mothers' Union

Our next meeting will be our Christmas Party on Thursday 19th December at 2.30 pm at the Rectory, Great Tey. Members enjoyed an Advent themed evening with Bures MU on 28th November at St. Mary's Church, Bures when Advent poems, readings and music was shared and Christmassy refreshments were served afterwards. May we take this opportunity of wishing everyone a blessed and peaceful Christmas and Happy New Year.

Sunday Club

Sunday Club for children will take place during the Parish Communion service on Sunday 22nd December at 9.30 am in the vestry. We enjoy a bible story, activities and arts & crafts on the theme of the story. Sunday Club is for primary school aged children and younger ones are very welcome if accompanied by a parent/carer. Please contact Jane on 01206 211481 for more details.

Thank you.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Shepherds Pie Evening on Saturday 16th November 2019 when £517.00 was raised for the ministry of our churches in the parish. A special thank you to Simon Hall MBE who was our speaker for the evening and to Christine Lucock and Sue Percival, our Catering Directors, who did a magnificent job once again and to everyone who made shepherds pies which were all delicious.



I have booked 40 seats (max.allowed) for Monday 17th February 2020 for the evening performance (7.30pm) at the Haymarket Theatre in London for "Only Fools and Horses". The ticket price is £55.00 and the coach price is £15.00, making a total of £70.00 per person.

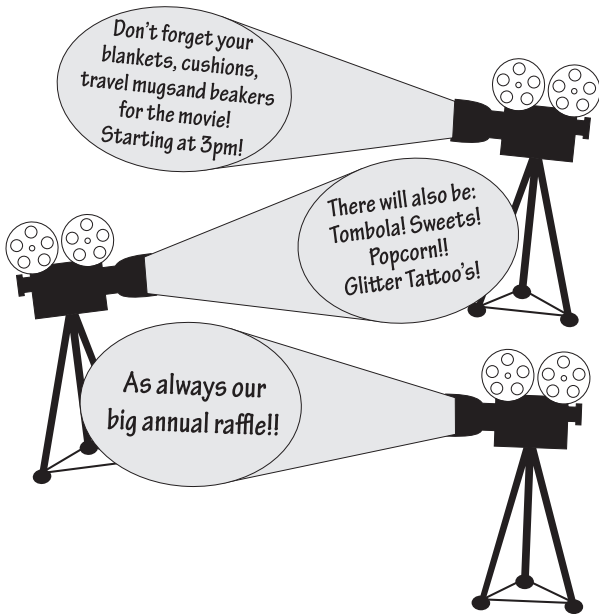
If anyone is interested in going would they please put the exact money (cash or cheque – made out to Norma Tregoning) in an envelope with your name, address and contact number on the front and put it through my letter box – The Old Vicarage, Chappel Road (next door to the Village Hall). Pick up is at the Village Hall at 4pm and normally we are back just after midnight. *Many thanks, Norma Tregoning.*

**GREAT TEY PRE-SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS
MOVIE AFTERNOON**

1st December 2.00pm – 5.00pm
£5 a ticket
includes movie, unlimited drinks and a cake!

Tickets available from pre-school during opening hours
or Great Tey School families can get tickets from
the school reception!

Please purchase tickets before the event



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CAUSE

Infrastructure first

**The NEGC consultation:
"Which concrete would you like us
to use?"**

Two more consultations are being held this autumn,
aiming to prove support for the three unpopular new
towns by the name of North Essex Garden Communities.

Beware!

The first is an 'engagement programme' being run by
NEGC Limited on what people want from the three
Garden Communities. This is a tax-payer funded delivery
company, supposedly separate from the Council plan-
ners but bound at the hip and duplicating much of their
work. Owned by Braintree, Colchester, Tendring and
Essex councils, it is tasked with building three new towns
on 5,631 acres of countryside. Libraries close, bus services
cut, austerity is claimed, yet somehow money has been
found to spend £7.6m on this unaccountable quango by
the end of this year.

The second consultation appears to be about the A12
improvements, but it is actually about a change of route
needed to accommodate another 7000 houses at West
Tey. Four new routes for the A12 have been put forward.
They cut through swathes of countryside near Copford,
Easthorpe and Messing. The existing A12 will stay in
place, 'de-trunked', with the result that within only a few
kilometres of each other there will be two busy roads.
Why? A consultation into the A12 widening has already
been held, in 2017, with far less damaging and costly
'online' routes put forward. The new consultation delays
the A12 upgrade.

In both these consultations you are being asked to
"choose the concrete". You will not be allowed to say NO
to the new towns or to suggest an alternative.

These are not statutory consultations. That was held over
the summer. The Local Plan for these three new towns
has not been found sound yet! It will be examined again
by a planning inspector in January (he has already thrown
the proposals out once).

CAUSE's assessment of the evidence that the authorities
have put forward for examination shows many areas for
concern. Promises of infrastructure first are not being
kept and the north Essex new towns are financially risky
for our councils.

If you would like to know more go to our website www.cause4livingessex.com/about-cause/cause-papers-and-evidence