

ROUNDABOUT

FEBRUARY 2022

GREAT TEY

NEWS, VIEWS AND EVENTS IN & AROUND GT TEY

EDITORIAL

A Happy New Year to all our readers and let us all hope 2022 sees us in a better situation regarding coping with this horrendous virus.

I would like to thank Great & Little Tey PCC for their kind donation to the print fund just before Christmas. With this and the Parish Council's donation at the end of last year we are set up for a few months but please don't stop sending in your donations, if you want to continue receiving this monthly paper we need your stories and funding. *Ed*

THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE BEACON LIGHTING

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend is from the 2nd to 5th June 2022 and on the evening of Thursday 2nd June at 9.15pm beacon lighting and associated activities will take place throughout the United Kingdom. The Parish Council and Great Tey Community Group wish to participate in this event and plan to produce as memorable an evening as we did for the "Battles Over" WW1 centenary in 2018. The Beacon lighting on the old playing field will be the centrepiece but we would also like to have a piper, or pipers, to play *Diu Regnare* and possibly bell ringing as in 2018. As is the tradition activities are likely to start and end at The Chequers!

This is a great opportunity to bring the whole community together so please make a note in your diary and let me or Mike Holliday know if you would like to get involved in helping mark this historic occasion.

Many thanks.

Ian Ellis (mobile 07711732708)



GREAT TEY COMMUNITY SWIMMING POOL

2022 was going to be the year that things were going to start to take shape and push forward to our ultimate goal of our own swimming pool, but sadly things don't always go as you plan!

The Swimming Pool Committee are heartbroken to announce that Carol Almond, our secretary, has died quite unexpectedly.

Carol was one of the original people, even though her children had grown up and moved away, that over five years ago started the long arduous process of trying to build a Community Swimming Pool, which is now on its way to becoming a reality. Carol had just stepped into the job of secretary and was also part of the fund-raising committee. In that context she had managed to help secure a grant of £20,000.00 - hopefully, the first of many towards the final cost of £200,00.00. This was a brilliant achievement and for which we are all very grateful.

She will be sorely missed, not only by the Committee but family and friends alike.

With Carol no longer here to record the minutes of the meetings etc we are now looking for a new secretary and Committee members, and are hoping perhaps that members of our Community, whose children will benefit from use of the pool, would like to come forward and help us on the final leg towards completion. We need another two or three people to join the Committee, so if you have any of the following: spare time on your hands and would like to help: have experience with fund-raising events and/or grant funding applications or think you have knowledge that would be helpful to the committee, you would be very welcome to join us.

Please contact Helen on greatteycommunityswimmingpool@gmail.com or Norma on 07712250458 - 01206 210417

Remember that this is a Community Project which will benefit every member of our Village, and without more help we will struggle to fulfil Carol's cherished dream of our own swimming pool. **THANK YOU.**



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 8th February 2022 at 7.30 pm

1. Apologies for Absence.
2. Declaration of Interests.
3. Confirmation of Minutes Of The Parish Council Meeting of 11th January 2022
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

(b) Applications refused by Colchester Borough Council 212493/4 The Round House, East Gores Road, Coggeshall - Single storey extension. Removal of existing modern unsympathetic construction. Removal/replacement of existing conservatory.

(d) Any other planning matters

10. Financial Matters

(a) Cheques for payment

101933 D Williams-clerk salary £499.83 less PAYE £99.80 £400.03

101934 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 - To consider any management matters

13. Highways

(a) 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. Correspondence not dealt with elsewhere.

17. Other Business for Discussion.

Date and Time of Next Meeting 8th March 2022 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

GREAT TEY BROWNIES AND RAINBOWS

Brownies and Rainbows have restarted again after the Christmas break. We had another couples of girls leave to move on at the end of the last term so now we are looking to recruit more girls!

This year Great Tey Brownies are turning 50 years old. We have already celebrated with a small party but hope to have more celebrations later in the better weather. For the rest of this term we will be looking at the RSPB bird watch, Chinese New year, pancake day, Mother's day and lots more.

We have had another couple of girls gain the bronze and silver award's and some will get their gold very soon.

For those that don't know Rainbows and Brownies are a girl only organisation which gives girls the chance to participate in activities, learn new things, making new friends and having fun through arts, crafts and games with their own age group.

If any girls aged between 5 and 7 (Rainbows) or 7 and 10/11 (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.

Sam Harvey



GREAT TEY FOOTPATH WALKING GROUP

In **December 2021** we completed two separate walks. The first was a fabulous, sunny, mild morning at Wrabness nature reserve walking along the banks of the Stour Estuary, followed by a delicious roast lunch at Craft Nursery, then onto Lawford Church for the annual Ramblers & Cyclist Carol Service in the afternoon. The second walk was a local circular pre-Christmas stroll around Great Tey, followed by hot mulled wine, sausage rolls and mince pies served al-fresco in Dilys & Peter Wakeling's front garden. Our thanks go to them for this little bit of Christmas fayre safely served and socially distanced which was well supported and greatly appreciated.



On **16 January 2022** a strong contingent of walkers took advantage of the intermittent mild days to enjoy a Sunday afternoon local 5-mile circular walk as the bright blue skies did not disappoint, neither did the sun-filled landscape either.

Sunday 13 February - Afternoon 4-5 mile 'Snowdrop Walk' commencing from Great Tey Village Hall car park at 2.30pm taking in footpaths in & around the village, but almost certain to find some of these beautiful little wild flowers. Please do come and join us?

For further information about any of our walks, please contact the following:-

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

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

THE GREAT TEY FRIENDSHIP/ BOWLS CLUB

The club's year didn't get off to the best of starts, with a disappointingly small turnout for our first meeting. Fingers crossed it gets better! I have to admit, the weather's not exactly conducive to leaving home at the moment - the frost's still lingering, and the forecast isn't brilliant.....still, the sun is shining, and Spring must be round the corner! And that nasty virus seems to be in retreat, so things are looking up.



We still need more members, so if you are at loose end on Wed. afternoons, and fancy making some new friends, or maybe catching up with some old (I use the word with caution...) ones, why not drop into the village hall and say Hello. We're a friendly bunch, and I promise we'll make you welcome. Our Feb. meetings are on the 2nd - that will be the AGM - and the 16th. Lunch at the pub is on the 9th and 23rd. For more info please contact Jim on 01206 210838 or Andrea on 01206 803541.

EYES DOWN - BINGO

Happy and a healthy New Year to all our participants.

Sorry the December 2021 Bingo session had to be cancelled but we are glad to report that we are planning to recommence Bingo Sessions in February 2022 (this has to be subject of course to no changes in the current Government's Covid rules and guidelines).



We welcome all 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!

So Bingo will be held at the Village Hall on Thursday, 10th February 2022 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 now takes place on the 2nd Thursday each month.

Thank you, Beryl Brewer

GREAT TEY WI

Although we did not have our Birthday Party in January because of the Covid situation we have decided to try and get back to some sort of normality for the rest of the year. We have all been double jabbed and boosted, and as long as we take the necessary precautions we WILL meet on the first Tuesday of the month.

This month it is **Tuesday 1st February, 2022** at 7.30pm. And the talk will be about

THE STORY OF PERRYWOODS NURSERY.

Everyone is welcome.

MARCH (Tuesday 1st March at 7.30pm)

We thought we would do something a bit different! Each member will bring along their favourite homemade dessert and we will all have a tasting session to decide a winner.

APRIL (Tuesday 5th April at 7.30pm)

Come and try your hand at New Age Kurling, or just come and watch.

MAY (Tuesday 3rd May at 7.30pm)

Our AGM and Resolutions, followed by a Cheese and Wine Evening.

JUNE (Tuesday 7th June at 7.30pm)

The History of Harrods

JULY. (Tuesday 5th July at 7.30pm)

Our Annual Garden Party. Venue tbc.

AUGUST. (Tuesday 2nd August at 7.30pm)

An outing. Time and place yet to be arranged.

SEPTEMBER (Tuesday 6th September at 7.30pm)

Macrame demonstration by Abi Freeman.

OCTOBER. (Tuesday 4th October at 7.30pm)

HENNA - Its origins and uses By Pinky Patel-Ely

NOVEMBER. (Tuesday 1st November at 7.30pm)

MEETING TO BE HELD AT WALCOTTS HALL). My Doll's House Covid Journey, by Nicki Bolton.

DECEMBER (Tuesday 6th December at 7.30pm)

Christmas Dinner.

If any Ladies, young or not so young, would like to come along to our meetings you are very welcome.

THANK YOU

Great Tey WI Committee

WINTER BOWLS LEAGUE

After a covid break the Bowls league will recommence in January. After 12 matches Tey Thunder are the front runners. The league will finish in March.

ing purchased which will make 3 carpets redundant. if anyone is interested in having one or knows of anyone, charity or organization who would like one to use for any reason please contact Mike Holliday on 01206 20709. they are free of charge.

WINTER BOWLS LEAGUE TABLE - 03/12/2021

Team	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	For	Against	Points
Tey Thunder	12	9	2	1	72	28	29
Hot Shots	12	7	2	3	53	49	23
The Ringers	12	5	2	5	44	57	17
Poles Apart	12	5	1	6	66	44	16
Youth Club	12	5	0	7	52	52	15
Chequers	12	3	2	7	35	71	11
Guns 'n Roses	12	2	3	7	38	56	9

GREAT TEY WI SOUP LUNCH

Tuesday 15th February 2022.

**Great Tey Village Hall
at 12.00 noon.**

This year the WI have decided to donate the profits of the Lunch to the Great Tey Community Swimming Pool Fund.

This is becoming a very popular annual event, which gets booked up very quickly.

There is normally a selection of different soups, with rolls or bread. Gluten free and vegetarian diets are taken into account. Plus a choice of Puddings and all for

THE GRAND PRICE OF £5.00. Tea and Coffee is also available for £1.00 per cup. There will also a Great Raffle, so come along and meet your neighbours.

Please ring 01206 210872 (Christine) or 01206 210417 (Norma) to reserve a table and tell us how many people are coming. THANK YOU



GREAT TEY COMMUNITY SWIMMING POOL FUND-RAISING COMMITTEE



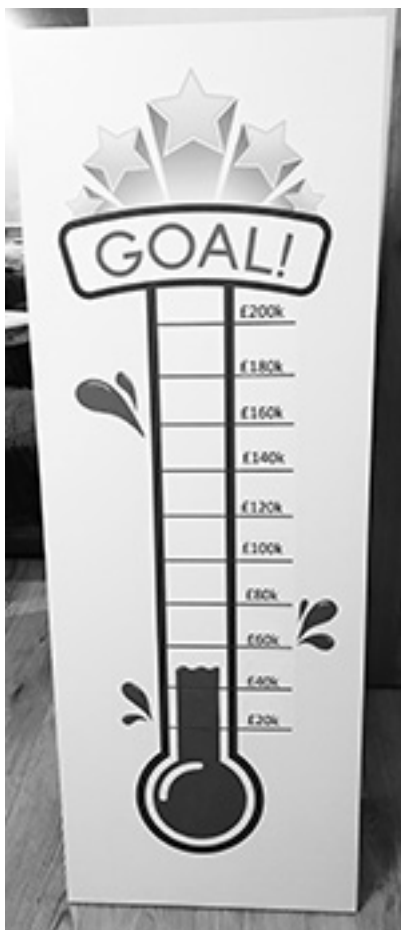
It seems a long time ago now, but we had two fund-raising events in late 2021 which added much needed money for our Community Swimming Pool Fund.

We would like to give a big thank you to everyone who helped at the Table Top Sale in late November, where we raised £485.96. Our thanks especially go to Linda Evans and Sian Goodman for decorating Santa's Grotto which was amazing, and also of course, to Paul King for being Father Christmas and for bringing a lot of joy to a lot of children on the day.

On Tuesday 21st December we revived the Village tradition of community Carol Singing, this time it was outside the Pub. Thank you to the mince pie makers, and to Terry and Natalie for the sausage rolls, sandwiches and a very welcome fire that I am sure improved the singing considerably! With a small raffle and donations, not only did we managed to add £186.22 towards the swimming pool fund, but every one that came had an enjoyable evening too.

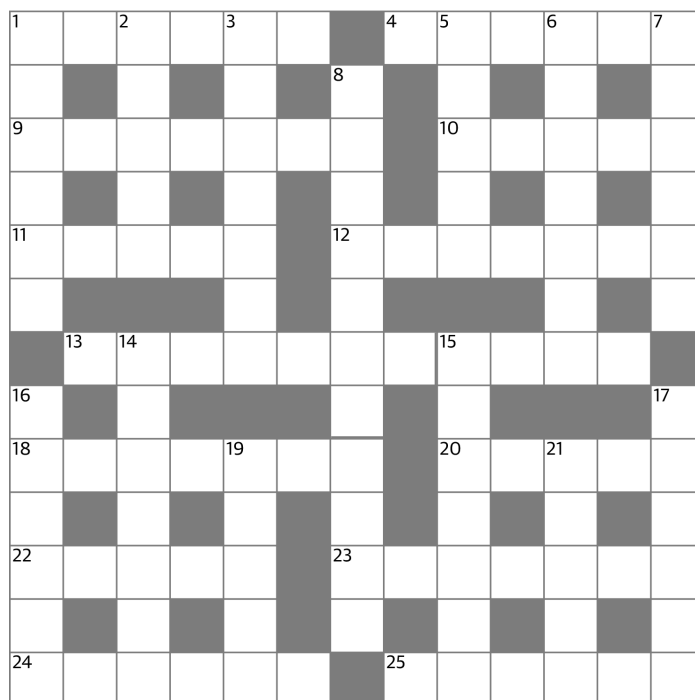
This year we are hoping to have more Fund-Raising Events, which people can not only participate in, but also if interested can get involved in and help organise.

Anyone interested in being involve with this exciting project can either text/ring Norma on 07712250458 or 01206 210417 or email Helen at greatteycommunityswimmingpool@gmail.com THANK YOU.



R&A QUICK CROSSWORD

Solutions over page



Across

1. Take (to be true) (6)
4. Source of confusion (6)
9. Pedicurist's tip (7)
10. Most charming and beautiful woman (at the ball?) (5)
11. Grade 'A' (5)
12. Fair-weather timepiece (7)
13. It's often cast upon the waters (7,4)
18. Onslaught (7)
20. Unconventional (informal) (5)
22. Incinerated (5)
23. Very appetising (informal) (7)
24. Walk like a child (6)
25. Arouse (6)

Down

1. Off course (6)
2. Sound like a bird (5)
3. Old Egyptian royal (7)
5. In a densely populated area (5)
6. Very large indefinite number (informal) (7)
7. In a uniform way (6)
8. When to drink up - Milo's gin etc (anag) (7,4)
14. Protected against loss or damage (7)
15. Not highly cultured (7)
16. Tactical move (6)
17. Link between two words (6)
19. Up to that moment (5)
21. Pain in the neck (5)

CHURCH NEWS

Firstly, an apology, we were very sorry to have had to cancel our carol service and Christingle celebration at very short notice before Christmas. I am afraid Covid dictated that it was not safe or possible to continue with our planned celebrations in the light of the number of cases amongst our young people and the government advice at the time.

Let's hope for better times ahead. In the meantime, services are going ahead now as before. We are requiring everyone in the congregation to wear masks until we have further government guidance.

Services in February

6th February 10.00am Chappel - Morning Service
10.00am Little Tey - Morning Service

13th February 10.00am Little Tey - Benefice Communion

20th February 10.00am Great Tey - Morning Service

27th February 10.00am Chappel - Benefice Holy Communion

6.30pm Little Tey - Evensong

Epiphanytide

We are currently in the season of the Epiphany. This strange word is a direct translation from Greek epiphaneia, "manifestation". Epiphany was traditionally celebrated on January 6th, commemorating the first 'manifestation' of Jesus to the Gentiles, represented by the Magi or the Three Kings.

Many myths have grown up around the 'Three Kings from Persian Lands'. It is worth 'googling' them to learn more. They are often called 'Magi' The term refers to the Persian priestly caste of Zoroastrianism. As part of their religion, these priests paid particular attention to the stars and gained an international reputation for astrology, which was at that time highly regarded as a science. Their religious practices and use of astrology caused derivatives of the term Magi to be applied to the occult in general and led to the English term magic.

Candlemas

Traditionally, Candlemas was celebrated on the 2nd of February and marked the time when Jesus was presented to the congregation in the Temple. It became associated with the lighting of lots of candles, because Jesus was the 'Light of the World'. Many countries have traditions associated with Candlemas, including the French who used to celebrate by making pancakes.

We had hoped to celebrate ourselves, perhaps with a 'Songs of Praise'. However, that will have to wait. In the meantime, be thinking of your favourite hymn ready for when we can all sing without a mask!

The school are going to gather in the church for a service at 11am on February the 2nd, and I understand that all are welcome.

Ash Wednesday

Some advance information. Ash Wednesday – the first day of Lent, falls on the 2nd of March this year. We will be celebrating it with a communion service at 7.30 in Great Tey Church. More of this and the season of Lent next month.

Disposing of dead flowers in the churchyard

PLEASE NOTE – We ask everyone to kindly take home any dead flowers or flower wrappings rather than leaving them anywhere in the churchyard. Thank you.

SNOWDROP PLANTING IN THE VILLAGE

We hope to be planting snowdrops in the village on Saturday February 20th at 10.30.

Do come and join us. There may well be a slice of cake and a hot drink for the planters.

All you need to do is to turn up with a spade. We will provide the snowdrops. But if you are splitting your clumps or have any spare, do bring them along, the more we have the further we will get towards having sheets of these white little jewels to cheer up our winters.

It would be helpful to text me if the weather looks nasty, in case we decide to postpone the planting. Ann Bartleet mobile 07543635469.

We will assemble outside the Chequers.



Gardening notes February 2022 MANAGING MUDDLE!

This is the time of year when I have a sense of rising panic as I walk round the garden! It is full of mistakes made, work half done or, worse still, work not done when it should have been, and bits of the garden look a mess!

However, it is not too late to put right most of the mistakes, learn from them, as well as take comfort from signs that spring is on the way.

Lawns – The first lesson to be learnt concerns the grass. We have been, quite rightly, spreading soil improver and bark on the borders. Winter is the right time to do it and while I am on the subject of this essential job, for me, this follows vigorous tidying and cutting down of last year's perennial growth. Now I know that all the gardening programmes tell you not to cut down everything in the autumn, but to leave it until the spring. However, had I done that, the garden would have looked even more of a mess and there would have been too much to do in March when so much else needs doing in the garden. One has to be practical! Back to the lawn – It is already looking like a meadow not a lawn as all this mild weather means that it has continued to grow, but worse still it has a rut right across it where the wheelbarrow has made a track for itself as I trundled heavy loads of compost.

Please note – when working on borders in winter always put down a board to stand on or wheel the barrow across, then less damage will be done. I am reasonably confident that the arrival of spring and new growth will sort the problem (I hope!).

Bonfires – I am lucky that I have the space actually to have a bonfire, but like everything else there is a right and a wrong way of dealing with it. At the moment it is another messy corner of the garden. It is a straggling pile of half burnt yew clippings, old Christmas tree, brushwood and worst of all soggy leaves. For a start the leaves should not be there! They should be in a wire netting cage where they rot down and make super compost. An attempt was made to burn this untidy heap. However, just putting some cardboard, a bit of kindling and a lot of sump oil in the middle of the very damp heap just won't do! What needs to be done now is to pull all the gloopy mess to one side, build a proper fire with wood, get it very hot and then bit by bit apply the unpromising stuff. With care one should be able to keep it alight for a week. Time will tell whether we get rid of the nasty mess any time soon.

New flower beds – I like irises, the large, tall ones which like their roots (rhizomes) to be baked and to



be grown in full sun and poor soil. I grow some in my mixed borders and they don't really like being over-shadowed and crowded out, over watered and over fed. So I decided to make a new bed just for the irises. I am half way through doing it and here is the rub, on heavy Essex soil, it should have been done before the site of the new bed became a sticky, unworkable, puggy mess. In my defence gardening on Essex clay is always a challenge, concrete at one moment and wet flannels the next. Lesson – do things at the right time!

On a more happy note, my early snowdrops are flowering vigorously. They are Galanthus Elwesii, not the more common Nivalis. Do look out for them in catalogues or garden centres. They are taller and larger and have broader, grey leaves. A few are sometimes out for Christmas. Much though I love the more usual ones and some of those are beginning to show a little colour, I wouldn't be without their larger cousins which have been flowering for the last month.

CROSSWORD

Solutions

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THE CHEQUERS

Happy New Year! We can't thank you enough for the continued support of your local Pub & Restaurant during what proved to be another difficult time for hospitality. Many cancellations came through during the Christmas period, but the New Year is now here, and we are looking forward to continuing with our food themes each month along with other exiting plans for events throughout the year.

Why not come along and try out some of our new additions to the menu.

Weekdays and Wednesday evenings we offer a set menu for a fixed price. This runs alongside our regular menus.

Upcoming events

- 29th January, Saturday Cockney Theme Menu – pre-order – menu now available
12th February, Saturday Valentine's Meal with a Rose & Chocolates at your table – Pre-order – menu available now
14th February to 21st February CLOSED - Reopen 22nd February @ 5:30pm
26th February, Saturday Oriental Theme Menu – Pre-order – menu now available
27th February, Sunday Quiz Night – Book your table -up to 6 per team
20th March, Sunday Quiz Night – Book your table -up to 6 per team
27th March, Saturday Fish Night – Pre-order -menu available soon

Please note: the website shown on an internet search of The Chequers Great Tey is not owned by us and the information is out of date.

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.

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

Wednesday 16th February 2022

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edwardsdj44@gmail.com

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