

#### **EDITORIAL**

Many thanks to the Parish Council for a print fund top up this month.

Plans for this year's Village Weekend are being firmed up and as you will see here, the theme is the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This paper will continue to keep you informed of everything as it is confirmed, right up to the time. *Ed* 

## **QUEEN'S JUBILEE**

Just a thought - I think it would be a nice idea if, when people bed out their front gardens this year, to include a Red, White and Blue theme in celebration of the Queen's Jubilee, This could of course include their hanging baskets.

Perhaps the Parish Council could organise some hanging baskets outside the Village Hall in a similar fashion funded from the Trust Fund or by seeking Sponsorship from local organisations.

The Village could look stunning if decked out in patriotic colours alongside other ideas people may have suggested.

Beryl Brewer

#### BOTTLE STALL FOR THE JUBILEE VILLAGE FAYRE

Although the supply of Bottles is still just a trickle (so to speak) the standard of bottles is very high, with some interesting Gins and Vodkas making excellent enticements for the big day. A HUGE Thank you to all the people who have already contributed bottles so far, and the box will remain outside my house (The Old Vicarage, Chappel Road - next door to the Village Hall) right up until the day of the Fayre. So there is still plenty of time for anyone to donate bottles, be they big, small, interesting or boring. All of them will go towards making a fun stall that everyone, adults, and children alike can enjoy themselves and even win something too. *Norma Tregoning* 



#### DOG SHOW AT GREAT TEY VILLAGE FAYRE, SATURDAY 04 JUNE 2022

Do you have a dog you would just love to show off? Then here's your chance by entering it into one or all of the numerous categories that will be available on Saturday 04 June 2022 during the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Village Fayre.

As a taster, it could have the Wagiest Tail, Best Decorated Collar or Harness, Best Treat Catcher to name but three, but there are several more so watch out for the entry details in next month's Round & About Great Tey

#### 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 April 2022 at 7.30 pm

- 1. Apologies for Absence.
- 2. Declaration of Interests.
- 3. Confirmation of Minutes Of The Parish Council Meeting o 8th March 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

220584 - White Gables, The Street - proposed single storey rear addition, proposed front porch addition and separate single storey side addition.

(b) Applications approved by Colchester Borough Council – None at present

(d) Any other planning matters

9. Financial Matters

- (a) Cheques for payment
- 101947 Playquip UK Ltd T/A Playquip Leisure play area repairs £4,540.80 £756.80

101948D Williams-clerk salary £508.50 less PAYE £101.60 £406.90101949HM Revenue & Customs - PAYE for clerk £101.60

(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.
- (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.
- Annual Parish Meeting to consider agenda and any arrangements
- 17. Correspondence not dealt with elsewhere.
- 18. Other Business for Discussion.

Date and Time of Next Meeting10th May 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 or view at www.greattey.com

## **DIGITAL AWARENESS TRAINING**

We are trying to organise an 8 week digital awareness course - help for those who feel less than confident with their computers, phones or iPads. This will be run by Colchester Borough Council's digital awareness team on 8 consecutive Fridays from 10.30am to 12.30pm, provisionally starting in May 2022. The location will either be the meeting room at East Gores Farm or the Village Hall, depending on availability and preferences.

We need a minimum of ten participants of which we already have four. Please contact william@sunnucks.co.uk or carolinemarysunnucks@gmail.com or ring 07983 720 716 if you are interested. *William Sunnucks* 

## **EYES DOWN - BINGO**

The next Bingo Session will be held at the Village Hall on Thursday, 14th April 2022 between 2.00 pm and 4.00 pm.

We enjoyed a pleasant afternoon at our last Bingo session. Everyone is welcome to join us and

Bingo takes place on the 2nd Thursday of the month with tea, coffee and cakes for  $\pounds_1$  and 6 games of Bingo for  $\pounds_1$ . Who knows you may win a prize!

We remembered the people of Ukraine with yellow and blue serviettes and were able to send £36 from our raffle proceeds to their fund via Christaian Aid.

Best wishes to all, Beryl Brewer

## RETURN OF THE VILLAGE SCOUT SPRING QUIZ 13TH MAY 2022

We are delighted to invite you to join us for the return of our traditional Spring quiz. This has been a popular event for the whole village for many years and we are looking forward to welcoming you on its return after 2 years of Covid disruption.



The quiz will be held on Friday 13th May in the Village Hall at 8pm. Teams can be of up to 6 people and the entry cost is £5 per player payable on the night. Please bring your own food and drinks. The victors will take possession of the much sought after Quiz Team Trophy ! and receive a winners prize. There will also be wooden spoon prizes and a raffle to add to the excitement.

This is a very important fund raising event for our village Scout Group and your support is always much appreciated. The quiz provides a great opportunity to have a fun evening whilst helping local youngsters to benefit from a wide range of exciting activities. The event will be held in a Covid secure environment.

Please contact Joanna Ashworth on our email: 1stgreatteygroup@gmail.com to book a table.

We look forward to seeing you at the Quiz.

First Great Tey Scout Group



## GREAT TEY COMMUNITY SWIMMING POOL Registered Charity No:1174412

#### Launch of Crowd Funding Platform

We have now created a Crowd Funding Page on http://www. crowdfunder.co.uk/ which will go live on Friday 15th April. The aim is to try and raise money by word of mouth, socia media, and by the community reading Round and About. If each household could contribute as much as they can, then also ask friends and family near and far to contribute as well, (and don't forget to add Gift-Aid as HMRC will then top your donation up afterwards, and this can make a lot of difference to the final figure), it would be wonderful if we could come close to, or even meet, our target of *£*5,000 in the 8 WEEK run; the platform will close on 10th June.

#### **Community Fund Raising & Events in April**

• White Elephant Stall at the Village Hall Tabletop Sale on Sunday 10th April from 9.30 am to 1.30 pm.

We have "a better class of items" than normally found on these types of stalls. Plus, we will have pictures on display of how the finished pool will look with supporting documentation. Please pop along and support not only our fund-raising table, but all the other interesting tables too.

• Easter Eggstravaganza at the Village Hall on Saturday 16th April from 12 noon to 3 pm for all the family to enjoy.

Children are invited to dress up in Easter themed costume and join the Easter Bunny for 'Story Time in the Forest'. This event will start at 12.45 pm and will last approx. 45 minutes, and costs  $\pounds$  per child. After the story telling, the Easter Bunny will send the children hunting for eggs in the forest (Norma's garden), the children can make a wooden craft to keep, and can have their photo taken with the Easter Bunny.

There will be the Grand Easter Egg Draw (THANK YOU so much to everyone who has donated Easter Eggs and "bricks" from the Humpty Dumpty wall, along with the money, to make this event an enjoyable success).

Other activities going on during the afternoon for the children (\* £1 charge per child, other activities free) will be:

- Guess the number of Eggs in the Easter Chicks Nest \*
- Make an Easter Bunny
- Pin the Tail on the Easter Bunny \*
- Painting Eggs
- Easter Card Making
- Ping Pong Jar \*
- Quiz for the older children \*

There will be home-made cake, donut or sausage roll with tea/ coffee or squash for everyone at £2.50 per person, plus there will be a barbecue outside, at an extra charge, that will add to the enjoyment.

Please bring cash, as we do not have the modern technology for taking electronic payment! For safety reasons parents are required to stay with their children at all times during the event, and, as cakes are being donated, we cannot guarantee the ingredients that have been used or that there are no nuts or traces of nuts.

As grateful as the Committee are with revenue generated by these events, the bulk of our funds will be derived from Grants. This is a task that takes hours of looking through paperwork and working on written applications by our dedicated team, but if successful the rewards are well worth the effort. We are currently eagerly awaiting the outcome of our most recent application to ENOVERT for £100,000. To achieve our final goal of a swimming pool for everyone, babies; toddlers; children; youth; adults; the disabled; pensioners; and the wider communities; we need everyone's help and support with our community fund raising events, and for that we are extremely thankful.



There were no fundraising events in March,

but we did have a wonderful donation of £200 from the Almond Family in remembrance of our late lamented and sorely missed secretary, Carol Almond. Thank you, Miles, Nicole and Marcus, it was a lovely thought and a very welcome gift towards our total.

We also received our first donation of £15.80 from Amazon Smile; this donation has been possible as people who shopped with Amazon, chose to go to Amazon Smile instead (same prices); which just goes to show what a difference one click can make and at no extra cost. Please remember to visit Amazon Smile when shopping on-line and select Great Tey Community Pool from the list, to help raise these extra funds for our charity.

Thank you from Great Tey Community Pool Committee members.

## **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

A number of years ago Neighbourhood Outreach was formed by a group of like-minded volunteers to assist those in and around our village who needed a helping hand. Over the years the group have helped numerous villagers, but some of the original volunteers have moved on and we now need to enlist a few fresh volunteers who would be willing to help. The aim is just to 'be there' in hours of need simply to assist with shopping, doctor's, dentist's, optician's, hospital appointments where no friend or family is available to help. It could even be filling in a form or computer problem you need guidance on, we're there to help!!

If you feel you would like to be part of this small, but essential team, then please contact one of the following for more information:- Chris Percival 01206 211619, John Carr 01206 211039, Peter Wakeling 01206 211887.

#### THE GREAT TEY FRIENDSHIP/ BOWLS CLUB

Well here I am writing this with the temperature outside a dizzy 18 degrees! Who'd have thought we'd have this sort of temp in March? Not that I'm complaining! I dare say when the club meets next week it will have changed completely....still, it's nice for the moment.

We have more new members now, but keep coming folks – the more the merrier! Always room for some new faces. Our meetings for next month will be on Wed. 14th and 27th, with lunch proposed at The



Chequers on the 6th and 20th. If you'd like any more info on the club, do call Jim on 01206 210838 or Andrea on 01206803541. As Easter approaches, we are **GREAT TEY** looking back on a Spring term which saw the school begin to move back to a sense of normality after nearly two years



of lockdowns and 'bubbles'. This term has seen us begin to welcome visitors back into school, and we had a lovely open afternoon last week during which parents were able to come into school to look at their children's work, to look at some of the displays around school and to share some refreshments in the hall. We also enjoyed World Book Day, during which the children dressed up as favourite book characters, shared favourite books together and were able to buy a book from our 'pop-up' book shop. We held our 'Wear Blue and Yellow Day' in support of Ukraine, and raised nearly £400 through donations and a cake sale. My personal favourite was a visit from 3 owls and a hawk, who came to fly around our school hall and have their photograph taken with our pupils – we learned a lot about how birds of prey fly, eat and communicate (by shaking their tails in the case of the hawk!). Next week, on 1st April, we are very much looking forward to our Friends of Great Tey Easter Fair, which will include the all-important Easter Egg Hunt and bonnet parade.

Most of all, we are keeping our fingers crossed that this move back to normality will continue, and that we have seen the last of the dreaded lockdowns, so that the children can continue to learn and play with their friends. We hope to be able to invite more and more people from our school community to come and visit us in the coming weeks and months and look forward to celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with you all.

Best wishes, Lucy Overtow Headteacher and the staff and pupils of Great Tey Primary School

## **GREAT TEY WI**

After our calorie laden meeting last month, where a vanilla cheesecake was the final winner, but all the other desserts went down very well too, we are going in the opposite direction for this month's meeting with a bit of exercise. We have a visiting WI coming to teach us how to play NEW AGE KURLING. Hopefully it will not be too energetic, but if you would like to join us, you are fit enough, and want to learn a new skill then give it go! We meet on the first Tuesday of each month (this month is Tuesday 5th April) in the Village Hall, with a starting time of 7.30pm. Ladies of all ages, all fitness levels and all skills Great Tey WI Committee are very welcome.

## **GREAT TEY FOOTPATH WALKING** GROUP

Sunday 20 March 2022 - Our seasonal lambing walk was well supported, but alas we were too early for them and turned into a Primrose walk instead which led us to Chalkney Wood rather than Bacons Farm. Whilst there was auite an of abundance fresh



primroses in Chalkney Wood, there were even more Bluebells waiting to spring into life as soon as the weather becomes slightly warmer, so definitely a 'must re-visit' in April.

Sunday 24 April 2022 - Morning walk to Aldham Ford Street with tea/coffee/cake perhaps en-route at Mill Race Garden Centre, distance 5 miles, meet 10am in Great Tey Village Hall car park.

Sunday 22 May 2022 - Coming up, afternoon walk around Coggeshall village and surrounding countryside, distance 4 miles, meet 2.30pm in Great Tey Village Hall car park, or 2.45pm in Coggeshall public car park (entrance in Stoneham Street)

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

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

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



## Gardening Notes April 2022 RIGHT PLANT, RIGHT PLACE!

I have just had a wonderful week walking along the Ligurian coast in Italy. It is very beautiful, steep slopes covered in evergreen trees, an azure sea, beautiful views and the faded glory of small towns and villages which were once the haunt of the 'A' list. However, the countryside has some lessons for us to learn.

I was talking to a botanist friend who was expressing some concern about the woodland species that we are currently planting – oak, ash, beech and field maple. We are being told that our climate could very well become more and more Mediterranean like. Well, the trees that I have just seen were holm oak (an evergreen oak), strawberry tree (arbutus) three varieties of pine and other evergreens that I had difficulty in recognising. Hmmm!

Of course, there are differences climate and soil even within small areas, important for the gardener. I was very excited to see hepaticas growing in the wild in the hills for the first time. These are small spring flowers that look a little like celandine but are pale blue/mauve. They are very fussy! Even there in their home territory, I only saw them in very specific areas. They need well drained soil – they grow on steep slopes or walls, they need humidity, regular rainfall, sun in the winter and shade in the summer. North east Essex clay doesn't really fit the specification does



it? On a happier note, on the terraces cultivated for olive trees, with less dense shade there were clumps of french lavender (lavender stoechas), curry plant, euphorbias and rosemary. All these we can grow as long as we pick the stoniest, best drained places in the garden – not on heavy clay. I have always struggled a bit with lavender, french lavender grows best for me, often seeding itself in the gravel path.

Finally, I saw lots of wild hellebores. Helleborus foetidus – the one with small lime green bell shaped flowers were growing in relatively deep shade on the hottest side of the hills, where there was clearly little rain or moisture. I grow these in deep shade and dry soil here at Bucklers – very useful. Where the shade was a little less deep and there was a bit more moisture there were lots of large flowered green hellebores, probably relatives of helleborus corsicus, another favourite of mine.

We all need to watch where we plant things, if in doubt look at their wild cousins!

## WINTER BOWLS LEAGUE

The final round of games have been played and the outright winners are Tey Thunder. The team of Nick Hamer, Frank Britt, Andy, Watson, Graham Ellis and a couple of reserves played consistently well and deserved their win & the glory that goes with it! We hope they will showcase their skills again and defend their title next year!

The bowls evenings were a good get together by a mixed group of people from students to pensioners and although competitive were played in a good friendly spirit.

A big thank you to all the participants and to all the helpers and, of course, to the Friendship/Bowls club for the use of all the equipment.

#### FINAL 2022 WINTER BOWLS LEAGUE TABLE

Team	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	For	Against	Points
Tey Thunder	42	32	3	7	231	108	99
Hot Shots	42	24	3	15	187	160	75
Poles Apart	42	19	3	20	177	175	60
The Ringers	42	18	5	19	169	175	59
Guns 'n Roses	42	14	5	23	170	178	47
Youth Club	42	14	3	25	153	196	45
Chequers	42	12	4	26	123	233	40



## **CHURCH NEWS** April 2022

Lent is nearly over and we are all looking forward to Easter. We hope to welcome everyone to our celebration on Easter Sunday – much singing of cheerful Easter hymns and maybe even an egg or two!

Services during April

Wed 6th April 7.30 Little Tey - Service of Compline

Sun 10th April 10.00am Little Tey – **Palm Sunday** Benefice Communion

Thu 14th Apr 2022, 7.30pm Great Tey – **Maundy Thursday** Benefice Communion

Fri 15th Apr 2022, 2.00pm Great Tey – **Good Friday** Devotional Service

Sun 17th Apr 2022, 10.00am Great Tey – **Easter Day** Benefice Communion

Sun 24th Apr 2022, 6.30pm Little Tey – Evensong

#### Arrival of a new vicar/rector - at last!

Excellent news, we are to have a 'Priest in Charge' for our 4 churches of Great and Little Tey, Chappel and Wakes Colne, from July of this year. He will be Ian Scott Thompson. We will, in fact, be sharing Ian with the parishes of Aldham and Marks Tey. Because Ian will have 6 churches to look after, we will all have to continue to do as much as we can to help run the churches and support him in every way we can.

**The 'Licensing' of Revd Ian Scott-Thompson** as Priest-in-Charge of St Barnabas, Great Tey and St Jamesthe-Less, Little Tey with All Saints, Wakes Colne and St Barnabas, Chappel

This takes the form of a service of welcoming and dedication and will take place on

Wednesday June 29th - 7.30 pm - Great Tey - Service Led by The Right Reverend Roger Morris Area Bishop of Colchester. Everyone welcome.

#### 'Maundy' - What does it mean?

Maundy Thursday or Holy Thursday is the day during Holy Week that commemorates the Washing of the Feet and Last Supper of Jesus Christ with the Apostles, but why 'Maundy'?

As is so often the case, the origin of the title is obscure. Some say it is derived from 'mandatum' the Latin for commandment referring to 'the commandment to love one another'.

Rather more likely is that Maundy is derived from the Old French mendier, and Old English maund, to beg. This refers to the habit of kings giving arms on this day to those who begged.

On this Maundy Thursday we will have a communion service in St Barnabas Great Tey at 7.30pm

#### 'Good Friday' - Why Good?

It seems odd to describe the day on which Christ was killed in the most unpleasant way as 'Good'.

Once again the title refers to a meaning of 'good' that we no longer use very often. In former times one of the meanings of good was in fact 'holy'. 'Good Friday' comes from the obsolete sense 'pious, holy' of the word "good". Less common examples of expressions based on this

obsolete sense of "good" include "the good book" for the Bible.

We shall be thinking about the events of Good Friday at a service of contemplation with hymns and readings at 2pm on April 15th.

#### EGGS!

#### Why do we eat chocolate eggs at Easter? In times gone by, before the arrival of chocolate to our shores it was real eggs that we ate to celebrate Easter Sunday.

This custom of the Easter egg, according to many sources, can be traced to early Christians of Mesopotamia, and from there it spread into Eastern Europe and Siberia through the Orthodox Churches, and later into Europe through the Catholic and Protestant Churches. Other sources maintain that the custom arose in western Europe during the Middle Ages as a result of the fact that Western Christians were prohibited from eating eggs during Lent, but were allowed to eat them when Easter arrived.

Wherever the custom came from, the habit of colouring or painting eggs goes back millennia, long before Christ was born and Christians adopted the whole 'egg thing' as an excellent metaphor for 'rebirth' – the essence of the message of Easter Sunday.

So, enjoy those eggs and join us to celebrate the day on Sunday the 17th of April at 10am in Great Tey church and there may even be an egg on the way out, albeit a very small one!

#### CHRISTIAN AID COORDINATOR -GREAT TEY

A vacancy has recently arisen for a new volunteer Christian Aid coordinator for Great Tey following the recent retirement of the former coordinator. It does not involve house to house collection anymore, but simply to place collection tins in public places and to attend some public activities where there maybe people who would like to donate. If this does interest you, then in the first instance please contact, Peter Wakeling 01206 211887 who will be able to put you in touch with the organisation, thank you.



# EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Great Tey Community Pool will be holding an Easter Eggstravanganza this year to raise funds for the village pool and we would like you to take part in this event.

Below are a series of rectangles resembling bricks in a wall. Each brick is a raffle ticket that costs 50p.

Please write your name and telephone number on each ticket and then cut them out, put them in an envelope with

50p for every ticket bought. All tickets will go into a draw to win you Easter Eggs. You do not have to buy all the bricks shown here.

Envelopes should be labelled Easter Eggstravaganza and posted through Norma Tregoning's door at The Old Vicarage, Chappel Road (next to the Village Hall).

To make this event successful we are asking for donations of Easter Eggs please, the more we have, the better the draw and all eggs should be left at Norma's door.

The draw will take place on Saturday 16th April in the Village Hall, where there will be a barbecue, Easter themed games, activities and coffee and cake. If your ticket is drawn and you cannot make the event you will be contacted.

# THE CHEQUERS

## **Opening Hours**

Monday - Closed all day • Tuesday - 5:30pm - 10:30pm Wednesday/Thursday - 12.00pm - 3.00pm 5:30pm - 10:30pm Friday - 5pm - 11:30pm • Saturday - 12.00pm - 11:30pm Sunday - 12.00pm - 8.00pm (food served Wednesday to Sunday)

## APRIL/MAY/AUGUST

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 15th May, Sunday – Quiz Night – Book your table - up to 6 per team 19th August, Friday – Colchester Morris Men – dance @ 8pm

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.

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

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## Wednesday 20th April 2022

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