



ROUND ABOUT

APRIL 2020

GREAT TEY

NEWS, VIEWS AND EVENTS IN & AROUND GT TEY

EDITORIAL

My thanks to the Great Tey Friendship & Bowls Club and Beverly Taylor for their kind donations to the print fund last month. Also to Joe Sanders for his donation in return for placing an ad for his painting and decorating business in this paper and as he lives in Great Tey is hoping for some local work.

As we are all aware these are difficult times, unprecedented in most of our lifetimes and the current government advice regarding social gatherings have meant most of the organisations in our village have had to be suspended and planned events, cancelled or postponed until later in the year (hopefully!). Confirmation of the situations for the various activities involved are listed on page 2 of this paper.

Sadly, it has become only too clear that certain elements of our society are totally selfish by their panic buying and clearing the shelves of our shops and supermarkets, making it even more difficult for others to get by. However, these trying situations also bring out the kindness in a community such as ours where people go out of their way to help and some examples of this are also mentioned inside these pages.

With the suspension of many of our clubs, groups and planned events, which could well result in fewer articles to publish we may have to consider reducing the number of pages of this paper or even halting printing and only presenting it on the village web site, so I must ask you to keep sending in any articles/news that will help keep our readers up-to-date with what is happening in and around our village. Of course we may have to suspend the paper in any case if the printing company has to temporarily close, but that is out of our hands.

Keep safe, keep your distance and let's get Great Tey through all this. *Ed*

COLLECTION OF MEDICATION AT VILLAGE HALL

Parishioners have advised us that they have received a note from the doctors' dispensary saying that medication that has been ordered from them for collection at Great Tey will still be available to be picked up on Fridays at the usual time from 9.30am until 9.45am at the Village Hall.

There will not be a delivery on Friday 10th April so please ensure that you order any medication you require to cover this period by Tuesday 31 March for delivery by Friday 3rd April.

In addition there will not be a delivery on Friday 8th May, so please ensure that you order any medication to cover this period by Tuesday 28th April for delivery on Friday 1st May.

These changes are due to bank holidays, the next delivery after each of these dates will be on Friday 17th April and Friday 15th May respectively.

Any queries please call the dispensary on 01787 223408.

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GREAT TEY COMMUNITY GROUP



Hello

Following recent government advice regarding social distancing, if you are self-isolating or unable to get out, we can help with

- Picking up shopping
- Delivering Mail
- A friendly phone call
- Urgent supplies
- Prescriptions

Just give us a call and we will do our best to help you:

Sarah Barron 07723 010347	Marian Hamer 07532 345988
Nicki Bolton 07775 557573	Jane Richardson 01206 211481
Will Brown 07484 119436	Jane Partridge 07810 566328
John Carr 01206 211039	Beverley Taylor 07593 624480
Ian Ellis 07711 732708	Antony Watson 07785 777830
Simon Hall 07802 835745	Paul White 01206 213586

Also remember that members of the **Community Outreach** group are always on the end of a phone.

Sainsburys offer a telephone ordering service; the phone number is 0800 9178557 (option 1). You pay for the order over the phone and then they deliver for just £2.95.

If anyone else would like to offer help and support please contact Marian Hamer at marianhamer@btopenworld.com

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The parish council meeting that is due to be held on 14th April has been cancelled due to the Coronavirus pandemic. You can continue to contact a parish councillor or clerk to the parish council. The contact details are on the web site www.greattey.com and on the notice board at the top of The Chase.

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THE GREAT TEY FRIENDSHIP/ BOWLS CLUB

Well I guess you'll be aware that as a "Seniors" club we are all in the danger zone! so meetings are out of the question. Still, we'll all keep in touch and hope that this awful virus passes soon, and with a minimum of impact on the village and it's environs. We're very lucky here to have such a caring community, with people prepared to go out of their way to help others in need. And with the Round and About keeping us in contact with village life I'm sure the "social distancing" we need to keep won't stop us from knowing about life in Great Tey!

Wishing you all well, from all at the club.

EYES DOWN - BINGO

Following the Government's advice concerning Coronavirus we believe it is appropriate to cancel Bingo until further notice.

Please stay safe and we look forward to when we can all meet up again

Beryl Brewer

LITTER PICK

Colchester Borough Council have advised that the Great British Spring Clean has been postponed until September. Therefore the Litter Pick on Saturday 4th April has been cancelled. A new date will be organised for September.

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SUSPENSION OF RECYCLING COLLECTIONS

Colchester Borough Council have advised that due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the collection of all recycling waste has been suspended.

Food waste and black sack collections will continue on the same basis, which is food collections weekly and black sack collections fortnightly.

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SCOUTS

Please note that all Scout Group activities are unfortunately suspended until further notice.

RETIREMENT PARTY

We regret that due to the Coronavirus pandemic restrictions affecting social gatherings the planned retirement party for John and Jane Richardson at Walcotts Hall, Great Tey, on Bank Holiday Monday 25th May 2020 has had to be postponed. Details of the new date for the party will be published in due course.

COMMUNITY SPIRIT

With all the news bulletins showing selfish people stockpiling food and cleaning materials it is cheering to hear that the goodwill and community spirit is still very much evident in Great Tey.

There have been two leaflets dropped through our letterboxes of people willing to offer help with shopping, picking up prescriptions, etc., to the aged and vulnerable. We have the long established Community Outreach volunteer group featured in last month's paper who also offer the same assistance.

News has also come in that neighbours are getting together and helping each other and one instance of this was an email to the paper from Barry and Marlene Creak wanting to say a big thank you to their neighbours, Phil and Chris Hunt who went shopping for them and cooked them a splendid meal upon their return from a lockdown situation in Lanzarote recently.

We've also seen the trailer organised by Ros and Sarah Barron touring our village and surrounding areas selling fresh fruit and vegetables – a great response to the trials of empty supermarket shelves.

GREAT TEY WI

Cancelled until further notice.

DROP-IN

Cancelled until further notice.

BOTTLE STALL

I am not going to be putting the box outside my house for donated bottles because the Village Weekend (June) has been cancelled and the Church Fete (July) is in doubt.

If things improve and events are allowed then hopefully I can call on the generosity of the folk of Great/Little Tey to donate bottles again. *Many Thanks, Norma Tregoning.*

THE CHURCHES OF GREAT & LITTLE TEY

From the Rector.

Our usual pattern of church services has taken a big hit as a result of the Corona Virus. Our Bishop has ordered all churches to be closed and locked for the foreseeable future to prevent even small gatherings of people risking infection.

This is obviously a great sadness to us as Easter services will have to be cancelled and other services like christenings and weddings rearranged.

The VE day service on Friday, 8th May will not now go ahead I am sorry to say. Likewise our social events and activities in April will also sadly be cancelled. Communication between us all is vital and we will do our best to let you know when normal church services resume. But we are all in for a long period of fighting this disease before normal daily life is restored once more.

I would like to say a big thank you to those in our churches at both Great and Little Tey who have been so supportive at this difficult time. We will keep in contact by telephone, email and social media and send out links to prayers, bible readings and access to church services online on a regular basis.

Let us all look after ourselves and our neighbours and together we will come through this very testing time.

With prayers and best wishes,

Rev. John Richardson, Rector of Great & Little Tey.

REQUEST FOR SUPPORT

Becca Frances of Windmills, Great Tey, is off to support disadvantaged girls and young women in Rwanda and needs your support.

In July 2020 I am retiring after 38 years of teaching in Special Education. So in order to give something back I am going to Rwanda to help build a school and help with education especially for girls and young women. I am going with a group of women who all work in Education and we are working for Action Aid.

Rwanda suffered huge atrocities in the late 1980's and 1990's and hundreds of thousands of innocent people were killed in the mass genocide of 1994. So to be able to help the children to learn and develop as they rebuild for a brighter future is a massive privilege.

I am raising funds for materials and resources to help the project, so if you would be kind enough to make a donation please visit my just giving page at

https://www.justgiving.com/Rebecca-Frances?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraisingpage&utm_content=Rebecca-Frances&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=5xmnVw4Qr.

JustGiving sends your donation straight to ActionAid so that they can put your generosity to good use! Thank you for your support!

Many thanks , Becca Frances

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SOFA LOOKING FOR A NEW HOME

I am 4 years old and mid-dark blue.

New owner to collect from village centre.

A donation to charity welcome

Please call 07709288837



WINTER BOWLS LEAGUE TABLE – 28/02/20

The bowls has now finished after another action packed season. The league winners are The Pee Bees. They played consistently well throughout and were worthy winners. The singles champion is Frank Britt who overcame Peter Wakeling 5-3 in the final and the plate competition was won by Mike Holliday beating Nick Hamer 7-2 in the final. Another season is over which was enjoyed by all those who took part.

Once again, big thanks to the Friendship/Bowls club for the use of their equipment. It is very much appreciated

Team	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	For	Against	Points
Pee Bees	48	32	3	13	234	164	99
Hot Shots	48	26	5	17	213	160	83
Gt Bowls of Fire	48	24	3	21	196	177	75
Youth Club	48	21	3	24	168	176	66
Poles Apart	48	19	8	21	195	177	65
The Ringers	48	18	6	24	159	178	60
Guns 'n Roses	48	12	6	30	139	200	42

GREAT TEY FOOTPATH WALKING GROUP

February & March - In February our Snowdrop walk was postponed due to Storm Dennis, but managed to re-schedule a week later and was it worth it, there was an abundance of these little beauties. Thanks also must go to Ann Bartleet who joined the walk and gave us a short talk on all the different varieties there were, particularly around her home where she had planted literally thousands of them. In March there was good and bad news! We decided to postpone the AGM for the time being until later in the year after the CoronaVirus has settled down, but managed just about to organise our annual Lambing walk mid month. However this year the lambs are due late March/early April, so missed them this time around, but enjoyed the walk down to Bacons Farm nonetheless.



April and Ongoing - You won't be surprised to learn that our future guided walks have had to be postponed for the time being, particularly and mainly because all of our walks leaders are of an age for Social Distancing (confined to home) but that doesn't mean walking on footpaths stops, the paths are still open and need walking on regularly. Most are clearly marked and easy to find. Do try and walk them as often as possible and you will be surprised just how stunning the countryside is Round & About Great Tey.

For more information about any of our guided walks, please contact the following:-

Peter Wakeling 01206 211887
Email: peteanddil@hotmail.com

Jane Pearson 01206 210855
Email: drjanepearson@gmail.com

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

Please note copy deadline for the **May** issue will be

Wednesday 22nd April 2020

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

edwardsdj44@gmail.com

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GREAT TEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL MEMORIES

It is interesting to record school histories and appreciate what can be achieved by pupils who attend small Primary Schools. This is some of our recollections and memories.

The Brewer family moved to Great Tey in December 1976 from Sutton Coldfield. Jon and Nic initially attended the 'old' school at the junction of Chappel Road and Moor Road. They were 6 and 8 years old. The new school opened in 1977. There were three classes which operated on a 2 year tier system. The numbers gradually increased as more new houses and bungalows were sold and became occupied.

Mr K. Thacker, the Headmaster, took the seniors, Mrs Locke the juniors and Mrs S Scott the infants. The Secretary was Mrs Wall, who lived in the Village, and was also a swimming instructor and taught many of the children to swim. When she moved to Chappel she would catch the early morning bus down to the Village and a school bus home.

Mrs Coffin was the supply teacher and she started a 'bird club' after school. Mrs Albarn of Aldham attended the school occasionally and undertook art work projects (her son, Damon, became the front singer for the famous group Blur).

Mothers helped on a regular basis with reading and needlework. Fathers gave up their time at weekends to dig out the footings for a school swimming pool. When the pool was finished a summer fete was held to celebrate. The pool was available during the summer holidays staffed by volunteer mothers on a rota basis.

The dinner ladies were Mrs Cherry and Mrs Peterson who both had children at the school. I believe Mrs King was the cook. The cleaner was Mrs Eady. The Estate was still being built when the School first opened and the boys had to wear wellies to school and change at the gates – woe betide anybody trailing mud into Mrs Eady's newly cleaned floors!

Nic attended Honeywood School and when he left was accepted onto a Police Vocational Course at Chelmsford College, becoming a Police Cadet and voted 'Cadet of the Year'. When he passed out at Ashford Police Training College he was appointed the youngest Police Constable in Essex and was assigned to Harlow Police – during his Police career he was awarded a 'Bravery' commendation.

When Jon attended Great Tey School the PTA bought some P.E. mats and engaged a coach to form a school Gym Club. The coach believed Jon showed promise, but there was no boys club at that time in Colchester so he joined a girls club, subsequently joining a new boy's club that was formed at Stanway School.

Jon also attended Honeywood School and continued his gymnastics. He was asked to join the Harlow Gym Club which at that time was the leading club in the country. He was coached by Mitch Fenner (who became a B.B.C. gymnastic commentator and who sadly passed away in 2016). No funding in those days and Mum became a Taxi driver 5 days a week to take Jon training at Harlow. Dad did Saturdays. Despite sustaining a broken arm in training, which had to be plated, Jon became the Junior British Rings Champion.

Beryl Brewer 2020