

# ROUND ABOUT

JUNE 2021

# GREAT TEY

NEWS, VIEWS AND EVENTS IN & AROUND GT TEY

## LEWIS BARBER

"I am pleased to introduce myself as the new County Councillor for Great Tey following the recent local elections. I look forward to the challenges ahead and representing this wonderful village. I will be working with our new Borough Councillor, Darius Laws, Cllr Peter Chillingworth, the Parish Council and the local community to deliver for all.



If you need any assistance or wish to discuss any matter, please get in touch on [cllr.lewis.barber@essex.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.lewis.barber@essex.gov.uk) or 07876237137. I also have a Facebook page, Cllr Lewis Barber, which I post regular updates on too and I will be looking to keep you updated regularly with my colleagues through local news."

Lewis Barber

## GREAT TEY W.I

As mention in last month's R&A we are inviting all members, and any ladies who are interested, to come to our Garden Party on Tuesday 7th July at The Old Vicarage (next door to the Village Hall). UNFORTUNATELY it should read as Tuesday 6th July and the start time will be 7.30pm and all are welcome.

Again as mentioned, non-members are invited to any of our meetings this year only for a small charge of £2.00 to listen to the variety of talks. This is your chance to meet the members and see if you would be interested in joining the WI.

Not only will there be plenty of space, for those still apprehensive in the garden, but we will make sure the Village Hall meetings will also meet Covid regulations. This is hopefully the beginning of the end of lockdown, and we are all looking forward to life getting back to normal.

Great Tey WI Committee.

## BINGO & DROP-IN

As things start to open up and life, as we know it, begins to get back to a sort of normal Beryl and I have been thinking about what we will do about our Thursday gatherings.

There is good news and bad news because we have decided not to run the DROP-IN in the future. The good news is that we will continue to run the BINGO, which will move to the second Thursday in the month. This will mean that we will be able to have BINGO every month without a break, as previously.

Just to be sure that most people will feel safe to return to a busy Village Hall setting we have decided not to hold our first session until SEPTEMBER. This will mean that everyone will, hopefully, have enjoyed a summer of mixing with other people and gradually getting used to circulating without masks.

Please mark Thursday 9th September (2nd Thursday) in your diary, with the normal start time of 2.00pm until 4.00pm, and we will all be ready for "eyes down for your first number" along with tea/coffee and home-made cakes.

Norma Tregoning



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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 8th June 2021 at 7.30 pm.

To attend the meeting use the link:- <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/3741628259> Meeting ID: 374 162 8259

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Declaration of Interests
3. Confirmation of Minutes Of The Parish Council Meeting of 4th May 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

101884 D Williams – padlock, paint & brush for pump yard renovation £31.93

101885 Campaign to Protect Rural England – annual subscription £36.00

101886 Mrs R Stone – notice board annual rental £10.00

101887 D Williams-clerk salary £499.83 less PAYE £99.80 £400.03

101888 HM Revenue & Customs - PAYE for clerk £99.80

101889 M Hamer – partial reimbursement of Zoom meeting sub £13.50

(b) To receive the financial report

(c) To receive the internal auditor's report for the annual accounts 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. Emergency Plan – to consider preparation of an updated plan
17. Correspondence not dealt with elsewhere.
18. Other Business for Discussion.
19. To decide whether the next meeting on 13th July 2021 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)

## GREAT TEY FOOTPATH WALKING GROUP

I can't believe it's been 15 months since we last walked as a group, but it is and really hope we can start treading the paths in and around Great Tey again on a more regular basis. To begin with, our next walk will be on Sunday 13 June, meeting in the Village Hall car park at 3.00pm for a 4-5 mile stroll. In case you have forgotten – as it's been so long!! – please wear sturdy shoes or boots and bring suitable clothing for the weather on the day.



For more information about the Footpath Group, please contact the following:-

Peter Wakeling, 01206 211887 email: [peteanddil@hotmail.com](mailto:peteanddil@hotmail.com)

Jane Pearson, 01206 201855 email: [drjanepearson@gmail.com](mailto:drjanepearson@gmail.com)

## GT TEY COMMUNITY POOL NEWS

We would like to welcome five new members of the community to our committee this month. Thank you to Sarah Barron, Becky and James Burrows, Becca Frances, and Jane Pearson for agreeing to join us; this is great news, and we are very grateful to you all; we feel we now have a good number of people on the committee to share the load and take the project forward. However, we would still be pleased to hear from you if you feel you have time to spare, or skills that might be useful, as the project progresses.

We are currently meeting monthly as a full committee and have now formed sub-committees who will focus on different areas of the project and meet independently of each other as and when needed.

We are currently working on establishing legal matters between the Diocese and the primary school's Governing Body; updating and finalising quotes for the pool build and enclosure; communicating with private swimming schools to gain their expertise and advice; updating our Business Plan so that we are in a stronger position to pursue grant funding opportunities; designing and building a website; and setting up a Facebook page. Our newly formed fund-raising committee will be setting up a platform for receiving donations from anyone within the community and putting together some ideas for fund-raising activities and initiatives.

Just to remind you that our contact email address is [greatteycommunitypool@gmail.com](mailto:greatteycommunitypool@gmail.com). Kind regards from the Great Tey Community Pool committee members.



## CHURCH NEWS

### Services during June

For the moment we still have to maintain social distancing and the congregation aren't allowed to sing. We have been really pleased to see so many people in church over the last month in spite of the restrictions, so do come along - you will be most welcome.

Service Times

- 6 June 10.00 am Morning Service (Little Tey)
- 13 June 10.00am Benefice Communion (Great Tey)
- 20 June 10.00am Morning Service (Great Tey)
- 27 June 10.00am Benefice Communion (Chappel)
- 27 June 6.30pm. Evensong (Little Tey)

### Pop Up Tearoom is happening!

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help - lots of enthusiasm - all we need now is some sunshine on the last Sunday in June and each Sunday in July. Please have a good look at the flyer accompanying this month's R and A and as suggested, book where necessary - it will help us.

### Whitsun, Pentecost or just half term?

Many of us just associate Whitsun or Whit Sunday with a bank holiday, and the start of half term. It used to happen 6 weeks+ after Easter. Then the bank holiday and half term became fixed at the end of May. This still begs the question what was Whitsun really all about?

According to Christian tradition, Whitsun celebrates the day the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples. It was explained to them that Christ would be with them, not in bodily form, but in spirit. This was to help and strengthen them as they prepared to go out into the world to persuade everyone to follow the teachings of Jesus of Nazareth. The Whit or White bit may be the result of the fact that white celebratory garments would be worn.

As with so many of our church festivals, it is thought that some of the ways in which Whitsun was celebrated in mediaeval times came from a pre Christian pagan festival taking place at the beginning of the second half of the year - 'Summers Day'

Pentecost is just another name for Whitsun. This time the name comes from the Greek and refers to a Jewish festival of that name, celebrated at the same time of year.

By the time you read this we will have celebrated Whitsun. We will try to give you more notice next year.

### The 'Annual General Meeting'

The way the Church of England manages its affairs is a mixture of centuries old tradition and modern practicalities. We have just experienced this at what is, to all intents and purposes, our annual general meeting, even if it isn't called that!

The Vestry Meeting - election of churchwardens

The people who are responsible, with the rector, for all church affairs, are the churchwardens.

Up until the mid 19th century all parishes were administered by 'the Vestry'. This was a cross between a secular Parish Council and a churches Parochial Church Council; meetings being held in the church vestry. From the mid 19th century these two rolls were separated out and a Parish Council took over secular matters and developed its own governance practises.

The annual, so called 'Vestry Meeting' is the last remaining vestige of the old system. At it the churchwardens are elected. Anyone living in the parish whether church goes or not, as well as the PCC, can vote.

### Annual Parochial Church Meeting - The 'AGM'

The 'APCM' is conducted just like an AGM. When a vote needs to be taken, those who are on the electoral roll, in other words, signed up members of the congregation, are allowed to vote. Anyone in the parish can attend.

We will talk about the electoral roll another day! In the meantime, a list of PCC members and office holders can be found on our website.

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## THANK YOU

A special thankyou to all the villagers who planted bulbs in public places in and around Great Tey including the Village Hall. It was a delight to see the bulbs emerging in the Spring during Lockdown 3.

I will not try to name any individual in case I miss someone but you all know who you are. Sincere thanks for brightening our days during these difficult times. A reminder of how lucky we are to live in this lovely village.

*Dilys Wakeling*

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## THE GREAT TEY FRIENDSHIP / BOWLS CLUB.

Hi everyone! Don't suppose you're enjoying this lovely spring weather any more than we are! so much needs doing in the garden, but if it's not too cold, it's too wet.....

as we're still not bowling, it should be an ideal time to get planting! Heyho, we'll get there I'm sure. We aim to get back to the club meetings when the next big "release" comes, which is meant to be June 21st. Let's hope it doesn't change... meantime, if Terry and Natalie can put up with us old fogies (en masse we do tend to make a lot of noise.....!) there's a good chance we can perhaps resurrect the old "lunch club". It's an idea anyway, an opportunity for at least some of us to get together. We'll have to see.

Well, with luck, next time there's an issue of the Round & About, we'll have definite news on the "back to normal" situation, and I'll have some dates for our newly-back-together Friendship and Bowls club - fingers crossed!! Meanwhile, as ever, our contact is Jim on 01206 210838.



## GARDENS OPEN IN 2022

We have all been spending more time in our gardens in recent months, so it would be great to see the results of everyone's labours.

We would like to hold a 'Gardens Open' next summer. It's some years since we last did it and we are sure there are more gardens that would be good to share.

Owners are sometimes reluctant to come forward as we are always critical of our own efforts. So please encourage any neighbours or friends to put their names forward.

No volunteers, no gardens open!

Ann Bartleet and Sue Laurence.

If you would like to offer your garden or if you know of a good one in Great Tey, please contact Ann at [ann.bartleet.co.uk](mailto:ann.bartleet.co.uk), 01376 561505, mob 07543635469

## GREAT TEY PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Mrs Mary Williamson has decided to retire from the parish council after 28 years of invaluable service to our community, for which we thank her.

Great Tey Parish Council now has a vacancy for a parish councillor. This is an opportunity for any parishioner who would like to become more involved in parish affairs. If you would like to apply, please contact the clerk to the parish council David Williams at email :- [greatteyparishcouncil@outlook.com](mailto:greatteyparishcouncil@outlook.com) with a brief background of personal information, how long you have lived in the parish, your interests, your experience etc.

If you would like more information before you apply, please contact the clerk or any parish councillor.

Applications close on 15th June.

## HAROLD FAIRS RECREATION GROUND PLAY AREA

The parish council are aware that necessary repairs are required in the play area at the Harold Fairs Recreation Ground. We are currently sourcing estimates for repair, and we anticipate that repairs will be undertaken by the end of September.

One day 2020 will be the one-word catchphrase for everything messed up. "How was your day?" ... "A total 2020" ... "Say no more!"



## HOUSELEEKs (sempervivums)

What a tricky spring! Wet winter; very dry spring but also very cold and now cold and wet. My garden is becoming more springlike, but thankfully very slowly, as I am not in a hurry to spend huge amounts of time outside yet. Maybe when you read this the sun will be shining.

Wandering round the garden centre, looking to see what I could plant out without fear of frost, I noticed plenty of houseleeks, modestly priced and available in collections of contrasting colours. I have a bit of a weakness for these obliging little plants. They will tolerate any amount of drought, they are easy to propagate



and look good in the garden or in shallow pots. There are literally hundreds of named varieties. There was a time when I had about 150 different varieties. However, one day the chickens got out and scratched all over the pots, sending plants and labels flying. I was too dispirited to start again!

Now I keep a variety of colours and forms without worrying about names. They come in shades of green, red, purplish and grey. Some have smooth leaves, some rough ones, some look as if they have spiders webs attached to them. The great thing about them is that they are very easy to propagate. They send out new tiny plants on the end of stems. You just cut them off and plant the little ones in gritty, well drained compost and away they go. In a 9" pan you can make a little 'garden' ideal for a terrace or patio.

Half term is coming and these are just the thing for a spot of gardening with children or grandchildren. There seems to be a bit of a current craze for anything cacti-like. Several of my grandchildren have one or two that go to college with them or decorate their bedroom. Houseleeks are a bit like outdoor cacti but aren't anything like as fussy!

Those who remember their Latin will realise that they are not called 'ever living' for nothing, so no fear of dying from lack of water. The Romans actually used to grow them on their tiled roofs as they were supposed to bring good luck and we all need some of that!