

ROUNDABOUT

AUGUST 2021

GREAT TEY

NEWS, VIEWS AND EVENTS IN & AROUND GT TEY

BARRON'S MOBILE SHOP

I can't believe the mobile shop has been going for over a year now. It has been a delight to serve my customers each week and I have enjoyed getting to know you all. I would like to thank all my customers, past and present for keeping me going through a long and tough lockdown period. We have all managed to have a laugh each week and I have been pleased to be the conduit that enabled neighbours to legitimately meet during the many phases of lockdown.



It has been a lot of hard work for both me and Ross, who does a lot behind the scenes, so it was lovely to be nominated for a Farm Shop and Deli award before Christmas. I found out I had made it to the finalists, and then to the final four. I was absolutely delighted to win the East Anglian regional final, which due to Covid was not at the NEC in Birmingham but via Facebook with a YouTube presentation. Thank you to those who nominated me for this award, winning has made my year.

As many of you know I shall shortly be finishing my rounds on the van, with my last week (all being well) will be commencing Tuesday 10th August. After this week if there is enough trade to keep the van going Charlie Saville will be taking over. Charlie has done a great job so far taking on the Friday round so I am sure he will do a great job. I will still be involved, just behind the scenes.

Finally, to those who are new to the village or haven't visited the van before. We sell a full range of fresh fruit and veg, locally sourced where possible. We also stock an ever-changing range of local produce such as cheese, butter, crisps, honey, milkshakes, raw and cooked meats, such as 28-day aged beef steaks, minted lamb Barnsley chops, bacon, sausages in a range of flavours and so much more. If you would like the van to stop at your house or would like any further information, send a message to 07723 010347 or follow the van using the tracker on our Facebook Page: G&J Barron Farms or www.barronfarms.co.uk

Sarah Barron

EDITORIAL

At last, after what seems an age we can finally produce an almost full eight page paper. Thanks to you all for sending in the stories and let us hope this is now the real start of getting back to some kind of normality for everyone.

The Church is pleased to be able to have people singing again, there are plans for a Fete in September and we've even got room for a crossword in the paper, so it is all looking good, but take care.

Ed

STOP PRESS • STOP PRESS • STOP PRESS POP-UP TEAROOM

A huge thank you to everyone!

When we planned this, we had no idea what the response would be. It has been spectacular. Willing helpers on the day – washing up, waitressing, tea making, baking lots and lots of cakes, preparing the churchyard, etc, etc – everyone working together.

Most of all thank you to everyone who came and ate quantities of scones, cream and cakes!

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 August 2020 at 7.30 pm

1. Apologies for Absence.
2. Declaration of Interests.
3. Confirmation of Minutes Of The Parish Council Meeting of 13th July 2021.
4. Matters arising from the minutes not dealt with elsewhere.
5. Confirmation that the actions in the minutes of the unofficial remote meetings of 8th June and 13th July are approved.

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 Essex County Councillor.
 7. Report from Colchester Borough Councillor.
 8. Neighbourhood Plan – To receive an update from the committee
 9. Planning Matters
 - (a) Applications received
 - (b) Applications approved by Colchester Borough Council
- 210658 - Smythers Farm, Earls Colne Road - Retrospective application for the construction of timber-framed greenhouse, and roof-mounted solar panels on the modern garages north of primary courtyard.

(c) To receive an update regarding utilisation of the S 106 monies for New Barn Road development

(d) Any other planning matters

10. Financial Matters

(a) Cheques for payment

101905 D Williams-clerk salary £499.83 less PAYE £99.80 £400.03

101906 HM Revenue & Customs - PAYE for clerk £99.80

(b) To receive the financial report.

11. Harold Fairs Recreation Ground.

(a) To receive an update regarding utilisation of the S 106 monies for Brook Road development.

(b) To receive an update regarding work required following the ROSPA report on the play area.

(c) To receive an update regarding the repair of the bridge cutting.

(d) To consider any management matters

12. Handyman – To receive a report on outstanding jobs.

13. Village Hall

(a) To receive an update regarding the various health and safety reports.

(b) To consider any management matters

14. Highways – 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 consider an update of the emergency plan.

18. Correspondence not dealt with elsewhere.

19. Other Business for Discussion.

Date and Time of Next Meeting 14th September 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

Following a very eventful year, we have been delighted to welcome parents back into school (or on to the school field at least!) for our class Sports

Days. The weather has managed to be just about fine, even sunny at times, and the children have all loved their sports events and family picnic. We are now looking forward to the last few days of term, including our Year 5/6 trip to Danbury Outdoor Centre, where we will stay for three days of exciting activities such as Aerial Trekking, Zip Wire, Archery, Kayaking and Canoeing.

This year, even more so than other years, I would like to congratulate our children for their patience and resilience in dealing with the effects of lockdown. We are very proud of them all, and they are a credit to their parents and the efforts parents made to keep their education going during school closures. We are particularly proud of our Y6 leavers – Alec, Alicia, Beau, Ben, Charlie, Evie, Harry, James, Lydia, Mia, Riley, Robyn, and Ruby - who are confidently moving on to the next step of their education. We wish them all the very best for the future and hope they will stay in touch!

I would also like to give a big thank you to the staff, all of whom have gone above and beyond in order to keep the school open whenever possible and to ensure the children received the best possible support when we had to close. I wish them a happy and restful holiday!

As a final thank you, my thanks to our fantastic PTA, who have managed to fundraise even during the last two very difficult years and have provided lots of extra resources and treats for the children – thanks to all of them from all of us!

We return to school on 1st September, with 76 pupils expected. We have everything crossed for a normal, healthy year. Before then, we are moving on with our pool redevelopment and the Pool Committee are looking for volunteers (over 18's only, no children as the site is full of trip hazards) who can help clear the site of weeds and plants from the site on 2nd August and 22nd August. Please get in touch with the pool committee or join in on the day if you can!

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy Summer.

Best wishes,

Lucy Overton

Headteacher and the staff and pupils of Great Tey Primary School



CIRQUE DU SOLEIL

Now that theatre are opening up and people are being to think the end of the world is not going to happen yet, I wondered about booking tickets for The Royal Albert Hall to see Cirque Du Soleil for June/July next year.

I would be interested in what the response would be, in contrast to seeing a musical, and whether it should be a matinee or an evening performance. A matinee means leaving Great Tey about 10am, arriving in London about 12 noon, which gives you time for a meal before the performance at 2.30pm and eventually getting back about 7.30/8.00pm.

A evening performance would mean leaving Great Tey about 4pm, arriving in London about around 6pm with time for a quick meal for a 7.30pm performance and arriving home about midnight.

If anyone is interested in seeing the Cirque Du Soliel then please let me know by text to 07712250458, email: normatregoning@hotmail.com or message me on Facebook.

Hopefully this time next year restrictions will be few and far between and life will be back to normal, or as normal as it ever will be again. Thanks.

Norma Tregoning



THE QUEEN'S GREEN CANOPY

The Queen's Green Canopy initiative was launched by Her Majesty in May. Everyone is asked to think about planting a tree to mark The Queen's Platinum Jubilee which will be celebrated next year. The ideal planting season is October to March. The website address is as follows: <https://queensgreencanopy.org/>. Keep a look out for charities and other organisations offering trees for free and do spread the word. The website has lots on it and includes a description of the interactive map on which you can plot all trees planted



GREAT TEY WI

For the brave soles that attended our July Garden Party it was not at all what we had in mind. No balmy July late evening sun, more like torrential rain and gale force winds. Still we did have Pimms, Prosecco, lovely home made cakes and great company, so making it a really good Evening. Thank you to the three new ladies that came to join us, let's hope we see you all again.

This month we have a talk on "My life as a Hi-De-Hi Yellow Coat". Hopefully we will have the weather to match the Holiday Camp Theme, but this time we will be inside the Village Hall.

As usual it is the second Tuesday of the month (3rd August) and new visitors will only pay £2.00 each if you would like to join us (concession for this year only). Masks wearing is entirely up to the person concerned, and we start at 7.30pm

Great Tey WI Committee

FREE TREES TO PARISHIONERS

Colchester Borough Council offer of free trees to parishioners at the end of the year

Parishioners have been offered the opportunity to have free trees and if any one would like further details of the trees offered, please contact the clerk, David Williams by email greatteyparishcouncil@outlook.com.

GREAT TEY PTA

A great big THANK YOU from Great Tey Primary PTA for everyones support with our summer raffle. The winners were a great selection of parents from the school, their wider family and people from our local community. We raised just over £650 which will go towards new laptops for the children to use in school.

We will be looking at applying for grants to help with purchasing them. If anyone has any experience with applying for grants or know of any that we may be able to apply for, please contact us on Pta.greattey@gmail.com

In the autumn we are hoping to host a quiz night. As soon as we have a date and more details we will let you know! Wishing everyone a great summer!

Great Tey PTA

GT TEY COMMUNITY SWIMMING POOL

This message is just an up-date to let everyone know how things are progressing with the Swimming Pool fund raising.

We would like to thank Anne Partridge for her donation of £70.00 from eBay sales, and anyone who has already donated and thinking about donating in the future, thank you again – every little bit helps!



Although it will be over when this news letter is delivered, The Party Night at the Pub, which Terry kindly offered the Swimming Pool Fund the proceeds of the Raffle, was hopefully a great success. There were some terrific Raffle Prizes donated, for which we are very grateful, so we hope it was beneficial for everyone.

The next big Fund Raiser we have Planned is a PLANT AND GARDEN FAYRE on Sunday 26th September, 10am - 4pm at Pattocks Farm, CO6 2EG. There will be plants, garden furniture, garden ornaments and lots more.

We will need volunteers to help run the event, with tea/coffee/cake stall, hot dogs/burger stall, car parking etc, so if you would like to get involved we would be very pleased to see you. This Swimming Pool is a community project which will benefit everyone, so by helping us you are also helping yourselves.

We will also need volunteers again to help clear the original swimming pool site from trees, shrubs and weeds which have run riot whilst it has been left unattended. The dates we have in mind are Saturday 1st August and Saturday 22nd August starting at 9am. Unfortunately, because of risk assessment and health and safety regulations there will NO CHILDREN allowed on the site and no power tools – just good old hand grafting! If you are ready, willing and able we would love to see you at the school on those dates, thank you.

Another good way of helping to raise funds for the Swimming Pool, and this time it will not cost you a penny and no hard work either, it is called **Smile.Amazon.co.uk**

Did you know that Amazon can donate 0.5% of the net purchase values of your chosen charity, at no extra cost to the customer or the charity. Great Tey Community Pool is now listed with Amazon on their charity donation section at: **Smile.Amazon.co.uk**

When a customers shop via **Smile.Amazon** you get the same range of goods and prices as the main Amazon site.

If you wish to support us please do your Amazon Shopping via **Smile.Amazon.co.uk** (using your normal Amazon login details) and select Great Tey Community Pool as your chosen charity and we

will receive 0.5% donation from Amazon towards our funds at no extra cost to you.

Apart from these projects mentioned we are also applying for grants, sponsorship and other fundings but everything takes time.

The original swimming pool was a Village project for the children which lasted for many years - let's make it a Village project again but this time it is for everyone!

Great Tey Community Pool Committee.

MACRAME A BASIC PLANT HANGER @ THE CHEQUERS

17th AUGUST

7pm to 10pm

£30 PER

PERSON*



This includes all your crafting material and your first drink

For more information please email me
knot_today_abi@outlook.com

Limited Spaces - Only 8 available (although I would love to run another class if there is enough interest)

THE GREAT TEY FRIENDSHIP/ BOWLS CLUB

By the time you read this we will have had our first club meeting for some 16 months! And we are really looking forward to it. We

will be still looking after ourselves, not being too silly! And bowling as such will probably be on the back burner for now, as we can't keep a distance and have to share the bowls. But at our get-together tomorrow we'll decide what members want to do. This first meeting will be a bit of a party, to celebrate the fact that we can finally get together again! After that, we'll see.



Unless there's a reason for not going ahead, we will be meeting on the 4th and 18th of August, and having lunch at the Chequers on either the 11th, 25th or both...! For info on the club, please call Jim on 01206210838

GREAT TEY WI

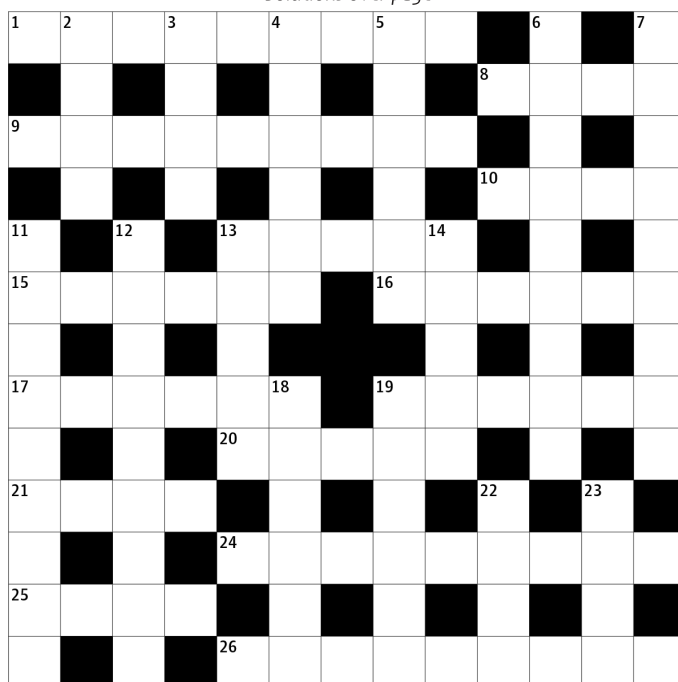
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Great Tey WI Committee

R&A QUICK CROSSWORD

Solutions over page



Across

1. Absurd (9)
8. Inaction (4)
9. Act to reconcile differences (9)
10. Revise (at the last minute) (4)
13. Watery component of blood (5)
15. Consecrate - order (6)
16. With added seasoning (6)
17. Expression of annoyance? (3-3)
19. Most senior (6)
20. Shabby (5)
21. Extremely - exact (4)
24. Open to interpretation (9)
25. Rocky outcrop (4)
26. Encouragement to a child who's taken a tumble (4-5)

Down

2. Limit (4)
3. Give out (4)
4. Millstone (6)
5. Kind of basic test (that turns red or blue) (6)
6. Intended (9)
7. Tax on house purchase (5,4)
11. In an undertone (5,4)
12. Leading article - I tailored (anag) (9)
13. Cavity in the bones of the skull (5)
14. Truly, _ Deeply, 1990 Anthony Minghella film (5)
18. Join forces (4,2)
19. Peculiarity (6)
22. Lower house of the Russian Federal Assembly since 1993 (4)
23. Wiretaps (40)

GREAT TEY FOOTPATH WALKING GROUP

Last month we had an excellent response to our local lunchtime stroll on Sunday 18th, as apart from a shortened circular walk due to an incredibly hot day (30C) it was sweetened by a sumptuous afternoon tea afterwards in the churchyard at St Barnabas, Great Tey. What a brilliant job everyone did in organising the event and running it in the most professional way. Thank you Great Tey PCC and all the volunteers.



Sunday August 15th – Afternoon walk in and around Great Tey, approx 4-5 miles, meet 3.00pm Village Hall car park.

Sunday September 5th – Coming up, lunchtime walk to Aldham Ford Street, coffee/tea perhaps en-route, meet 1.30pm Village Hall car park.

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

Peter Wakeling, 01206 211887 email: peteanddil@hotmail.com

Jane Pearson, 01206 210855 email: drjanepearson@gmail.com

VE COMMEMORATIVE TREE ON THE OLD PLAYING FIELD

The parish council is aware that this tree is diseased and so it will be felled in the Autumn. Guildhall Services are kindly donating a specimen oak tree to replace it.



ELECTRA BECKHAM BANDSAW

Free to a good home
Collect from Great Tey area, but be prepared – it is heavy!

Telephone:
01787 222408

CHURCH NEWS

Hurray we are all able to sing again!

The church is taking a cautious approach to 'unlocking'. A little at a time is the order of the day; sensible I think, given that we have some elderly and vulnerable members of the congregation.

However, we are so pleased that we can return to singing all together. We are going to keep masks on to begin with, but hope as time goes by, we will relax that too. Keep an eye on the website and R and A next month for further updates.

Services during July

These are as follows

1 August 10.00am Morning Service (Little Tey)

1 August 10.00am Morning Service (Chappel)

8 August 10.00am Benefice Communion (Little Tey)

15 August 10.00am Morning Service (Great Tey)

22 August 10.00am Evensong (Little Tey)

More information –

If you would like more information in addition to the above, you can opt to receive John Carr's weekly email. It is sent as a 'blind copy' ie personal to each individual. In it, he gives more information about the services happening that week, but also, for those notable to get to a live service, John includes suggested readings and prayers and notification of services being live streamed from elsewhere.

Please email John at carrjc@gmail.com to join.

Pop-Up Tearoom is happening!

As the stop press mentioned, the organisers of the Great Tearoom Initiative, couldn't have been more delighted with the reception that the 'Pop-Up' has had. Special thanks are due to Jane and Philip Partridge, Christine and John Luckock, and Sue and Christopher Percival. They have done more than their fair share of the 'heavy lifting'. But there is no end to the list of people who have helped. I can't begin to mention them all, but they did sterling work come rain or shine and, my word wasn't it hot on the 18th! Many thanks to them all.

We were delighted to welcome so many people into the churchyard to take advantage of the helper's hard work and especially to enjoy all the spectacular cakes and scones everyone baked. Thank you one and all.

As I write we have still one week to go, so I will report on the outcome of our summer fundraising next month.

PS. Please let me know what you thought about it – both helpers and participants. It would help us decide whether to repeat the exercise again next summer – ann@bartleet.co.uk

Forthcoming events

A Musical Afternoon in Little Tey Church

Sunday 5 September at 3 pm

'Looping through Time'

A concert of medieval and renaissance music, performed by Lizzie Gutteridge. Lizzie lives locally but plays all over the country using instruments such as shawms, recorders, fiddles and bagpipes. It promises to be a very entertaining afternoon.

Tickets (which will include afternoon tea) will be £5 available in due course from 01206 211056.

The Fete

We are hoping to have a Fete on Saturday 18th September in Walcotts Hall Garden, by kind permission of Simon Hall. We haven't been able to plan for it until now for obvious reasons. So we will give final confirmation in the September Round and About and on the website. Do watch this space!

Harvest Supper

If all goes well we hope to hold this again this autumn, probably in mid October. More news of this next month.

GREAT TEY YOUTH ACTIVITY CLUB (YAC)

Youth Club returns after the summer break on Friday 3rd September and is open for all Year 7 children (Year 6 children start January 2022 after the Christmas break)

We meet at the village hall, 19:30 to 21:30, £1.50 per child per session.

We welcome children from Gt Tey, Little Tey, Chappel and Wakes Colne.

We meet every fortnight for activities including table tennis, Wii, PS3, pool, badminton, games, table football, music, tuck shop and participate activity trips through the year organised by the Essex Boys & Girls Clubs association.

If you have any queries please contact Alec Brooks on 01206 210248.

ST HELENA HOSPICE WILLS MONTH RETURNS IN SEPTEMBER

Make or amend your Will this September as part of St Helena Hospice Wills Month and help local people face incurable illness and bereavement.

Having a Will is really important, whatever your age or circumstances. Making a Will can allow

you to ensure your affairs are in order, final wishes are met and your loved ones are looked after in the future.

Fliss Klarner, fundraising manager at St Helena Hospice, said: "If you haven't made your Will yet or you need to update it, this September is the perfect time to do so. Local solicitors are waiving their usual fees for writing or amending your Will in return for a donation to your local hospice, with all the money raised going towards supporting our local community."

1 in 5 patients and families cared for by St Helena Hospice are supported by donations made from gifts in Wills. St Helena Hospice believes everyone living with an incurable illness has the right to live and die with choice, compassion and dignity. Families deserve to be cared for and anyone coping with loss and bereavement should be supported through their grief.

Fliss added: "Our lives are all made up of stories we cherish and that make us who we are. A gift in your Will can help give hope and comfort to another person's story. Every gift pledged in a Will, large or small, will help St Helena Hospice to be here for future generations that follow in our footsteps. When the time is right for you to remember a charity in your Will, please remember St Helena Hospice."

Appointments can only be booked direct with your chosen solicitor and are available from Monday 30th August to Friday 1st October 2021. For the list of participating solicitors and their contact details and to find out more, please visit www.sthelena.org.uk/willsmoonth2021



PERENNIAL AND NOT SO PERENNIAL – ESPECIALLY LUPINS AND CONE FLOWERS

There is hope for us all yet! I love lupins and plant them regularly. As a matter of fact, I do it every year. For years I felt a failure because every year most of my lupins died over the winter. Cheer up, if the same applies to your lupins! The thing is, they don't like cold clay and alkaline soil very much. Slightly acid, light soil is much more to their taste. I, and perhaps you too, have cold heavy chalky bolder clay. This is not at all to their taste. If, like me you can't bear to be without them, the only way (and the more labour intensive way forward) is to treat them as biennials; sew their seeds now, ready for next year. Alternatively, you can buy them in the spring along with summer bedding. If you decide to do that, the variety I can't do without is 'Masterpiece', a wonderful smokey, brown, claret colour.

The same problem arises for me if I try to grow cone flowers or echinacea. These are much loved by those who like prairie planting. They are like large daisies in jewel-like colours and they come from North America. Each year I would plant these in my border and they would look great for that year. Come the next season, not a sign! The problem is similar – they don't like cold, wet clay in the winter.

The motto is 'don't try to grow perennials that don't like the conditions you have.'

The other reason why some perennials die is just because they are naturally short lived. One of my favourite so called perennials, is called *erodium pelargonifolium*. This is a pretty, small plant about 15" tall with violet-veined white flowers above fragrant crinkly leaves. It flowers for an incredibly long period, from the end of winter until midsummer and occasionally after that. It tends to flower itself to death and only to live a season or two, but well worth growing. It often self seeds or you can easily grow it yourself from seed. Look for the seeds on line as they are a bit unusual.

CROSSWORD

Solutions

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THE CHEQUERS

Thank you once again for the continued support of your local Pub and also, for a full house on the Quiz night. A special thank you to Bryan & Clare the Quizmasters for all their hard work on what turned out to be the hottest day of the year so far. Well done to you both.

Also, a congratulations to the winning teams:

1st: Voices from the Snug Bar; 2nd: The 6 Masketeers; 3rd: Freedom Here We Come



Looking to the future, make a note of the following events we have coming up.

Quiz Nights: starting at 7pm on Sunday 15th August and Sunday 19th September – tables are booked in advance please.

Saturday 25th September we will be hosting another food themed evening. This time it will have an American theme. Further details to follow in the next issue of the Round & About.

Tel: 01206 210814 (currently no answer phone facility)

Facebook: The Chequers-Great Tey (The new page has a hyphen in between words)

Instagram: The Chequers-Great Tey the_chequers_great_tey

Email: thechequersgreattey@gmail.com



We look forward to seeing you @ The Chequers.

The Chequers, Great Tey

David Edwards 2017

Please note copy deadline for the **September** issue

(if sufficient news is forthcoming) will be:

Wednesday 25th August 2021

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edwardsdj44@gmail.com

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