

# ROUNDABOUT

APRIL 2021

## GREAT TEY

NEWS, VIEWS AND EVENTS IN & AROUND GT TEY

### EDITORIAL

Things are looking up – another month, another printed paper, encouragingly with news about village life as well as important Parish Council information and a crossword to solve!

Many thanks to Great Tey Parish Council for showing its continued support for this newspaper with a kind donation to the print fund. to let everyone know. *Ed*

### THE GREAT TEY FRIENDSHIP/ BOWLS CLUB.

Hi everyone - just a note to tell you all we're still alive and kicking, if not bowling! We'll be back together the minute we're allowed to be, starting we think with a bit of a party ... chances are we'll still be socially distancing, which means bowling would be difficult. But there'll be loads to catch up on I'm sure, so the opportunity for a good old "chin-wag" will do for starters!



There'll be no annual subs for existing members to pay this time as we had little chance to make use of the facilities last year. Hopefully that will change in the coming year.

Dates for the first meetings are obviously yet to be arranged, but watch this space! We'll be getting together as soon as poss. As ever, for information about the club please contact Jim on 01206 210838.

Please note copy deadline for the **May** issue (if sufficient news is forthcoming) will be:

**Wednesday 21st April 2021**

**PLEASE** send all copy **BEFORE** noon on this day to the editor, David Edwards at **edwardsdj44@gmail.com**

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### SNOWDROPS

Over the last few weeks I have been asked about the snowdrops that have been flowering merrily along footpaths close to the parish boundary between us – Great Tey and Coggeshall. Well, I'm the dotty old lady to be seen at this time of year looking a bit like one of the seven dwarfs, spade over shoulder, planting something along the verges!



It all started 50+ years ago when we first moved into Bucklers

Farmhouse. There was no garden to speak of, but in spring up popped snowdrops, usually in the wrong place just where I wanted other things. So I slung out the snowdrops and sort of planted them in the verge opposite the house. I wish now I had been a bit more organised as there could have been these delightful harbingers of spring all over the parish by now! However, better late than never, I have been planting them further afield in recent years.

I had intended to have a planting fest in the middle of the village last year and invite anyone to come and help plant the bulbs ready to sit back and wait for them to cheer up a gloomy winter the following year. However, we all know what happened last spring and this. Luckily, there is always another year!

Now is the time to divide up clumps you may have in your garden and replant them to increase your stock. Even if you don't want to spread them any further in your own garden, why not do this ready to have spare clumps to plant in the village next year? I can promise an entertaining couple of hours, fresh air and a slice of snowdrop cake for all who join in. *Ann Bartleet*

# 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 remotely by Zoom on Tuesday 13th April 2021 at 7.30 pm. To attend the meeting use the link:- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85203072222> Meeting ID: 852 0307 2222

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Declaration of Interests
3. Confirmation of Minutes Of The Parish Council Meeting of 9th March 2021
4. Matters arising from the minutes not dealt with elsewhere.

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.

5. Report from Essex County Councillor
6. Report from Colchester Borough Councillor
7. Neighbourhood Plan – To receive an update from the committee
8. Planning Matters

### (a) Applications received

210658 - Smythers Farm, Earls Colne Road - Retrospective application for the construction of timber-framed greenhouse within the lower section of the private garden. Additionally planning consent sought for roof-mounted solar panels on the modern garages north of primary courtyard buildings

### (b) Applications approved by Colchester Borough Council

210319 - Kalina, Brook Road - Proposed garage conversion and front porch – approved subject to three conditions.

### (c) Any other planning matters

### 9. Financial Matters

#### (a) Cheques for payment

101873 D Williams-clerk salary £499.83 less PAYE £99.80 £ 400.03  
101874 HM Revenue & Customs - PAYE for clerk £99.80

#### (b) To receive the financial report

10. Harold Fairs Recreation Ground – To consider any management matters
11. Handyman – To receive a report on outstanding jobs.
12. Village Hall – To consider any management matters.
13. Highways – To consider any management matters
14. Old Playing Field – To consider any management matters
15. Allotments – To consider any management matters
16. Annual Parish Meeting – to consider agenda and any arrangements
17. Correspondence not dealt with elsewhere.
18. Other Business for Discussion

Date and Time of Next Meeting 11th May 2021 at 7.30pm

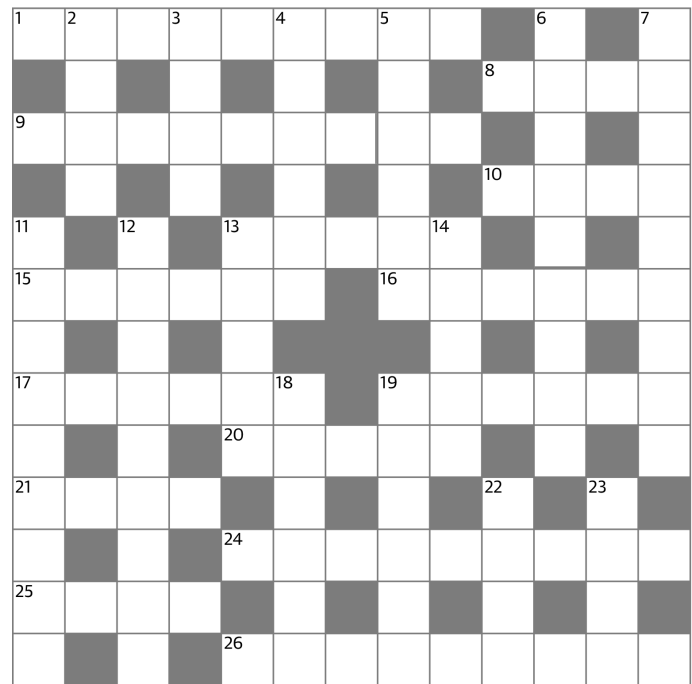
Close of meeting

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](mailto:greatteyparishcouncil@outlook.com)

# R&A QUICK CROSSWORD

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### Across

1. Owned up (9)
8. Husks of cereal seeds sifted from flour (4)
9. Continued (7,2)
10. On this spot (4)
13. Hold forth at length (5)
15. Eerie (6)
16. Wedge-shaped bone forming the back part of the pelvis (6)
17. Rebellion (6)
19. Fame (6)
20. Cabs (5)
21. Scruff of the neck (4)
24. Pleasant (9)
25. Coarsley ground grain (4)
26. Artificial international language devised in 1887 (9)

### Down

2. Sultanate on the south-east coast of the Arabian Peninsula (4)
3. Divide into two or more branches (4)
4. Somnolent (6)
5. Mass departure (6)
6. Place for actors to relax with their friends (5,4)
7. Burial (9)
11. Study of heavenly bodies (9)
12. Shop early (anag) - tomfoolery (9)
13. Strapped for cash (5)
14. Stories (5)
18. River flowing into the Bay of Bengal (6)
19. Choice of beefsteak (6)
22. Buddhist monk (4)
23. Silly billy (4)

# **CHURCH NEWS – CURRENT REPAIRS TO ST BARNABAS**

## **How are they getting on?**

Phil and his helpers have been working on the inside of the church for more than a month. The last time the church was re-decorated was something like 30 years ago! Back then, Ivan Dyer did the bulk of the work from ladders! We can't do that anymore, in fact the whole of the nave and chancel was scaffolded this time and repainted with lime wash. We can't use modern emulsions because they do not let the walls breathe and damp stains would follow. With scaffolding in place, it has been possible to check and repair lighting and repair plasterwork. We have also installed some extra storage space.

## **When will the churches in Great and Little Tey be open?**

The repairs are finished for the moment and we are putting St Barnabas back to rights. We have a bit more to do in the ringing chamber and belfry, but because there are bats there, we have to wait until September to finish off when we can do so without disturbing them.

ST Barnabas is still closed until the church is straight again, but St James at Little Tey is open for private prayer from about 10.30 am to 4pm. We are still awaiting news as to when we might be able to hold services again, socially distanced to begin with, probably, as we did last summer. We will let you know as soon as we have any news.

In the meantime, John Carr has been sending a message to regular members of the congregations and anyone else who would like to receive it, giving links to services that are being streamed, along with suggested readings and prayers for the week. Anyone not on his list but who would like to receive these weekly emails, please contact him on John Carr carrjc92@gmail.com

## **What is happening about a new rector now John Richardson has retired?**

Great Tey Church is a joint parish paired with Little Tey. We have also shared our rector with Wakes Colne and Chappel. As many of you will know, there is a shortage of clergy these days and most clergy have to look after even more than 4 rural parishes. The diocese is currently thinking how best to reorganise the parishes in this part of Essex, to make sure everyone has someone responsible for doing all the things that John used to do, without overloading any one clergyman or woman. Members of congregations and village communities will undoubtedly have to become more involved if they can.

In the meantime, once Covid allows, the PCC and in particular the 4 church wardens, will arrange for local clergy and lay volunteers, to take services for us.

We will keep you posted in due course on: the Parish Council and other village Facebook pages, 'Round and About', our Parish Magazine and on our own website which is currently under construction.

You need to be a bit patient with us as we are on a steep learning curve when it comes to using social media!

## **Can we have Weddings, Funerals and Baptisms?**

Within Government guidelines for Covid 19, we will continue to offer to hold weddings, funerals and baptisms at the two churches. Please phone one of the wardens to discuss with them what is possible.

## **Why do you need money when you are selling the Rectory?**

As many of you will know, the Rectory is being sold. However, the house is not owned by the parish. It belongs to the Church Commissioners, who look after the whole church estate. The Church commissioners contribute to the cost of having a vicar/rector so we do benefit indirectly when property that they own is sold off. We are likely to be given a relatively small amount from the sale price.

The PCC will be considering what best to do with these funds when they arrive. It will be bearing in mind that we do not know how much financial support we will get, in the future, for running the parish. As a result, we will want to put a considerable proportion of these funds away for a rainy day. We can only spend it once!

## **Donations to help us cover the cost of repairs and The Great Jigsaw Puzzle Initiative!**

Thank you very much to everyone in the villages who has bought a jigsaw and/or made a donation towards the repairs to St Barnabas. We are very grateful for the generosity of so many current and former inhabitants of Great and Little Tey. We will let you know how the appeal and sales have gone in due course.

In the meantime, if anyone has not yet bought a puzzle or has lost their flyer, just give Ann Bartleet a ring on 01376 561505 and she can supply you with a jigsaw.

## **St Barnabas Great Tey**

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Christopher Percival - Email: Chrisp14@btinternet.com  
Tel. No. 01206 211619 Mob. 07956 856328

## **St James the Less Little Tey**

Carolyn Richer – Telephone: 01206 210200  
Freda King – Email: fredaking100@gmail.com  
Telephone: 01206 211056

## DOG FOULING

On 11 March a dog walker allowed their dog to use my Artificial front lawn as a toilet , not on the edge by the pavement, but in the middle of the grass.

I would like the person responsible to call and apologise and to assure me this will not happen again. I doubt they will!!

Other friends in the village are experiencng the same problem. I gather from Facebook this matter is getting worse and out of hand.

Only the other week a doggy bag was left by my fence on the footpath to Windmills.

What is wrong with these people who do not respect our lovely village.

*Gill Blakes*

## STOP PRESS-STOP PRESS-STOP PRESS

### THE JIGSAWS HAVE ARRIVED!

If you missed the delivery, I will be outside the church porch between 11.00am and 12.30pm on Easter Monday, the 5th of April, with undelivered puzzles.

If you didn't get round to ordering one first time round there will be spares for purchase.

*Ann Bartleet*



## PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE

### PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG

With more people using the local area for exercise and walking their dogs, the Parish Council has become aware of an increase in dog fouling on the pavements and verges in the village.

Dog fouling is not only extremely unpleasant, it can also be dangerous as contact can cause an infection called toxocarasis; this nasty infection, whilst rare, can lead to dizziness, nausea, asthma and even blindness or seizures. Most dog owners clean up after their pets, but we would like to remind everyone that it is your responsibility to pick up and dispose of your dog's waste. There are a number of dog poo bins around the playing fields in the village, but any bin can be used.

Anyone who fails to clear up after their dog can be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice of up to £100.

So remember - Pick up your poo...any bin will do!

## AN ALTERNATIVE SUGGESTION FOR THE NEW BARN ROAD SITE

With the emphasis nationwide on planting trees for the environment and in particular the recent articles featured on BBC Countryfile, I would like to propose to the Parish Council and the Village as a whole, the creation of a 'Great Tey Wood'. This I see (with appropriate approval of surrounding residents) being suited to the New Barn Road site.

We know how much the countryside has meant to everyone during the restrictions of the Pandemic, in particular walking in woods and the benefits that brings. Also from an environmental perspective creating a Wood with natural 'British' trees would reduce our local 'Carbon Footprint', absorbing carbon dioxide and giving off valuable oxygen, essential to life.

If we imagine the excessive Carbon Footprint created by having a development on that land; Digging up the land, lorries back and forth, the use of materials, and the eventual increase in Carbon when the properties are occupied.

I envision the Great Tey Wood providing solace and relaxation for the village, helping to reducing stress and mental maladies.

So, are the land owners and the Council able to 'stand up and be counted' and take the environmental option, with all the positive associations that could have for them.

If the Wood was agreed I would be willing to donate £100 towards a tree planting project. If a large enough number of local people were able to make donations, we could easily make a start on creating a 'Great Tey Wood'. Just think of the kudos the land owner(s) could gain locally and wider afield if they donated the land for this project, newsworthy indeed in the current climate of creating a better more environmentally friendly world.

*Peter Wiggins*

## CROSSWORD Solutions

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