

# ROUNDABOUT

JULY 2021

**GREAT TEY**

NEWS, VIEWS AND EVENTS IN & AROUND GT TEY

## EDITORIAL

My thanks to Lewis Barber for his kind donation to the print fund in return for printing his introduction as our local councillor on Essex County Council.

Once again we are able to print a reduced size paper and thanks to all contributors for sending in your news. Hopefully, as the pandemic situation eases we will soon have sufficient articles to get back to our eight-page format.

It is good to see The Chequers getting events organised again and do support the 'Pop-Up Tearoom' (see next column) this month. *Ed*

## GREAT TEY W.I

This month's meeting will be our Garden Party, on Tuesday 6th July at 7.30pm, which will be held in the garden (weather permitting) of The Old Vicarage, Chappel Road, next door to the Village Hall. If the weather is not very good it will be in the Village Hall with the Covid restrictions in place. Please wear masks if you feel unsure about mixing with different people, but hopefully having been double vaccinated and following guide lines we should all be able to relax and enjoy ourselves in either venue. This meeting is open to all members and any ladies who would be interested in joining the WI.

There will be a short AGM at the beginning, our usual AGM having been delayed because of Covid, where the Committee are elected and our President will give a short speech on the past year. We will then spend the evening, chatting, eating cake and drinking Pimms, wine or tea and coffee.

We would love to see you there.

Continuing the Summer Theme, August's meeting (Tuesday 2nd, at 7.30pm) will be in the Village Hall where a gentleman call David Webb will be telling us about his life as a Yellow Coat in the BBC's production of Hi-de-Hi.

*Great Tey WI Committee.*

**St Barnabas Church,  
Great Tey**

**'Pop-Up Tearoom'**

**In the churchyard 2pm – 5pm**

**Each Sunday in July**  
**(4th, 11th, 18th, 25th)**

**Serving**  
**Cream Teas**  
**Homemade cakes and scones**  
**Birthday cakes (to order)**

**To book a table**  
*(helpful but not essential)*

**telephone or text Jane Partridge on mob.**  
**07810566328**

**All proceeds will go to Great and Little Tey Churches**

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

**Wednesday 21st July 2021**

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

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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 13th July 2021 at 7.30 pm. To attend the meeting use the link:-  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81967345537> Meeting ID: 819 6734 5537

1. Apologies for Absence.
2. Declaration of Interests.
3. Confirmation of Minutes Of The Parish Council Meeting of 8th June 2021.
4. Matters arising from the minutes not dealt with elsewhere.
5. To consider co-option of a parish councillor to fill the vacancy.

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

211584 - Salmons Farm, Salmons Lane, Coggeshall - Two storey side extension and rear oak framed glazed conservatory

(b) Applications approved by Colchester Borough Council – None as yet

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

(d) Any other planning matters

#### 10. Financial Matters

##### (a) Cheques for payment

101897 Colchester Association of Local Councils – subscription  
£ 35.00

101897 D Williams-clerk salary £499.83 less PAYE £99.80 £400.03

101898 HM Revenue & Customs - PAYE for clerk £99.80

101899 M Hamer – partial reimbursement of Zoom meeting sub  
£13.50

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

#### 11. Harold Fairs Recreation Ground

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

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

(c) 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 preparation of an updated plan.

#### 17. Correspondence not dealt with elsewhere.

#### 18 Other Business for Discussion.

#### 19. To decide whether the next meeting on 10th August 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)

## THE CHEQUERS NEWS:

We would like to pass on our thanks to everyone who has visited The Chequers during the previous few weeks. It's been great meeting the new residents of Great Tey and also catching up again with the regulars who've supported their local pub over the years.

We have a few events coming up at The Chequers. However, there are a few details we still need to finalise, so please be patient with us and we will update you on our new Facebook page and through the Round & About.

**Sunday 18th July:** Quiz Night 7.00pm – tables are booked in advance

**Saturday 31st July:** Party Night – you should already have received details of this through your door – please let us know if you'll be coming along as spaces are limited.

**Saturday 28th August:** Fish Night – this will be a pre-order of menu choices and pre-book of tables – menu to follow shortly.

Tel: 01206 210814

Facebook: The Chequers-Great Tey

The new page has a hyphen in between words. (*not the old page The Chequers, Great Tey*).

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

Thank you all again, from The Team @ The Chequers.

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## LITTER PICK

The parish council would like to thank all those parishioners who took part in the recent litter pick. We collected 12 bags of rubbish which were disposed of correctly through the Borough Council.

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## GREAT TEY PTA

Great Tey Primary PTA are changing their name to 'Friends of Great Tey Primary'. This means that anyone in our local community can request to join our charity team. If you are interested in helping us with our fundraising efforts, either behind the scenes, on social media, applying for grants, requesting prizes, helping with book keeping or (when permitted!) helping to set up or run a stall at an event, please email [pta.greattey@gmail.com](mailto:pta.greattey@gmail.com)

As we can not host a summer fair this year, we will be holding a Summer Raffle and selling tickets around the village - a book will be coming through your door soon, so please keep a look out! If you would like to purchase the raffle tickets, please return the completed stubs and correct payment in an envelope to either the school or post through my door (address on the tickets). If you would like some more tickets or to pay online, please WhatsApp or message 07506 127657.

Many thanks for your support.

## CHURCH NEWS

### Services during July

Sadly, we are still having to obey government Covid guidance; choir only singing, social distancing and mask wearing still required.

However, we have been delighted to see so many of you in church in spite of everything. A couple of weeks ago the service was taken by the vicar of Earls Colne who was very cheerful and enthusiastic and a breath of fresh air. We hope to see him again .....soon.

#### Service Times

4 July 10.00am	Morning Service (Little Tey)
11 July 10.00am	Benefice Communion (Great Tey)
18 July 10.00am	Morning Service (Great Tey)
25 July 10.00am	Benefice Communion (Chappel)
25 JULY 6.30pm	Evensong (Little Tey)

### Pop-Up Tearoom is happening!

We are looking forward to welcoming everyone on Sunday afternoons this month. Thank you so much to all those who have helped us prepare, especially the bakers and those volunteering to help each day.

### ST Barnabas – who was he and why is Great Tey church dedicated to him?

St Barnabas is celebrated on June 11 and we remembered him in church following that day.

We do not know why our church is dedicated to St Barnabas. From earliest times, churches had a dedication, often taking the name of a martyr who was associated with the neighbourhood. Not so in the case of Great Tey, so we don't know why we have this dedication. We do know a little about Barnabas, however. He was one of the unsung heroes of the early church. He is mentioned a number of times in the Acts of the Apostles, but we don't have a great deal of detail. We know that he was born in Cyprus, but that he spent much of his time assisting the disciples to spread the gospel in Asia minor.

He accompanied Paul on a number of his journeys and it was said to be him who persuaded Paul to leave Tarsus where he lived and to journey into, what is now Turkey, to preach to the newly converted Christians in Antioch.

It is sometimes said that without the encouragement of Barnabas, Paul would have remained in Israel and Christianity would not have spread throughout Europe and the Middle East in the way that it did, and it could have remained a local sect within Judaism.

### News in Advance – the Fete

Usually we would be reminding everyone of the date, in July, of the Church Fete. Not so this year, for obvious reasons. However, never fear, we are hoping to hold it in September. We will let you know as soon as we know what is and isn't allowed by then. Hopefully we will have a clearer idea by August.

## GREAT TEY BROWNIES AND RAINBOWS

After a long 14 months holding meetings virtually on Zoom the Brownies and Rainbows are back meeting face to face!

Zoom meetings were hard but we managed to complete many badges and lots of activities linked to the program for both the older Brownie girls and the younger Rainbows. Lots of crafts and messy cooking we can't normal do in meetings! We performed several enrolments and lots of girls moved up sections. We held several 'virtual' sleepovers and had lots of interesting guest visits, such as an elf sent from Santa, a virtual look around a farm with baby animals to making puppets and performing with them!

Now back meeting outside either at the village hall or the school field (thanks to the kind offer from Mrs Overton) we have completed more program linked activities. We have had a campfire and cooked Smores and found out some of the history of the village. We have battled the wind and rain but are looking forward to more sunny evenings before the end of term. We are looking forward to presenting a gold award, the highest award in Brownies, on our last meeting in July.

If any girls aged between 5 and 7 (Rainbows) or 7 and 10 (Brownies) would like to join in the fun please register on <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/> choose 1st Great Tey Brownies or 2nd Tey Rainbows.

If there are any adults that would like to volunteer and help you can also register on the Girlguiding website or email on [greatteybrowniesrainbows@yahoo.com](mailto:greatteybrowniesrainbows@yahoo.com).

*Sam Harvey*

## GREAT TEY FOOTPATH WALKING GROUP

There was a good response to our first local group walk on Sunday 13 June. It was a blistering hot day, but after a 5-mile walk to Chalkney Wood, we were so pleased The Chequers was open so that we could all enjoy a long, cold drink afterwards.



Sunday July 18th - With the Pop-Up Tearoom open in the church yard (St Barnabas, Great Tey) it seems an ideal opportunity to have a combined walk/afternoon tea event right on our doorstep. Therefore, we'll meet in the Village Hall car park at 1.30pm, take a 4-5 mile local walk, then enjoy a sumptuous cream tea or tea & homemade cake afterwards. However, we will need to book seats for the pop-up cafe, so please confirm your place with Peter Wakeling asap.

Sunday August 15th - Coming up, afternoon walk in and around Great Tey, meet 3pm Village Hall car park.

For more information about the Footpath Group, please contact the following:—Peter Wakeling, 01206 211887 email: [peteanddil@hotmail.com](mailto:peteanddil@hotmail.com) or Jane Pearson, 01206 201855 email: [drjanepearson@gmail.com](mailto:drjanepearson@gmail.com)

## KENNY'S SESAW NEWS FOR GREAT TEY, JULY 21

Delicious! A steaming, hot cuppa on a roasting hot day. As I buried my face in Tanya's mug to glean the last drops of her tea, I overheard that the barn owl was leaving us. The bird will be watched over and supplementary food will be available to ensure a smooth transition back to the natural environment. Several birds of prey came in needing intensive feeding due to the wet, cold Spring. One also had a fractured wing which was repaired by our vet. All have now returned to the wild.

If a run on the wild side appeals, there is just time to enlist in the Nayland 10K on Sunday 12th July. This fun, family event (not a race) for all levels, is well organised and raises lots of money for several local charities including SESAW. Sign up at: [www.nayland10k.co.uk](http://www.nayland10k.co.uk)

We thank all our supporters including seven year old Sylvi Baker who wanted to help animals less fortunate than her own pets. Assisted by her sister and Nana, she baked lots of cup cakes and sold them outside her school, Great Tey Primary. They raised £100, a big achievement for a little girl!

The 'new normal' has left us short of animal carers. If you can help and have a morning to spare each week, please leave a message on our answerphone or email your details. Jobs include cleaning kennels, dog walking and feeding – which reminds me, it's time for dinner! Come on Mum, put the kettle on for another brew and don't forget to save some for me, Kenny (the Boss) Chihuahua.

Suffolk & Essex Small Animal Welfare, Registered Charity No.1124029, Stoke Road, Leavenheath, CO6 4PP. Tel: 01787 210888 [www.sesaw.co.uk](http://www.sesaw.co.uk) 01376 561505, mob 07543635469.

### A BIG THANK YOU TO A LITTLE GIRL

Seven year old Sylvi Baker wanted to help animals less fortunate than her treasured pets. She enlisted her nine year old sister, Rosalie, and their Nana to help bake lots of cup cakes and make advertising posters.

They set up a stall outside Great Tey Primary School where both girls are pupils and soon sold out of the scrumptious treats which raised £70. Impressed family members topped up the total to £100 which has been donated to the animal charity, SESAW at Leavenheath.



## WATERING AND DELPHINIUMS!

It seems odd to be talking about watering when, as I write, we have just had rain that felt like a tropical rainstorm! As we know, it's not like that most of the time in summer these days, so a word about watering. This was prompted by two things, trying to explain to a grandson helping me with watering, the difference between a succulent and – let's say – a geranium and watching a member of staff in a garden centre watering all its pots. In the garden centre they were using one of those large headed, full on, hand sprays with a long reach. The watering was not what I call very thorough, but it didn't matter because the exercise would be repeated at least twice a day and sometimes more often. In any case thorough watering means filling each pot with water and needs there to be at least an inch between top of soil and top of pot. Often the soil in garden centre plants comes right to the top of the pot, so a sprinkle over the top is all that can be achieved, but we need to do better!

So, what should we all do? Firstly make sure there is at least an inch between soil and top of your pot, even if it means taking some soil out of a recently bought plant or, better still, repotting it. If you do repot, if it is a plant you want to keep for more than one season, add some John Innes, soil based, compost to your multi-purpose because this holds water and nutrients longer. Then take time to give a really thorough watering, not just a sprinkle! Finally think about the needs of different pot plants that you might have. Bedding plants, geraniums, hydrangeas and lilies need lots of water – difficult to over water, but take care not to give anything like as much to succulents, they can be left to dry out before watering again, then you will avoid what happened to me one year when an over enthusiastic grandson killed a number of my favourite succulents with watery kindness!

After that rather boring (but essential!) concentration on watering, a quick word about delphiniums, the queen of the summer border. For years I could not grow them at Bucklers; solid unimproved, concrete like clay soil meant that roses flourished but delphiniums sulked, grew a couple of feet tall, if they survived the winter, got eaten and produced small spikes of flowers, if any. This year they may not be quite as good as Blackmore and Langdon forests of delphiniums at Chelsea, but they are 5 feet tall, lots of spikes of large flowers in different shades of blue. Why? Well, 50 years on, the soil has had lots and lots and lots of soil improver, each year they get a large dose of farmyard manure and I water them throughout the summer – result, no slug damage to speak of and super blooms. Good luck with yours!