

# ROUNDABOUT

MARCH 2022

GREAT TEY

NEWS, VIEWS AND EVENTS IN & AROUND GT TEY

## EDITORIAL

As you will see in the column alongside, this year's Village Weekend is already in the planning stage. After postponement of the 2020 event due to the pandemic, the organisers are determined to make this year's event memorable, especially as it will coincide with events celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This will be a great opportunity to bring the whole community together, young and old, new and established households, so make a date in your diaries/calendars and we will keep you updated on everything in this paper during the months ahead. *Ed*

## VILLAGE WEEKEND 2022

A date for your diary – 3rd to 5th June for this year's Village Weekend.

Following the beacon lighting event on 2nd June, the theme of this year's weekend will be 'Kings & Queens' to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, marking 70 years of service.

This is a great opportunity to bring the whole community together so please make a note in your diary. More details nearer the time but here is an advance idea of things planned ....

## KINGS & QUEENS



**A RIGHT ROYAL WEEKEND!**

**GREAT TEY 2022**

**BEACON LIGHTING**  
THURSDAY 2ND JUNE

**QUIZ NIGHT**  
FRIDAY 3RD JUNE

**VILLAGE FAYRE**  
SATURDAY 4TH JUNE

**CIVIC SERVICE & PICNIC**  
SUNDAY 5TH JUNE

## BOTTLE STALL AT THE JUBILEE VILLAGE FAYRE

This is an advance notice to let everyone know that I will be putting a box outside my house (The Old Vicarage, Chappel Road - next door to the Village Hall) in the next few weeks for anyone (or everyone) to donate Bottles for the Jubilee Fete Bottle Stall.

The Bottle Stall is always very popular at the Fete for both Adults and Children, but its popularity does depend on the generosity of the people of Great Tey and Little Tey who donate bottles.

Any full bottle is acceptable from Bleach to Brandy, Cleaners to Champagne and Wine to Washing up liquid, and anything in between please. I will leave the box outside my house right up until the day of the Fete, and hopefully we will have a really good display for the enjoyment of everyone. Thank you.

*Norma Tregoning*



## 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 March 2022 at 7.30 pm

1. Apologies for Absence.
2. Declaration of Interests.
3. Confirmation of Minutes Of The Parish Council Meeting o 8th February 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 213487 – Baldwins Farm, Baldwins Lane - Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed change of use of agricultural building to dwellinghouse.
  - (c) Applications refused by Colchester Borough Council 213466/7 – Wellmans, Lamberts Lane - Proposed single storey rear extension to existing garden room
  - (d) Any other planning matters
9. Financial Matters
  - (a) Cheques for payment
    - 01940 D Williams-clerk salary £499.83 less PAYE £99.80 £400.03
    - 101941 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 5 106 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
  - (a) To receive a report on outstanding jobs
  - (b) To review handyman contract
12. Village Hall - To consider any management matters
13. Highways - To consider any management matters
14. Old Playing Field – To consider any management matters.
15. Allotments – To consider any management matters.
16. Litter Pick – To make arrangements
17. Correspondence not dealt with elsewhere.
18. Other Business for Discussion.

Date and Time of Next Meeting 12th April 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](mailto:greatteyparishcouncil@outlook.com)  
or view at [www.greattey.com](http://www.greattey.com)

## GREAT TEY SCOUTS



1st Great Tey Scouts continue to meet alongside 1st Marks Tey and Copford Scouts. We have had a varied and interesting programme this half term. The Young People have enjoyed a Highland Games tournament, a Bake Off event, a night hike, a games night and an evening tobogganing in Ipswich. Later in the term we look forward to a trading post evening, brushing up on our navigation skills for the Essex Scout Marathon camp and planting gifts for Mother's Day. We also have a Scouts Vs Food event in the diary.

In addition to this it has been announced that Freddie, Rose and Matthew were successful in their Jamboree applications. Freddie will be attending a Jamboree in Jersey in 2023. Matthew and Rose will both be attending the World Scout Jamboree in South Korea, also in 2023. We are immensely proud of this terrific achievement. Matthew, Rose and Freddie now have to raise the funds to enable them to attend. Look out for future fundraising events!

Scouts are for Young People aged 10-14. After Scouts, Young People move to Explorer Scouts until they are 18. In our District there are three Explorer Scout Units all offering a varied and exciting programme and opportunities to get involved in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. For younger ages, Beavers is from 6 years and Cubs from 8 years. There is something for everyone!

If you would like to get involved as an adult or if you know a young person who would like to get involved then please see our website for contact details: [1stgreatteygroup.co.uk](http://1stgreatteygroup.co.uk)



## EYES DOWN - BINGO

There was an excellent turn out at the February 2022 Bingo Session and it was good to see everybody again.

We welcome all new members from the Village or beyond. It is a lovely 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 March 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.



## THE GREAT TEY FRIENDSHIP/ BOWLS CLUB

Well after a shaky start to the year, things are looking up for the club. We have some more new members now - we do hope they'll enjoy being with us, we'll do our best to make them feel at home!

There's still room for more though, so if you're fed up with the weather and want a change of scene, why not come and join us in the village hall one Wednesday for a couple of hours?

We're a friendly bunch! Our dates for March are the 2nd, 16th and 30th. We will also be proposing to have lunch at the Chequers on the 9th and 23rd. If you want to find out more about the club, do call either Jim on 01206 210838 or Andrea on 01206 803541.



## GREAT TEY COMMUNITY SWIMMING POOL

On Tuesday 15th February the Great Tey WI Members held their extremely popular Soup Lunch, and this year ALL the money raised was donated to the Swimming Pool fund. There was a selection of 6 soups and homemade bread, plus 6 puddings, which went down very well with everyone who came. There was also a fantastic raffle which added to the total amount of money donated. This meant that the total given to the Swimming Pool Fund was an incredible £720.00.

The Swimming Pool Committee would like to give a huge thank you to all the WI members that donated the ingredients for the soups, the puddings, the groceries and the chocolates that also made up the hampers in the raffle. Most of all they would like to thank Christine Lucock for making the soups, puddings, decorations and for putting together the hampers, it could not happen without her. Last but not least, thank you to all Christine's family who helped out and to everyone else that did their bit. THANK YOU EVERYONE. This really was a wonderful community effort, helping towards our Community Swimming Pool.

The Swimming Pool Committee are continuing their search for funding by applying for grants. This is a time-consuming process, but hopefully time well spent and the rewards are well worth the effort. Along with the money from the Soup Lunch the total is gradually getting bigger, so far we have raised £52,623.83, although we still have a long way to go. We have other events planned for later on in the year and these will again involve the Community, so look out for further announcements.

*Swimming Pool Fund Raising Committee*



## SESAW EASTER FAIR

Suffolk & Essex Small Animal Welfare are holding an Easter Fair at the Old School, Long Melford, CO10 9DX on Sunday 3rd April, 10.00 am to 3.00pm.

Expect the usual wide selection of stalls, crafts, flowers and plants, raffle, Jeanette's Terrific Tombola, and yummy homemade cakes and snacks.

Do come along between 10am to 3pm, you'll get a warm welcome from all of us including Frank Payne who will be selling and signing copies of his autobiographical books. Our Octogenarian has led an interesting life and has plenty of tales to tell. His story begins in Blitz-torn London and progresses through National Service and onto careers in journalism and football.

Proceeds to Suffolk & Essex Small Animal Welfare. [www.sesaw.co.uk](http://www.sesaw.co.uk)

Also, the Nayland 10K family-friendly fun event takes place on Sunday 10th July, starting at Little Garth School, Nayland, CO6 4JR. Once again, SESAW is one of the charities benefitting from this extremely popular, multi-terrain run through the beautiful Constable countryside. Routes for all ages and abilities, book your place now at [www.nayland10k.co.uk](http://www.nayland10k.co.uk)

## GREAT TEY FOOTPATH WALKING GROUP

**Sunday 13 February 2022** - It might have been Valentines eve, but the weather certainly was not romantic or kind to us as it rained all of the time we walked. However, there was a silver lining to the rain clouds as we found Snowdrops in abundance in Willow Wood to the rear of Buckler's Farm, and indeed along the footpath linking Coggeshall Road (Buckleys Lane) with Dowsland Green, East Gores Road, thanks in the most part to Ann Bartleet who has hand planted thousands of them over the last decade or so. We should also give Brick Kiln Cottage in Coggeshall Road a mention too as there is a formidable showing of Snowdrops in their front garden as well.



**Sunday 20 March 2022** - Afternoon 'Lambing Walk' in & around Great Tey, 3-4 miles, using local footpaths to visit a nearby farm in the hope we can catch some newly born Lambs. Meet 2.30pm in Great Tey Village Hall car park. Children welcome, but regret pushchairs not advisable.

**Sunday 24 April 2022** - Coming up, Morning local walk to Aldham Ford Street with tea/coffee/cake perhaps en-route at Mill Race Garden Centre, meet 10.00 am in Great Tey Village Hall car park.

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

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

Jane Pearson, 01206 210855, email: [drjanepearson@gmail.com](mailto:drjanepearson@gmail.com)

## GREAT TEY WI

Last month's talk was a fine example of how "from little acorns do great oaks grow" because it was the story of Perrywoods Nursery in Tiptree. It was started by one family, and is still owned by the same family, on a few acres in Tiptree near Perry's Wood in the 1950's. Today it is a 12 million a year turnover business with two garden centres, and still growing.

This month though we have something completely different! Each member has been asked to bring along their favourite dessert, and the other members will sample each dessert and choose which one they prefer. The dessert with the most votes will be the winner, and the winning recipe will be published in next month's R&A for everyone to enjoy - unless it is a family secret of course!

Great Tey WI meets on the first Tuesday of each month (this month it is 1st March) in the Village Hall. We start at 7.30pm and are usually on our way home by 9.30pm. Ladies of all ages can join us because although we are small in numbers, we are big in enthusiasm. However, we do need new blood and new ideas to help us to carry on. So come along and meet us, Ladies, you will be very welcome.

*Great Tey WI Committee*

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### QUOTE FOR THE MONTH

WHEN MARCH  
COMES IN  
LIKE A LION  
IT GOES OUT  
LIKE A LAMB.



## PIER TO PIER WALK RETURNS THIS MAY!

St Helena Hospice's popular sponsored walk is returning on Sunday 8th May 2022.

The family-friendly event is a favourite amongst Tendring residents, supporters of the hospice, and local businesses, attracting hundreds of people year on year.

The scenic walk starts from either Clacton or Walton Pier and participants can choose to walk the 7 miles between the two piers or challenge themselves to make the return journey – 14 miles in all! Many people walk to remember their loved ones, while others take part in groups, with their work colleagues, or simply just to support their local hospice.

For anyone unable to attend the walk on Sunday 8th May or looking to avoid the crowds, St Helena Hospice are also offering the option to take part virtually at a time and place that suits you.

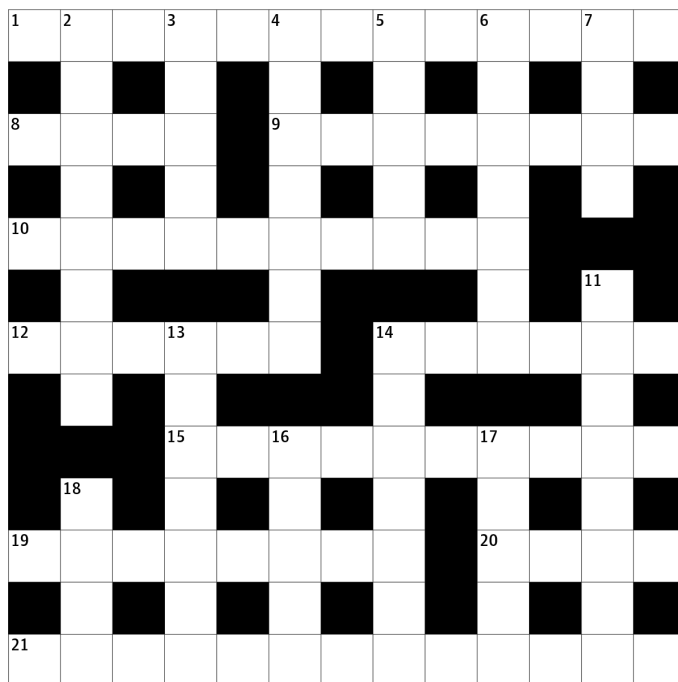
After a brief hiatus due to the pandemic, the local charity is hoping for a great turnout and the return of the fantastic atmosphere of years past. You can register now for just £5 at [www.sthelena.org.uk/piertopier](http://www.sthelena.org.uk/piertopier). St Helena Hospice's Pier to Pier walk has kindly been sponsored by Pickering Electronics Ltd.

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St Helena

## R&A QUICK CROSSWORD

Solutions over page



### 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)
16. Cavalry weapon (5)
17. Muck (5)
18. Notes and coins (4)
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)

## SPRING TABLE TOP SALE IN

## GREAT TEY VILLAGE HALL

on April 10th 2022  
at 9.30am – 1.30pm  
with a variety of stall holders and refreshments.

To date there are stalls selling hand crafts, handmade pyjamas, homemade cakes and bakes, with more to come before the day.

So make sure the date is in your diary.

## CHURCH NEWS

With spring on the way and Covid restrictions easing, things are looking up! More good news below.

### A new rector looks imminent

We understand that we are likely to be assigned to a dedicated member of the clergy in the next month or two. The arrangements are being finalised and we hope to give everyone all the details in next month's R and A. Another excuse for a party perhaps!

### Services in March

2nd March 7.30 Great Tey – **Ash Wednesday**, Evening Service

6th March. 10.00am Little Tey – Morning Service

9th March 7.30pm Little Tey – Service of Compline

13th March 10.00am Great Tey – Benefice Communion

16th March 7.30pm Little Tey – Service of Compline

23rd March 7.30pm Little Tey – Service of Compline

27th March 10.00am Great Tey – **Mothering Sunday**

27th March 6.30pm Little Tey – Evensong

30th March 7.30 Little Tey – Service of Compline

### Shrove Tuesday or Pancake Day (this year on March 1st)

We often think of Shrove Tuesday as 'Pancake Day'. You may well ask why and what does 'shrove' mean anyway?

Let's go back to the beginning and think about Lent for a moment. Lent is the season when the church thinks about the coming of Easter and the fact that Christ allowed himself to be put to death. He wanted to demonstrate to us all what we should be prepared to do for our fellow men. The church suggests to us all that we should give up some simple pleasures during the season of Lent to remind us of that fact.

Returning to Shrove Tuesday, it was the day when traditionally, the congregation should go to church to be 'shriven' an old English word meaning to be forgiven of their sins. The idea being that everyone should start Lent 'with a clean slate'.

Lent was to continue for 40 days as a time of fasting and giving up all treats, including pancakes and the ingredients that go in them.

In order to be ready to give up nice things to eat

during Lent, the church suggested that treats like eggs, butter, sugar or honey should be emptied out of the larder on Shrove Tuesday to avoid temptation.

An obvious way of achieving the removal of such temptations was to make pancakes and have a bit of a celebration before the serious business of Lent.

### Lent

This year Lent, or the preparation for Easter, almost entirely through March. It is a time for remembering and grieving for the sacrifice that Christ made and all those who gave their lives for others. We are encouraged to give up something we really like, as a reminder of the sacrifice of others.

What are we all going to forgo this year, sweets, wine, beer, biscuits or swearing!?

I have always wondered why we call this season 'Lent'. Well, it seems likely that it is another example of a Christian festival being grafted on to an old pagan one. The Old English word *Lencten* means 'Spring Season'

During Lent we will be holding a brief contemplative service of Compline each Wednesday evening at 7.30pm in Little Tey church.

### Mothering Sunday

On the 27th March we will be celebrating Mothering Sunday with a special, short service with children in mind, during which we will dispense some flowers for the children to give to their mothers. Do join us!

### Giving in church

Please note that in Great Tey church you can now use a debit card instead of cash in the collection at services, weddings and funerals.

## Gardening Notes March 2022 SAYING GOODBYE TO OLD FRIENDS!

I am in mourning this week for a favourite old apple tree – a Worcester Permain. It was the last remaining apple tree of those planted, originally as espaliers, on the garden wall, at Bucklers. I think they were planted between the wars which would make my Worcester about 90 years old and that is old for an apple tree. A 70 year old would be doing well, so this veteran tree had reached the end of its natural life and some. When we arrived at Bucklers in the 60's it had long since become an ordinary tree growing from a spot much too close to the garden wall.

I am sad because Worcesters have a particular resonance for me. In the late 40's my parents bought a bombed site in a suburban street in Hertfordshire on which to build a house. A single house had been flattened by the bomb and just an overgrown garden remained. It was a bit like Sleeping Beauty's castle grounds for us children and the only mature tree in that garden was a Worcester Permain. Worcesters have a particular scent that takes me back to those early days when my sister and I would climb the tree to help ourselves when the apples ripen in September. This is the thing about these apples, they need to be eaten straight off the tree, they don't keep. In these



days when seasonal eating has almost disappeared, think of strawberries at Christmas, a Worcester Permain remains a treat to be savoured in early autumn. They have a distinctive, delicious flavour.

All that remains now is to decide where to put my dead friend's replacement. It will be a proper standard tree, none of these dwarfing cultivars! That means I have to find one grown on M25 root stock. It will be vigorous and hopefully will grow big enough for my great grand children to climb and do a little apple scrumping on some future sunny September day.

Gardens never stand still and the demise of the apple tree leaves a gap in the border to be filled. I am thinking perhaps of a climbing rose. I might share some thoughts about roses with you next time. Don't forget that March is the time to give roses their final prune before the summer. I also have a wisteria to prune too – help!

### Make an Easter Wreath



Join us for a morning workshop on

Saturday April 9th at 10.30am

All materials supplied

Go home with a wreath/table centre

£35 including refreshments

Text Ann on 07543635469 for more details

### CROSSWORD

Solutions

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# THE CHEQUERS

## Upcoming events

### MARCH

20th March, Sunday – Quiz Night – Book your table - up to 6 per team

26th March, Saturday – Fish Night – Pre-order - menu available end of February

27th March, Sunday – Mother's Day - booking advisable

### APRIL

17th April, Sunday – Easter Sunday - booking advisable

24th April, Sunday – Quiz Night – Book your table - up to 6 per team

28th April, Thursday – Vegan Menu – Pre Order - Menu Available soon

30th April, Sunday – Mediterranean Theme Menu

Cricket dates – Gentlemen of Great Tey v The Chequers – 26th June & 4th September

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.

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