



# ROUNDABOUT

MAY 2021

## GREAT TEY

NEWS, VIEWS AND EVENTS IN & AROUND GT TEY

### EDITORIAL

Firstly, many thanks to John and Pat Aitken for their kind donation to the print fund in celebration of their being 45 years in the village – what a lovely gesture. Also, a big thank you to The Gt Tey Footpath Walking Group for their generous donation.

We may have not been able to produce too many printed papers whilst in lockdown, due to there not being much to report on, but things are looking up and hopefully with the vaccination service going so well, we may be getting a little nearer to a form of normality not seen for some time and back to a full format monthly paper.

There is good news for the village this month. As you can see inside, Terry and Natalie are coming back to The Chequers, which will open for business again this month. Country Broadband are offering to install fibre at special rates to houses in Great Tey, fundraising for the Community Pool is in full swing, the Church is open for private prayers and some services and the WI has some future meetings information planned for you.

As you will have seen from last month's cover Ann Bartleet has very kindly offered to supply a gardening feature for the paper. I'm sure with many keen gardeners in the village this will be a welcomed addition to the usual monthly reports – thank you Ann.

Interestingly, I have received several favourable comments on last month's article suggesting the development of a wood on the New Barn Road site. This is obviously always going to be a contentious topic and one that will only be resolved, I imagine, by the land owner and the planners.

If you are planning an event or starting up an enterprise that will be of interest to our readers please send me any information for next month's paper. Hopefully, we will be able to continue printing the paper from now on. Ed

### GREAT TEY W.I

As life gradually begins to start getting back to normal, we thought it would be a good idea to let everyone know about the WI and what is happening.

As an 'opening' meeting we thought we would start with the Garden Party on Tuesday 7th July, in which we can still be socially distanced and masked, if preferable, because we will be outside. Instead of going to Little Tey, where we usually have our Garden Party, we thought it would be easier this year at The Old Vicarage in Chappel Road, where we could really socially distance ourselves.

If any ladies in the Village would like to come and join us, at The Old Vicarage, they would be more than welcome, and by seeing us in relaxed surroundings may be interested in joining us.

We have four meetings left this year after the Garden Party and if anyone is interested in joining us, or even coming to the meetings to listen to the speakers, we have reduced the price of entry to £2.00 per meeting for this year only. The talks we have arranged for the four months are:

August: David Webb, telling us about his time on the TV programme 'Hi-de-Hi'

September: Helen Beard talking about Pets as Therapy.

October: Sheila Gunson showing us how to make Craft for Christmas

November: Terry Fowles, from Essex Police, talking about Cyber Crime and Scams.

New members would be most welcome because they would bring new ideas for future meetings and help to keep our WI going. *Great Tey WI Committee.*

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

**Wednesday 19th May 2021**

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## DRAFT AGENDA GT TEY PARISH COUNCIL

### Summons and Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council will be held Remotely by Zoom on Tuesday 4th May 2021 at 7.30 pm, followed by a Meeting of the Parish Council at 7.35pm, also Remotely.

To attend the meetings use the link:- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87834616903> Meeting ID: 878 3461 6903

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1. Election of Chairman
  2. Apologies for Absence
  3. Election of Vice Chairman
  4. Election of Committees
- Close of Meeting

### PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Declaration of Interests
3. Confirmation of Minutes Of The Parish Council Meeting of 13th April 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 – None as yet
  - (b) Applications approved by Colchester Borough Council – None as yet
  - (c) Any other planning matters
9. Financial Matters
  - (a) Cheques for payment  
101879 BHIB Ltd – annual parish insurance premium £796.95  
101880 D Williams-clerk salary £499.83 less PAYE £99.80 £ 400.03  
101881 HM Revenue & Customs - PAYE for clerk £99.80  
101882 M Hamer – partial reimbursement of Zoom meeting sub £13.50
  - (b) To consider the renewal of the parish council insurance policy
  - (c) To receive the financial report
  - (d) To consider completion of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR)
  - (e) To consider approval of the Annual Accounts for the year to 31 March 2021
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. Correspondence not dealt with elsewhere.
17. Other Business for Discussion.
18. To decide the date and time of next meeting, and whether it is remote or face to face.

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)

**PARISH COUNCIL MAY MEETING.** Please note that the May meeting will be one week earlier than usual, and will be held remotely on Tuesday 4th May at 7.30pm. The link is at the top of the agenda alongside.

**VILLAGE HALL MANAGER** Sally Brooks has decided to resign from her role as Village Hall manager. The parish council would like to thank her for her involvement and all that she has done for the hall during the last six years which has seen the Village Hall increase usage considerably.

We welcome her successor Jade Lock, whose telephone number is 07467 142079 and her email address is [greatteyvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:greatteyvillagehall@gmail.com)

**DUMPING OF GARDEN WASTE AND RUBBISH ON OUR PLAYING FIELDS.** The parish council are disappointed to see that there are several instances of garden waste and other rubbish being dumped on the Harold Fairs Recreation Ground and also on the Old Playing Field.

Parishioners are asked to dispose of garden waste and rubbish by leaving it for collection by the weekly waste collection services. Please do not dump on the parish recreation grounds.

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## GT TEY COMMUNITY POOL NEWS

This month our grateful thanks go to Dan Collier, who has offered to create a new website for us; Mike Stubbins who has recently joined the committee; and to members of the community who have undertaken some voluntary fund raising for us by holding impromptu garage/yard sales. Norma Tregoning raised £325; Elaine and Bob Groves raised £120; Penny Clayton and Derek raised £50; and there was also a generous donation; thankyou so much, this is very much appreciated.



Mrs Overton the Head teacher at Great Tey Primary School has offered the use of school field, or the school hall once Covid regulations permit, for community fund-raising events; just to avoid any confusion with this, the school and PTA will not be fund raising for the pool, the offer of the use of the school facilities is for community fundraising events for the pool. It really is encouraging to receive support in these different ways, and we would like to thank every one of you.

We are now forming sub-committees to split responsibilities, and feel the time is right to welcome members of the community to come forward if you would like to help with fundraising. We are looking for new fundraising committee members and will need offers of help once fundraising activities and events have been planned. As Covid restrictions are gradually being lifted we will be able to plan events for the coming months so are trying to get prepared for this.

We will keep you informed of further progress next month and hopefully the Go Fund Me platform will be up and running by then; we are just looking into the terms and conditions to make sure it is the right option for us to manage donations; if anyone within the community has previous experience with Go Fund Me and would like to help us get this up and running, please let us know.

Many thanks, from the committee members of Great Tey Community Pool.

## CHURCH NEWS

### One step towards normality!

I am delighted to say that both our churches, St Barnabas and St James the Less are now open every day for private prayer or just for somewhere quiet to sit. Opening hours; St Barnabas , Great Tey 9.30am to 4pm

St James the Less, Little Tey 10am to 4pm approximately

### Services and a warm welcome

We are now able to have services in the churches provided we abide by all the Covid protocols. This is excellent news and we are so pleased to be able to welcome people once again. Without people the church buildings are just shells – you all bring them alive!

I'm afraid that, for the moment, only the choir can sing, everyone else has to just listen. We hope this will soon change. Do keep an eye on our new website if it looks as if these sorts of protocols are likely to change.

Service Times (for the moment!)

2 May 10.00am Rogation Service – outdoors (Little Tey)

9 May 10.00am Benefice Communion (Great Tey)

16 May 10.00am Morning Service (Great Tey)

23 May 10.00am Benefice Communion (Wakes Colne)

### Rogation – What is it?

Rogation Sunday is a festival which goes back into the mists of time. Nowadays it is celebrated on the fifth Sunday after Easter.

It is the day of the year when the congregation gives thanks for the arrival of spring and the bounty that has been received and also to ask for a blessing on the crops and harvest to come. Traditionally the form of the service used to be a 'Beating of the Bounds'. In other words, processing as close to the parish boundary as possible and stopping along the way for the clergyman to conduct the service.

Like so many Christian Festivals it has its origins in Roman practises. 'Rogare' is to ask in latin. It was the time to ask the gods for protection and a bountiful harvest to come. Much revelry (and probably drinking!), accompanied it. Wikipedia is a good place to find out more.

Why not join Little Tey congregation (see above) for a service outside to experience something of this rural tradition.

### Website – The churches website has now gone live!

You will find it at; [www.greatandlittleteychurches.com](http://www.greatandlittleteychurches.com)

We will be endeavouring to keep it up to date. Please let me know if you spot any inaccuracies.

### The Generosity of the village

The PCC would like to thank everyone for their generosity in responding so positively to our appeal for help in raising sufficient funds to carry out recent repairs. Donations from individuals and a grant from the 'Friends of St Barnabas and St James' have covered about two thirds of the costs of the repairs (in the region of £30,000). So far, the sale of jigsaws and associated donations have contributed over £2,000 towards costs – thank you.

The balance has been found from grants from other bodies including our own Parish Council. We are very grateful for these too, as without them we would have struggled to meet the final bill. A special thank you is due to Richard Bareham, the treasurer. Not only has he helped the church wardens keep an eye on the building works but has found those sources of grants to complete the fundraising.

### A summer pop up café or rather tearoom Volunteers wanted!

We are actively planning to provide a pop café in the churchyard for 4 or 5 Sundays in the summer.

However, to do it we need to be sure that we have enough 'hands on deck'. We want enough helpers so that we don't have to ask anyone to do it weekend after weekend.

So we need lots of helpers – we will need:

Bakers for cakes and scones ▪ Waiters/Waitresses ▪ Washer uppers ▪ Kitchen helpers ▪ People to help set up and take down.

Please could you email, text or phone me if you are interested in helping – many thanks

Ann Bartleet, [ann@bartleet.co.uk](mailto:ann@bartleet.co.uk), 01376 561505, mob. 07543635469

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## THE CHEQUERS OPENS AGAIN!

Welcome back everyone!

Terry & Natalie look forward to welcoming you back to The Chequers from 5 o'clock Monday 17th May.

Of course, we will keep you informed of forthcoming plans and events as and when we are able to. For now though, we can tell you that we are proposing a regular lunch time offer and every Wednesday evening a 2/3 course set menu, both will run alongside our normal menu. All of our food will be freshly prepared using local produce as often as we can.

### Opening hours:

Monday/Tuesday: 6.00 – 11.00pm

Wednesday/Thursday: 12.00 – 3.00pm 6.00 – 11.00pm

Friday/Saturday: 12.00 – 3.00pm 6.00 – 11.30pm

Sunday: 12.00 – 8.00pm

Tel: 01206 210814 Email: [thechequersgreattey@gmail.com](mailto:thechequersgreattey@gmail.com)

### Food service:

12.00– 2:30pm 6.00 – 8:30pm

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12.00 – 3:30pm

We will be following Government guidelines.



## GREAT TEY FIBRE BROADBAND

In Great Tey your existing broadband service is provided by a number of companies: BT, Talk-Talk, PlusNet, Openreach & Sky among others. Whichever provider you use, the infrastructure remains the same; all of them use Openreach equipment. Much like the supply of electricity to your home, irrespective of who you pay your bill to it remains the same electricity coming through the same cable. Your current 'fibre' internet service is provided by a fibre optic cable running from the exchange to the green cabinet located outside the Church, from that cabinet onwards the service to your home runs through ageing copper phone cables never designed for broadband purposes. Those copper cables carry the signal but it loses effectiveness over even a short distance. Those homes close to the cabinet might get a good service but those living more than a hundred metres from it might find themselves with a signal so poor it is unusable or frequently drops out. As the equipment ages their efficiency deteriorates, yet technology is only getting more 'bandwidth hungry'.

County Broadband are offering to install fibre to all homes in Great Tey. We have £46 million of private investment to roll out various projects across south eastern counties including many villages across Essex. We are OFCOM regulated and most importantly have access to use Openreach infrastructure such as telegraph poles and underground ducting and chambers, making the build less disruptive than extensive digging. To make the installation viable we need a fixed number of homes to pre-order the service in advance. When the service is installed, should you at that point be paying for service from another provider under a fixed term contract, we will connect you to our network but will not charge you anything to use it until your existing contract expires for up to 12 months. There is nothing to pay upfront until you are connected. Packages start from £28 per month and there are speeds to suit everybody's requirements for business and personal use. By signing up the £225.00 installation fee is waived. You will not be charged for the Wi-Fi router and if you elect to take up our phone service, that will be free for the first three months and there are no line rental charges. If you do not require a phone service, our broadband does not require you to take one. You can also keep your existing landline number.

To pre-order the service it costs you nothing and it just tells us that once we do go live in the village, you are happy to switch over and we will give it to you for free until your existing contract expires.

If you would like more information or to pre-order please contact Harry Stevenson, Community Sales Executive, at email [harry.stevenson@countybroadband.co.uk](mailto:harry.stevenson@countybroadband.co.uk) or telephone 01376 562002, Ext 404 or mobile 07943316887



## AGAPANTHUS

It feels like the wrong time to be talking about Agapanthus. These are those beautiful sky blue flowers with green strap leaves. They flower in late July /August time, not now. The ones with thin leaves can be planted in the garden, whereas the ones with wide leaves and larger flower heads are a bit tender and need to be grown in pots and put in a porch or a garage or a greenhouse for the winter.



Why am I mentioning them now? Well, gardening is all about thinking ahead (I don't do enough of it!) Now is the time to get the pots out from their winter quarters and look to see if those pots are positively bulging with roots and leaves. Worse still have the pots split. If they are very overcrowded? If this is the case, the plants will need splitting and now is the time to do it.

This is the sort of advice you get in the gardening books, but how helpful is it actually? Elsewhere, the books will also say that agapanthus flower best when the pot is full of plant. I have also noticed that some years full or not the wretched things don't flower that well. Usually just as I am about to throw the whole lot out after a dismal flowering season the year before, they flower brilliantly and I love them again.

Well, I have talked to the experts and the truth is, they are wayward! Feed them well or neglect them, have them in the garden or a pot, you just never know, sometimes they are brilliant .....sometimes not.

Finally, if you do decide to split the plants, once out of their pot, the best tool to do it is a chain saw! They are that tough