

EDITORIAL

My thanks to Matt Donovan for his donation to the print fund in return for advertising his cleaning business last month, I hope he was able to get some work through it.

I hope there will be a good response to the school's funding plea for a new library – see page 6. With all the controversy surrounding the planned closure of our public libraries, it is paramount we keep libraries in schools.

As you can see in the column alongside the organisers need old crockery for their stall at this year's Village Weekend. There is a poster on page 7 for the weekend's planned activities, including an exciting competition to create your own scarecrow. More details about this will appear in the coming month's papers, but the idea is to build a scarecrow, based on a famous person of your choice and display it in your garden for judging. The best attempt will win a star prize!

And finally get your tickets for the Dooby Dan Concert – see back page. These guys have entertained us each year with their ELO tribute gigs, but this year they're giving us something different. Ed

GREAT TEY VILLAGE WEEKEND IS COMING 5th, 6th, 7th JUNE 2020 CHINA APPEAL

The village fayre/fete is taking place and we're bringing back the PLATE SMASHING STALL, but we need loads of plates, cups, mugs, pottery to throw at (no glass, sorry!!) If you're clearing out your cupboards, shed, garage, house, anything, then we would love to hear from you so that we have plenty of objects to SMASH.

Call: Peter Wakeling 01206 21188 Email: peteanddil@hotmail.com if you have anything we can use, thank you.



PARISH LITTER PICK 4th APRIL

The parish council is organising the annual litter pick in the parish, and asks parishioners to volunteer their services on Saturday 4th April.



We will meet at the Village Hall at 9 am and you will

be provided with the necessary equipment apart from gloves. Refreshments will be provided for the pickers afterwards.

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 March 2020 at 7.30 pm

- 1. Apologies For Absence
- 2. Declaration Of Interests
- 3. Confirmation Of Minutes Of The Parish Council Meeting of 11th February 2020
- 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.
- Neighbourhood Plan To receive an update from the committee
- 8. Planning Matters
 - (a) Applications received None at present

(b) Applications approved by Colchester Borough Council – None at present

(c) Any other planning matters

9. Financial Matters

(a) Cheques for payment:

D Williams-clerk salary £389.13 + expenses

HM Revenue & Customs - PAYE for clerk salary £97.20 Anglian Water Business Ltd (National) – allotments water £ 13.48

Navigus Planning Ltd – neighbourhood plan consultancy support £ 360.00 VAT £ 60.00

(b) To receive the financial report

(c) To consider the appointment of the internal auditor

10. Harold Fairs Recreation Ground

(a) To consider any management matters(b) To receive an update on the hedge between the Recreation Ground and the rear of the Greenfield Drive and Chrismund Way properties and consider any action required.

- 11. Handyman To receive a report on outstanding jobs and consider any action required.
- 12. Tree Works To consider the quotations received for works required following the tree survey
- 13. Highways To consider any management matters
- 14. Village Hall To consider any management matters
- 15. Old Playing Field To consider any management matters
- 16. Allotments To consider any management matters
- 17. Emergency Plan To receive an update regarding completion of a new plan
- 18. Correspondence not dealt with elsewhere
- 19. Other Business for Discussion

Date and Time of Next Meeting 14th April 2020 at 7.30pm Close of meeting

Signed:-

 $\mathcal{D} \mathcal{K} \mathcal{W}$ illíams 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

RETIREMENT PARTY

We do hope that you will be able to come to John and Jane Richardson's Retirement Party to be held at Walcotts Hall, Great Tey, CO6 1AH on Bank Holiday Monday 25th May 2020 at 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm (an invitation is enclosed with this issue of R&A). Simon Hall is very kindly letting us use the marquee which he will have up at that time.

John came to our Villages in May 1980, getting married to Jane a few years later. They have both given the most wonderful service to our Community and it is fair to say that many of us, have been helped through some of the key events in our lives by John and Jane. They have given us the very best of themselves and have earned, what we all hope will be a long and happy retirement.

We will be making a door-to-door collection in Great and Little Tey in March/April for a farewell gift. If you would like to send a donation in the meantime to Chris Percival, 260 Coggeshall Road, Little Tey, Colchester CO6 1HT with cheques made payable to Great Tey Golden Jubilee Fund, we will most grateful.

For catering purposes, Sue Percival will be very pleased if you can let her know if you are aiming to come to the Party by Friday 15th May.

RSVP Email: chrisp14@btinternet.com

THE MUSICAL '9-5'

This is a reminder to everyone who is going on the coach

to see the show on Wednesday 11th March, 2020. Please be at the Village Hall no later than 9.45am so your names can be checked off the list and the tickets can be distributed before the coach arrives at 10am.



For everyone who is having the meal before

the show, we have been booked for 12.45pm at the Strand

Palace Hotel. Please remember what you ordered!! There should be plenty of time to eat and enjoy the lunch and dessert before the show as the theatre is just across the road. *Norma Tregoning*

GREAT TEY FOOTPATH WALKING GROUP

February - At time of going to press we had not completed the 'Snowdrop Walk' thanks to Storm Dennis postponing things, but will report on that next month



Saturday March 14th & Sunday March 15th - Two

events this month, firstly our AGM & Social Evening is on Saturday 14th March 2020. 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 wine & food. Please confirm your attendance by email/phone beforehand, see contact details below. Then on Sunday March 15th we have another local walk, this time the emphasis is on 'Lambing' so it will be centred around one of our local sheep farms. We meet in the Village Hall car park at 2.30pm. Whilst this is a family walk and anyone is welcome to join us, regrettably as it is across fields, prams or pushchairs are ill advised.

Sunday April 19th - Coming up, an awayday to Orford, Suffolk and Orford Castle. This is a 4 mile circular walk in and around this beautiful riverside village set on the River Alde and close to the North Sea. Cars leave Great Tey Village Hall sharp at 9.00am.

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**

Granny's Room

When you stepped from the garden path into granny's living room, you got a lovely warm, safe feeling as she folded you into her arms. Her old grey shawl, many times darned, had a faint smell of lavender and liniment that she rubbed into her old bones.

In the middle of the room, from the low-beamed ceiling hung a big blue glass shade covering the gas mantle. It hung over the large sagging table like the harvest moon, casting shadows in the corners where the light didn't quite reach. In the shadows between the rough worn beams, hung seven 'waggity' wall clocks. Each clock ticking away, as if in a hurry to see which one would reach the hour first. If I remember rightly none of them told the right time. Over the fire, the kettle, always on the boil sent out great angry puffs of steam. The boiling water would splash out over the coals, sending a film of ash over everything. Even the two old high backed chairs with their pretty flowered cushions didn't miss their share of ash, leaving yet another layer on the thick nobbly legs. Pictures hung wherever there was a space between the dark uneven beams. One wall housed a very large picture of Grace Darling battling against raging seas. You could almost hear the crashing waves and wind as it rattled around in its great gilt frame. I really loved this picture. It made me feel safe. One beam went from ceiling to floor and was the resting place for many strange objects. There were tiny chicken eggs that had been blown and hung on red ribbons, old paper flags on rusty pins, poppies, broken clay pipes and odd shaped dried vegetables. These all made good talking points for us children. Added to the smell of boiled cabbage and bread pudding would be the tang of smoke as it belched out into the room, when the door banged shut. The two dogs sitting on the hearth, drying out after their walk, gave out a musty smell mingling together with the other smells that made up Granny's room.

This was a room I learnt to love. It held so many wonderful memories. I still have a clear vision of the room when I smell certain smells.

Kindly sent in by June Mackay, which she wrote when she was at school, receiving an 'A'. In a covering note she said ... "This story has many memories. It may bring back some old times for older people".

WINTER BOWLS LEAGUE TABLE- 14/02/20

There is one more league evening to play, but after 48 games, The Pee Bees have a commanding lead and are unassailable. Jack and Louise Perfect Brown have been consistently good whilst the rest have been consistently not so good! They can start preparing for their victory bus ride around the village!!

The last league night is on the 28th Feb and then on the 13th March is the Singles competition.

Team	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	For	Against	Points
Pee Bees	42	29	3	10	217	123	90
Hot Shots	42	23	3	16	179	140	72
Gt Bowls of Fir	e 42	22	3	17	173	153	69
Poles Apart	42	17	7	18	173	154	58
Youth Club	42	18	2	22	146	191	56
The Ringers	42	14	6	22	132	161	48
Guns 'n Roses	42	10	6	26	113	179	36

GREAT TEY DROP IN

Once again last month we had several new people who came and joined in many of the different games that were available. There were also people who just wanted to have a chat, which is fine - we cater for everyone. We also have our resident IT Consultant, Michael, who is here each month to help with all your computer problems, plus of course home made cakes, tea and coffee and all for £1.00

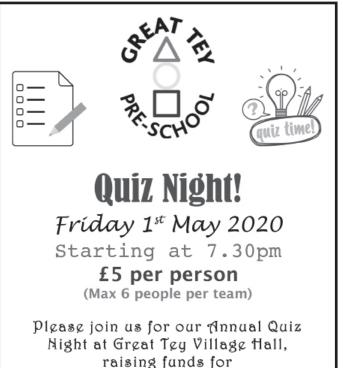
We meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month, and this month it will be on Thursday 12th March from 2.00pm – 4.00pm in the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome.

Please note we are no longer a pick-up point for all the recycling items. The nearest "Supply Station" is Stanway Library which is open for collection, with printed number form, on Monday 9.00am – 1.00pm, Tuesday 1.00 – 5.00pm, Thursday 1.00 – 5.00pm and Saturday 9.00am – 1.00pm. Norma Tregoning

WHAT'S ON AT GREAT TEY VILLAGE HALL

Chappel Road, Great Tey CO6 1JQ www.greatteyvillagehall.co.uk

Day	Club/Event	Contact				
Monday						
9.00am – 2.45pm	Great Tey Pre-School / lunch club (term time only)	Truly / Letitia 07712967081 greatteypreschool@hotmail.com				
4.45pm – 6.0 pm	Rainbows (age 5 – 7 years)	www.girlguiding.org.uk				
5.30pm – 7.00pm	Brownies (age 7 – 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ years)	www.girlguiding.org.uk				
8.00pm – 9.00pm	Keep-Fit	Loretta Chumbley (01787) 478426				
Tuesday						
9.00am – 2.30pm	Great Tey Pre-School/lunch club (term time only)	Truly / Letitia 07712967081 greatteypreschool@hotmail.com				
7.30pm onwards	Women's Institute (WI) (1st Tuesday of the month)	Jane Richardson (01206) 211481				
7.30pm onwards	Parish Council (2nd Tuesday of the month)	David Williams (01787) 22489 greatteyparishcouncil@outlook.com				
Wednesday						
9.00am – 1.00pm	Great Tey Pre-School/lunch club (term time only)	Truly / Letitia 07712967081 greatteypreschool@hotmail.com				
10.00am — 11.45am	Toddler Group	Truly / Letitia 07712967081 greatteypreschool@hotmail.com				
1.45 pm – 4.30 pm	Friendship/Bowls Club (alternate Wednesdays)	Andrea Harris (01206) 803541 andrea.paulp@gmail.com				
5.30pm – 6.30pm	Beavers (age 6 – 8 years)	Jo Ashworth (Secretary) jo-ashworth@hotmail.co.uk				
6.30pm – 8.00pm	Cubs (age 8 – 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ years)	Jo Ashworth (Secretary) jo-ashworth@hotmail.co.uk				
	1st Great Tey Scouts are temporarily meeting at St Andrews Church Hall, Marks Tey on a Thursday from 7.45 pm – 9 pm					
Thursday						
9.00am – 2.45pm	Great Tey Pre-School/lunch club (term time only)	Truly / Leitia 07712967081 greatteypreschool@hotmail.com				
2.00pm – 4.00pm	Drop-in for tea & chat (2nd Thursday of each month)	Norma Tregoning (01206) 210417				
2.00pm – 4.00pm	Community Warden/Bingo (4th Thursday in month)	Norma Tregoning (01206) 210417				
7.30pm – 8.30pm	PiYo (Pilates and Yoga) Flexibility, Stability & Strength	Rebecca Johnson 07590527573 (booking essential - 12 places)				
Friday						
9.00am – 1.30pm	Great Tey Pre-School/lunch club (term time only)	Truly / Leitia 07712967081 greatteypreschool@hotmail.com				
2.30pm – 5.30pm	"The Swing Express Big Band" band practice	Mr Simpson (01787) 222628				
7.30pm – 9.30pm	Youth Activity Club (age 11 - 17 years, alternate Fridays)	Alec Brooks (01206) 210248 alecbrooks@btinternet.com				
	Catchment area: Great/Little Tey, Chappel & Wakes	Colne				
7.30pm – 10.30pm	Winter Bowls (November to March - alternate Fridays)	Mike Holliday (01206) 210709 mikeaholliday@gmail.com				
Saturday						
9.00 – 10.30am	Karate	John Webb 07769720068 successmaker123@gmail.com				
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Great Tey Pre-school.

THE GREAT TEY FRIENDSHIP/ BOWLS CLUB

There are Easter eggs in the shops already – doesn't seem like 5 minutes since Christmas! Still, if Easter is round the corner it must mean Spring is on the way.



Let's hope so – some sunshine wouldn't go amiss I think!! Not that the weather makes any difference to our little club – as we meet in the village hall, we're always under cover, so we can play come rain or shine!

Our dates for March are Wednesday the 4th and 18th, with lunch at the Chequers on the 11th. If you'd like any more info on the club and it's "doings" do call Jim on 01206 210838.

EYES DOWN - BINGO

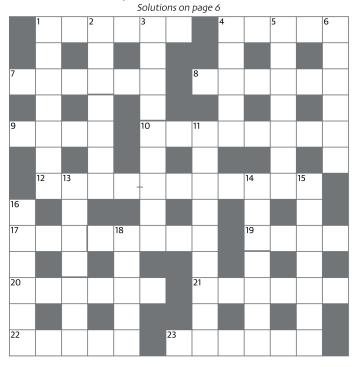
The next Bingo Session will be held at the Village Hall on Thursday, 26th March 2020 between 2.00 pm and 4.00 pm.

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.

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



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Across

- 1. Beer and lemonade (6)
- 4. Punctuation mark (5)
- 7. Present (6)
- 8. Something believed to cure all (6)
- 9. Blackthorn fruit (4)
- 10. Punch the chin, from below (8)
- 12. Spreading of pesticide, from above (4-7)
- 17. Social gathering (for Bostonians?) (3,5)
- 19. Like an omelette? (4)
- 20. Delayed postponed (2,4)
- 21. Artist's output (6)
- 22. Number etched by a skater (5)
- 23. Scattered (6)

Down

- 1. Thin varnish used to finish wood (7)
- 2. Redcoat (anag) inter-war design style (3,4)
- 3. In Australia? (4,5)
- 4. Give birth (to an iceberg?) (5)
- 5. From Guadalajara or Acapulco? (7)
- 6. Put bubbles into (6)
- 11. Go gingerly (around) (9)
- 13. Inconsiderate driver (4,3)
- 14. Frozen shape in a drink (3,4)
- 15. Cosmonaut Yuri (7)
- 16. Flashing light (6)
- 18. Assign (5)

Beryl Brewer

Due to our growing pupil numbers (38 five years ago, now up to 75) we are getting a bit squashed and have no room for a library. The old **PRIMARY SCHOOL**



demountable classroom (see picture) is unusable as it is falling down! We have set up a fundraising page at https://www.gofundme.com/manage/great-teyprimary-school-needs-a-library and would hugely appreciate any community support.

Lucy Overton, Headteacher



BRCWNING

SPRING/SUMMER WORK AVAILABLE

We run a wedding/glamping and events business from our family farm in Great Tey. More information can be found on our website - www.browningbros.co.uk - but in a nutshell we host a range of events including weddings and corporate functions, school bushcraft trips, birthday and hen parties, etc. All our events have a glamping theme and we provide tented accommodation with proper beds and full bedding. Whilst hosting events from the farm we do also take our tents elsewhere and provide glamping villages at other venues in East Anglia and sometimes further afield. Our season runs from April - October with the busiest months being June/July/August/September.

We are looking for students who have an interest in events and the outdoors and keen for some part-time paid work. Jobs include: Erecting and dismantling bell tents Making beds . Cleaning tents . Cleaning loos and showers Bar work on event day . Hot tub maintenance General landscaping - mowing/strimming

If you are interested please email Nat @ info@browningbros.co.uk

BOTTLE STALL

This may seem a bit early to mention the Bottle Stall, but this year there are two Village Fetes, and hopefully we should have enough bottles for both. If we do manage to have plenty of bottles and it will all be down to the generosity of the people of Great and Little Tey.

As usual I will have a box outside my house – The Old Vicarage, Chappel Road, (next door to the Village Hall) and hopefully people will donate bottles for the Stall at both Fetes. Any sort of bottle will do, from water to wine, from Brandy to bleach, from Shampoo to Shiraz. Big, small, medium, enormous or tiddly, all sort of bottles are wanted to make a fun game for young and old.

The box will be outside my house from the beginning of the month right up until the Fete Days, so please give generously for a good cause.

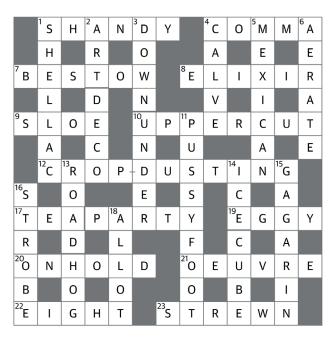
Norma Tregoning

DOCTOR'S SURGERY HELD AT GREAT TEY VILLAGE HALL

The doctor's surgery is held on alternate Tuesday mornings at Great Tey Village Hall. For the most up-date information 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

Sunday Worship in March 2020

Sunday 1st March, Parish Communion at 9.30am at Great Tey Church

Sunday 8th March, Family Worship at 9.30 am at Great Tey Church

Sunday 15th March, Holy Communion (BCP) at 9.30am at Little Tey Church

Sunday 22nd March, Family Service for Mothering Sunday at Great Tey Church

Sunday 22nd March, Evensong (BCP) at 6.30pm at Little Tey Church

Sunday 29th March, United Benefice Sung Eucharist at 10.00 am at Chappel Church

Lent Evening Services

Each Wednesday in Lent there will be a Lent Evening Service at Little Tey Church at 7.30pm. These will take place on Wednesday 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th March and Wednesday 1st April. All welcome.

School Service

On Friday 3rd April there will be a Great Tey Primary School Service at Great Tey Church at 11.00am. All welcome.

Mothering Sunday Service

Our Mothering Sunday Service will take place on Sunday 22nd March at 9.30am at Great Tey Church when flowers will be distributed by the children to their mothers 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 that you can join us. Refreshments will be served by the Brownies after the service. All welcome.

Jumbo – The Story of Colchester's famous Water Tower

We hope that you can join us for an illustrated talk by Peter Jones at Little Tey Church on Friday 24th April 7.00 for 7.30pm. Admission is £5.00 each and this includes refreshments. Tickets are available from Mrs, Freda King, Mrs Pauline Mattin and Mrs Jane Richardson and members of the Church Social Committee.

Sunday Club

Our Sunday Club this month will join in the Family Worship Mothering Sunday Service at Great Tey Church at 9.30am on 22nd March. Our next Sunday Club will take place on Sunday 26th April at 9.30am in the vestry at Great Tey Church.

Mothers' Union

The next Mothers' Union meeting will take place on Thursday 19th March at 2.30pm at the Rectory, Great Tey when we will be considering the MU theme of the year: Building Hope and Confidence.On Thursday 16th April our speaker will be Dr. Jane Pearson. For more details please contact Jane Richardson on 01206 211481

Songs of Praise

The Mothers' Union invites everyone to the annual Songs of Praise service on Thursday, 21st May at Great Tey Church at 2.30pm when our preacher will be Rev. John Richardson.

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 Diocesan Project. All welcome.

Social Events Calendar 2020 – Dates for your Diary

Friday 24th April, Peter Jones talk on the Jumbo Water Tower at Little Tey Church 7.00 for 7.30 pm.

Saturday 4th July, Church Summer Fete at Walcotts Hall by kind invitation of Simon Hall, MBE.

Thursday 6th August, Coggeshall Market Stall from 8.00am.

Sunday 6th September, Music Afternoon with afternoon tea at 3.00pm.

Saturday 3rd October, Coffee Morning for Little Havens Children's Hospice at Jesmond, Little Tey from 10.30am. Saturday 10th October, Harvest Supper at 7.00pm at Great Tey Village Hall.

Saturday 21st November, Quiz Night at Great Tey Village Hall.



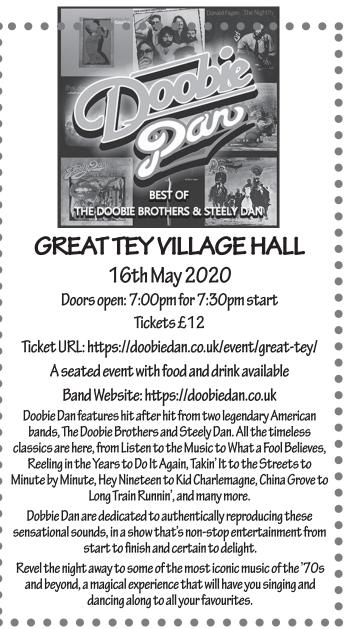


Wednesday 22nd March 2020

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edwardsdj44@gmail.com

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GREAT TEY WI

Last month we had an interesting and amusing talk from our very own John Richardson on his year as Chaplain to the Mayor of Colchester.

This month is something similar, but hopefully very different as we a have a talk on " the fun side of being a magistrate". As usual we meet on the first Tuesday in the month and this month it will be on Tuesday 3rd March in the Village Hall with a 7.30pm start. All ladies are welcome to join us.

Also last month we had our Annual Soup Lunch in the Village Hall. This is a very popular event now, and as previously was very well attended. The Committee would like to thank everyone that came and everyone who donated to the raffle, plus also all the donations that went towards the soups and puddings. A big vote of thanks to Jodie, Jamie and Samantha, who are not WI but gave up their day to help, but most of all a big thank you to our President Christine Lucock for all the work that she puts into the day to make it such a success.

Great Tey WI Committee Member