

ROUNDABOUT

OCTOBER 2021

GREAT TEY

NEWS, VIEWS AND EVENTS IN & AROUND GT TEY

GREAT TEY/LITTLE TEY CHURCH FETE - BOTTLE STALL

Once again the people of our Villages have proved what a wonderful community we live in. With only about a month's notice that bottles were needed for the Bottle Stall the response was over whelming. The box was outside my house until the Friday before the Fete - it was taken in early because I ran out of raffle tickets, but nearly 300 bottles were donated. This is the best effort we have had in all the years I have been running the stall and on the day of the Fete we made nearly £400.00.

So a GREAT BIG THANK YOU to everyone who donated bottles and everyone who helped me on the day. It makes it so much fun for everyone when we have such a great selection of bottles.

P.S. Just a quick reminder that we have two Village events next year where the bottle stall will be present, so hopefully we can have another great response.

Norma Tregoning



EDITORIAL

For various reasons we seem to be short of contents this month – too little to comfortably fill eight pages and too much to squeeze into four. However, with the addition of a short story to inspire everyone to carry on regardless, there is not too much white space and some news of events that have happened or will be happening in the coming months.

As we are getting ever nearer to December please let me have any news of events planned for the Christmas/New Year period, so we can let everyone know in good time. *Ed*

YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU!

Great Tey has a fantastic community spirit and we're blessed with many individuals who work tirelessly to organise fun events that bring people together. Covid brought such events to an abrupt halt 18 months ago, during which time our village has seen many changes. As life begins to return to normal, the Great Tey Community Group are looking to organise events and activities for all ages over the forthcoming year. The highlight of 2022 will be the Village Weekend from 2 to 5 June, incorporating the Queen's 70th Jubilee and the Village Fayre, but there will be many other events over the next 12 months, such as Carol's at Christmas, and village cricket matches. These events are the lifeblood of the village and it is essential that they continue. Since we were last able to meet a number of our members have left the village, and we have seen an influx of new members to our community. We are now looking for new members who wish to make a contribution to village life.

To that end, on Tuesday 26 October, from 7.30 pm, villagers and interested friends, are cordially invited to gather at The Chequers pub to share a drink and ideas for galvanising the village for the year ahead.

This gathering is for you if you –

- Want to hear about village groups and events
- Want to join an existing or establish a new group or event
- Currently help to organise a group and want to promote the group/gather additional support
- Are just curious about what goes on in the village and want to learn more

For clarity, the gathering is NOT for promoting village campaigns.

This informal evening is a fabulous opportunity to bind the village and ensure that we are supporting each other for the greater good. Your first drink will be free and there will be free nibbles during the evening, so come along and help make our village an even better place to live in!



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 12th October 2021 at 7.30 pm

1. Apologies for Absence.
2. Declaration of Interests.
3. Confirmation of Minutes Of The Parish Council Meeting of 14th September 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 at present.
 - (b) Applications approved by Colchester Borough Council – None at present
 - (c) To consider an update re proposed S 106 monies for proposed New Barn Road development
 - (d) Any other planning matters

10. Financial Matters

- (a) Cheques for payment

101914 D Williams-clerk salary £499.83 less PAYE £99.80 £400.03

101915 HM Revenue & Customs - PAYE for clerk £99.80

- (b) To receive the financial report.

10. Harold Fairs Recreation Ground.

(a) To receive updates regarding quotes for utilisation of the S 106 monies for Brook Road development, work required following the ROSPA report on the play area, and the repair of the bridge cutting.

- (b) To consider any management matters

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

12. Village Hall

- (a) To receive an update for work required.

- (b) To receive an update on the village hall manager's contract

- (c) To consider any management matters

13. Highways

(a) To receive an update on the tree at the junction of Moor Road and Chappel Road.

(b) To receive an update on the junction at Earls Colne Road and Chappel Road

- (c) 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 receive an update.

17. Correspondence not dealt with elsewhere.

18. Other Business for Discussion.

Date and Time of Next Meeting 9th November 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

A short to to inspire and fill up some space!

Bruce and the Spider by James Baldwin

There was once a king of Scotland whose name was Robert Bruce. He had need to be both brave and wise, for the times in which he lived were wild and rude. The King of England was at war with him, and had led a great army into Scotland to drive him out of the land. Battle after battle had been fought. Six times had Bruce led his brave little army against his foes; and six times had his men been beaten, and driven into flight. At last his army was scattered, and he was forced to hide himself in the woods and in lonely places among the mountains.

One rainy day, Bruce lay on the ground under a rude shed, listening to the patter of the drops on the roof above him. He was tired and sick at heart, and ready to give up all hope. It seemed to him that there was no use for him to try to do anything more.

As he lay thinking, he saw a spider over his head, making ready to weave her web. He watched her as she toiled slowly and with great care. Six times she tried to throw her frail thread from one beam to another, and six times it fell short.

"Poor thing!" said Bruce: "you, too, know what it is to fail."

But the spider did not lose hope with the sixth failure. With still more care, she made ready to try for the seventh time. Bruce almost forgot his own troubles as he watched her swing herself out upon the slender line. Would she fail again? No! The thread was carried safely to the beam, and fastened there.

"I, too, will try a seventh time!" cried Bruce.

He arose and called his men together. He told them of his plans, and sent them out with messages of cheer to his disheartened people. Soon there was an army of brave Scotchmen around him. Another battle was fought, and the King of England was glad to go back into his own country.

I have heard it said, that, after that day, no one by the name of Bruce would ever hurt a spider. The lesson which the little creature had taught the king was never forgotten.

GREAT TEY COMMUNITY SWIMMING POOL

Here is the latest up-date regarding OUR Community Swimming Pool:

Although it will be all over by the time you read this, hopefully the Plant and Craft Fair was a really good fun day out for adults and children, and also helped to raise much needed funds for OUR new community swimming pool.

Thank you so much to all the people who went up to Pattocks Farm to enjoy the day. Thank you to all the people who had stalls and Thank you to all the helpers, and everyone who made it such a success. Most of all Thank you to Sarah and Barrons Farm for organising the day.

It is events like this, plus of course grants and other funding, that will help us to reach the vast sum of £200,000.00 which will be needed to build the pool. By helping, donating and attending these fundraising events, it means that everyone is helping to build OUR new pool. So a BIG BIG THANK YOU to everyone involved.

The Fundraising Committee have some new exciting ideas coming up in the next few months and in the New Year to help raise funds involving the whole village, so WATCH THIS SPACE!

We have begun to apply for grants, and hopefully sponsorships, but we would also like to hear from people with skills that can help with the project. For example, whilst selling raffle tickets at the "Party at the Pub" we found a gentleman who could help us find out the best system to heat the pool water and inside area, because of his job as an Air Source Pump engineer. We also had the plans drawn up - and passed - by an Architect, who was the son of a Committee Member. So there must be people in the Village whose ideas, skills, jobs and knowledge would help push the project along quicker. If you feel you could help, we would love to hear from you so please contact us either by email, Facebook or the website (see details on reverse of Plant and Craft Fair card) and remember too, that "every little bit helps" and EVERYONE will eventually benefit once the pool is up and running.

Many thanks,

Great Tey Community Swimming Pool Fundraising Committee.



EYES DOWN - BINGO

Our last Bingo Session went very well with some new faces amongst our stalwarts. Thank you to Beverly for stepping in to help at the last moment.

We welcome new members from the Village or beyond. It is a social afternoon with tea, coffee and cake. A chance to chat and catch up, as well as playing Bingo and maybe win a prize!

Bingo will be held at the Village Hall on Thursday, 14th October 2021 between 2.00 pm and 4.00 pm. £1 for tea and cake and £1 for a Bingo card. We look forward to seeing you all.

Bingo will now take place on the 2nd Thursday each month.

Beryl Brewer



COMMUNITY OUTREACH Volunteers wanted

Within Great and Little Tey there is a team of sympathetic helpers who are ready to act, help and listen to anyone in need.

They are there to help if you need:-

- Someone to drive you to a hospital, doctor's, dentist's optician's appointment or to visit a friend or relative
- To collect shopping or a prescription
- Help with filling out a form

The team is desperately looking to recruit some new members, so if you feel you could help your fellow villagers in any of the above ways, please contact either John Carr on 01206 211039 or Simon Hall on 07802 835745.



FUNDS AVAILABLE

The Great Tey Golden Jubilee Fund is available to help any organisation, event or individual in our village that needs funds for a worthy cause.

If you are looking for help in this way please contact Simon Hall on 07802 835745 with your requirements and how you intend to use any funds supplied.

GREAT TEY WI

We had a delightful evening at our last meeting in the company of two beautiful labrador dogs. There was a female dog who was 5 years old and had been trained to help people, and a male dog who was 18 months old and in training, although he was more interested in everyone there. These dogs are used to help people with Dementia, children on the autism spectrum and helping in nursing homes and various other places where people are feeling stressed. It was very interesting to find out what good these dogs can do.

This month is something completely different, as they say! This time we have a lady called Sheila Gunston and she is giving a talk on "Iris Folding". If you are curious to find out what Iris Folding is all about and would like to join us for a few hours, then you are more than welcome to come along. We gather at the Village Hall on the first Tuesday of the month (Tuesday 5th October) starting at 7.30pm. Not only will you learn the secret of Iris Folding, but there is home hand cake and good company to enjoy as well, and all for the special price of £2.00 for this year only.

All ladies welcome.

Great Tey WI Committee

PUMPKIN TIME!

Help us decorate the church with pumpkins at Harvest Festival this year.

Bring your pumpkin to the church porch either on Saturday 16th October or better still on Sunday morning, the 17th from 9.30 onwards and join us in celebrating the end of Harvest.

We will light tealights in the pumpkins so please have a go at carving your pumpkin. A small prize for the most entertaining one carved by someone 10 and under. Hints and tips can be found by Googling or looking at YouTube.

After the service (which won't be too long!) tea and coffee will be served.

Traditionally the congregation brought fruit and vegetables for anyone in the parish struggling to feed their family to the harvest festival service. Nowadays we welcome produce in any form – tins are fine! We will give them to a good cause.

STOP PRESS Harvest Supper

If this months R and A reaches you in time, do join us for the Harvest Supper, 7pm, Saturday, October 2nd, the barn, Bucklers Farmhouse, tickets £12, ring 07543635460

THEATRE TRIPS

Unfortunately because of the current situation in the country the London theatres are not yet back to normal.

I have made enquiries regarding HAMILTON, but it appears bookings are not being taken beyond February next year. As we already have a trip arranged for January, I did not think it was wise to book another show so close. Perhaps things will get better next year and the shows will be open for advanced bookings.

Norma Tregoning

THE GREAT TEY FRIENDSHIP/BOWLS CLUB

At last we're meeting again! The club members are all happy to be getting together, whether it's to bowl, play games or just chat! And some of us are still going to the Chequers for lunch every other week. With luck we have 2 new members coming along, Brenda and Gwen are (hopefully) interested in joining our happy little bunch!. They'll be made very welcome, I know.

If you're a "senior" and would like some company on alternate Wed. afternoons, do give us a thought. Our next meetings will be in Oct., on the 13th and 27th. Just call Jim on 01206 210838 or Andrea on 01206 803541.



GREAT TEY FOOTPATH WALKING GROUP

Sunday October 17th – Coming up, our first awayday walk for 18 months, this time a 6 mile circular walk from Colne Engaine to Pebmarsh with lunch afterwards in The Five Bells, Colne Engaine. Meet 9.30am Great Tey Village Hall car park, or 9.45am in the free car park near Colne Engaine church. Please book your place using the contact details below:-

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

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



VILLAGE CRICKET RETURNS

The majestic game of cricket returned to Great Tey in September with the resumption of the ongoing clash between The Gentlemen and The Players.

Although I am sure you all want to know who won I'd like to start by thanking a few individuals who made this happen.

Given that we have not played cricket in the village for an extended period of time preparation of the wicket was an immense undertaking and we need to thank Simon and Neil who did a sterling job. Also thanks to John and Nick for their umpiring and astute judgement. Terry and Mike did a great job of getting the teams together. Finally, and by no means least a huge thanks to the Brownies for their tea and cakes and the spectators who turned up to cheer and support the game.



Village life in Great Tey is hugely enhanced by events, such as the cricket matches, that bring our community together. It was heart warming to see the keenness of everyone to be a part of this activity and embrace our resumption of community gatherings.

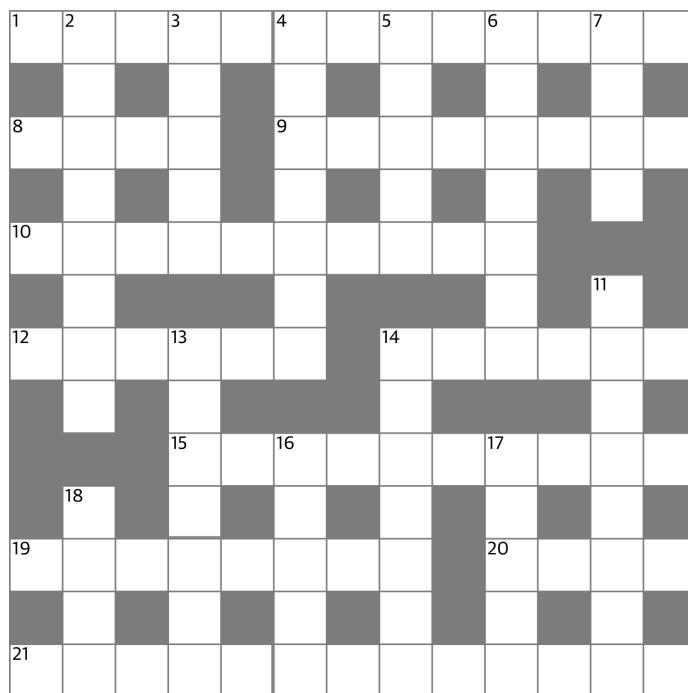
Now to the match report! The Players (The Chequers) batted first and got off to a superb start with Henry Dow scoring 25 (not out) off just 10 balls. Gareth Pugh added 27 (not out) with father Richard making 20, despite hobbling for most of his innings. A late flourish from Will Brown with a quickfire 19 led The Players to an excellent 109-7 off their 20 overs. The pick of the bowlers were Paul King (1 wicket for 4 runs), Rich Kane (2-5) and Sam Collins (2-8). The Gentlemen started their reply and were tied down by some accurate bowling from Sam King and Alex Brooks. Having fallen behind the required run rate The Gentlemen were forced to play some extravagant, attacking shots and, with that, wickets tumbled. Their score of 24-2 quickly became 48-7 and the game looked lost. And so it was. Only Paul Allan and Extras got into double figures as The Gentlemen were dismissed for a mere 70 runs, giving the Players the victory by 39 runs.

We adjourned to The Chequers for post-match banter and The Players Captain, Terry Hunter, gave an impassioned speech. Those in attendance who missed the game would have thought that Terry had taken every catch and scored every run based on his commentary. Those who had been there knew that Terry did not actually play in the game! Nonetheless, Terry did accurately sum up the mood of the occasion - it is great to be back together playing cricket in the village.

Sam

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Across

1. Voice sells lot (anag) — professional name of Declan Patrick McManus (5,8)
8. Formerly (4)
9. Bee-keeping locations (8)
10. Torch (10)
12. Unpretentious (6)
14. Recess (6)
15. Early anaesthetic (10)
19. Left stranded (8)
20. Part of the body between ribs and hip bone (often girded!) (4)
21. Troublesome possession (5,8)

Down

2. Floor covering (8)
3. Thoughts (5)
4. Code word for C (7)
5. Jazz style popularised in the 1940s (5)
6. Mercurial (7)
7. Porkies (4)
11. Repugnance (8)
13. Withdraw from a commitment (4,3)
14. Big read (anag) — shorten a text (7)
16. Cavalry weapon (5)
17. Muck (5)
18. Notes and coins (4)

CHAPPEL & WAKES COLNE

COFFEE 'n COPS

SATURDAY, 13 NOVEMBER 2021

10 to 11.30 a.m.

AT C&WC VILLAGE HALL along the A1124

Come along and meet with our "local" cops, enjoy a cuppa and a chat about any local concerns

Tea and coffee – biscuits / cakes

Donations to Village Hall funds

For further details please contact:

Patrick Dent at 01787 220 147 or

Chappel Parish Clerk at 01206 589 095

LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU .. AND THANK YOU.

CHURCH NEWS

Much more normal!

Services are getting closer to how they were before the pandemic struck. We are still being careful, but there is now plenty of singing for everyone and the pews are no longer covered in gaffer tape.

This month the highlight will be **Harvest Festival** in Great Tey church. We will be decorating the church with autumn flowers as well as fruit and this year we are hoping for lots of pumpkins (see elsewhere in the Newsletter)

Services during October

3 October 10.00am Morning Service (Little Tey)

3 October 10.00am. Morning Service (Chappel)

10 October 10.00am Benefice Communion
(Little Tey)

17 October 10.00am **Harvest Festival** (Great Tey)

24 October 6.30pm Evensong (Little Tey)

24 October 10.00am Benefice Communion (Chappel)

Don't forget if you would like more information in addition to the above, you can opt to receive John Carr's weekly email. Please contact him on carrjc@gmail.com to join.

Harvest Festival – a bit of History

Having some sort of thanksgiving to celebrate the end of harvest 'when all is safely gathered in', is centuries old and happens in many different cultures including our own.

We have to thank the Rev. Robert Hawker, vicar of Morwenstow in Cornwall for the current tradition of decorating the church with fruit, flowers and vegetables and singing harvest hymns such as 'We plough the fiends and scatter'. His parish is in a remote part of the north Cornwall coast and his vicarage can still be seen with its unusual chimney pots in the shape of the spires of his past parish churches.

Celebrating the end of harvest has been celebrated in all sorts of ways over the centuries– holding a harvest supper, making a corn dolly with the last ears of wheat to be cut and keeping it to ensure a good harvest the next year.

Our Harvest Festival

Do come and join us for our celebration of the end of harvest on the 17th of October at 10.00am in St Barnabas church where the church will be decorated for the occasion.

We ask that everyone brings with them the fruits of the harvest in some form or other which we will give away to a good cause.

Don't forget to bring any carved pumpkins to help decorate the church.

The Fete

We wanted a bumper one and we certainly had it! More people, more teas eaten, more games played, more purchases made.

Wonderful sunshine in Simon and Nicki's garden also helped. Very many thanks to them, to all the stall holders, those who helped set everything up (and took it all down!), those who ran stalls and sideshows and manned the tea tent. A big thank you to all those who baked and provided things for sale.

We all had a great time but at the same time raised about £3,000 for church funds, a record amount. Thank you all for coming and helping us reach that total.

Our thanks to those enterprises which sponsored a raffle prize; A and J Plants, Buntings, Classic Pot Emporium, The Barn Restaurant, The Chequers, Livelands, Poplar Garden Centre, The Swan Chappel, the Post Office Chappel, Swim to Swim.

A special thanks to 'The Outlaws' who not only gave lessons as a prize, but also kept us all entertained during the afternoon.

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BEAVERS THRIVING IN GREAT TEY!

We are delighted to say that Scouting activities have now returned to in person meetings and exciting group activities. Despite the challenges during Covid restrictions the Beaver Colony has recommenced with 16 youngsters. With the growth in member numbers we are keen to bring other sections back to the village and to do that need to maintain our momentum over the next few months.

Beavers meet in the Village Hall on a Wednesday, with a wide range of activities undertaken. This term our Beavers will work on their Disability Awareness, First Aid, Cycling and Experiment badges, undertake indoor archery and cooking as well as a wide range of games. They will also attend their first weekend camp out, where they will do a scavenger hunt, an adventure run, learn how to light a fire and have a go with cross bows!

Our Cubs and Scouts currently meet with the Marks Tey & Copford group in Marks Tey on a Thursday and we will provide further details on their activities in future editions of R&A. We are actively considering the potential to bring our other sections back to meeting in the village, starting with Cubs from the beginning of next year, if young people and Leader numbers would support such a move.

With new families moving into the area and children already in the village growing up we would be delighted to welcome any new youngsters from 6-14 years old to join the Group. Our young and enthusiastic leadership team would also love to be joined by any adults that are interested in getting involved with the Group going forward. You may know one of the existing leaders listed below .

Beavers – Jo Copeman and Mike Ashworth

Cubs – Liz Welch

Scouts – Katy Collier

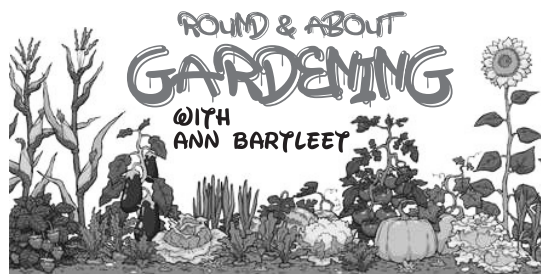
Or Committee members – Jo Ashworth, Helen Langthorne Michelle Biggins , Melvin Tarman and Ian Ellis.

If so please do speak to them to find out how you can make an enjoyable and fulfilling contribution to young people's lives.

Alternatively you can contact us at firstgreattey@aol.co.uk

We look forward to an exciting future together and your involvement could ensure that we can achieve our aspiration to reunite our whole Group so please do not be shy about coming forward.

Thank you,
1st Great Tey Scout Group



TULIPS

I am feeling half excited, half terrified as I have agreed to open the garden at Bucklers for the Nation Garden Scheme, often known as Yellow Book Gardens. It's one thing to have the garden looking good enough to share with family and friends but quite another to let the general public in to see it. So, wish me luck! I will let you know nearer the time when it is going to be open.

What this has meant is that I have been ordering my tulip bulbs in good time to make sure I have enough for all the spots I have in the garden where I want them to grow next year.

A few 'hot tips' – plant tulips as deep as you can. This suits the bulbs best and also discourages squirrels. Squirrels are a real problem in this garden. They dig up the bulbs and spoil my display and then to add insult to injury they bury them in other flower beds and I have to weed them out next year! I haven't found that any of the products that you can buy in the garden centre to discourage them, worked. The best thing that I have found that discourages squirrels are small pieces of holly branch laid over the planting area.

If you are growing tulips in pots, don't replant ones that you had in pots from this year. You may be lucky, but often you won't get many blooms. The last tip, be prepared to water them in the spring because they don't like to be too dry.

I am just beginning to 'put the garden to bed'. This means cutting down perennials that have finished flowering, spreading soil improver on the beds and finally making notes of what didn't do very well this year and making some plans to have the garden looking its best next year.

Finally, an exciting find – a wild service tree in a parish boundary hedge. Service trees are native, but they are right on the northern edge of their range and quite rare. They like chalky clay soil and there are one or two specimens in Chalkney Wood. The other interesting thing about this tree is that it is an indicator plant for semi natural ancient woodland. I need to look at some old maps to see if there was woodland near this tree in former times. The old country name for this tree is a 'chequer tree'. Often pubs that are called 'The Chequers' get their name from the tree and not a chess board. We are sad the service tree planted in the church yard some 30 years ago, has died. Perhaps we should plant another somewhere in the village.

THE CHEQUERS

No Quiz Night during October

30th October, Saturday – Oktoberfest: German Food Night (Book in advance)

5th November, Friday – Bonfire/Fireworks (Call for further information)

6th November, Saturday – Charity Event @ The Chequers (Fully Booked)

21st November, Sunday – Quiz Night (Book in advance)

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.



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