

# ROUNDABOUT

JULY 2022

# GREAT TEY

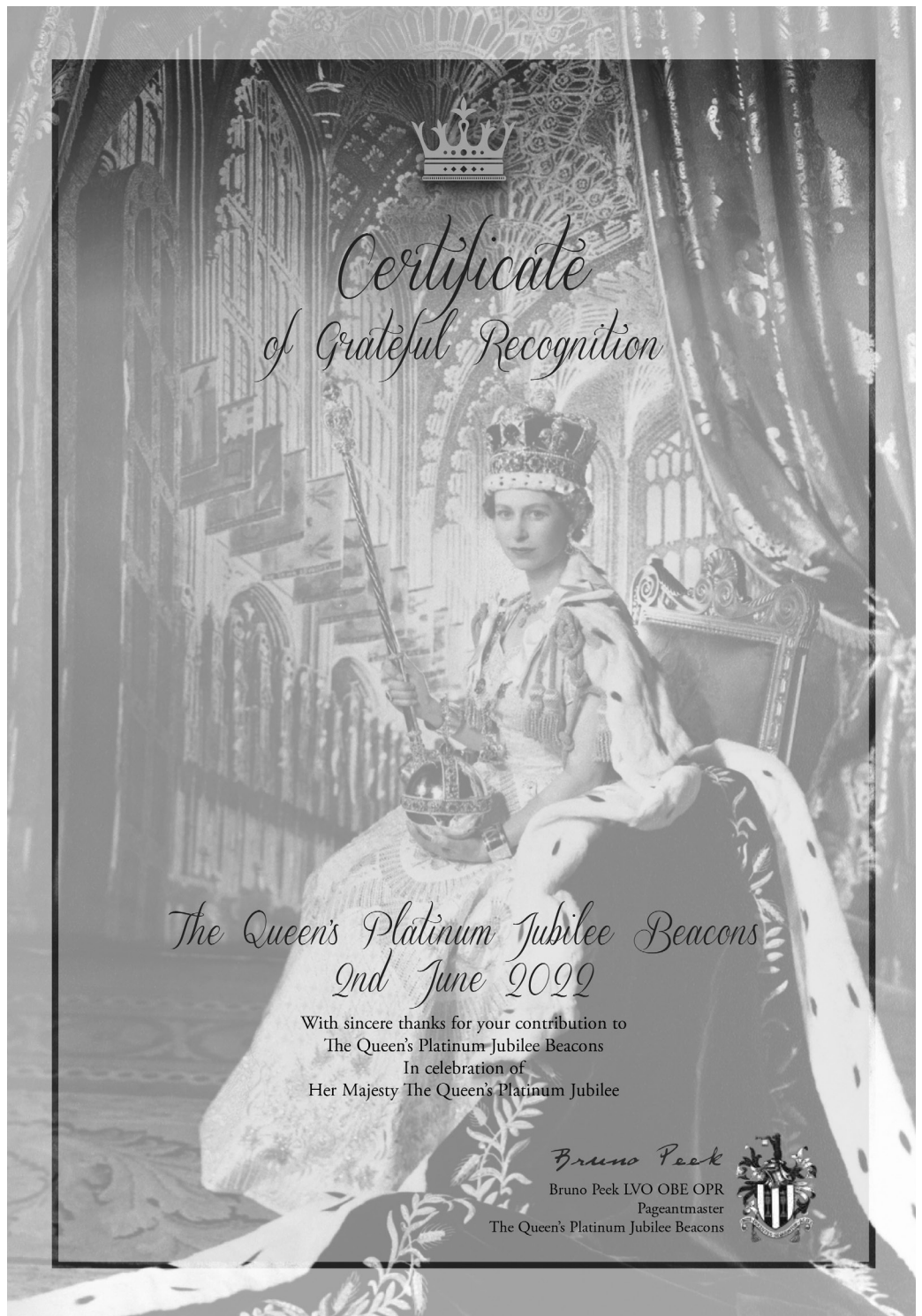
NEWS, VIEWS AND EVENTS IN & AROUND GT TEY

## BEACONS OF JUBILEE JOY

Great Tey has been presented with this Certificate of Appreciation to mark our participation in the historic event and very importantly the night will hopefully be one that will provide many personal happy memories.

Proceedings kicked off on Thursday 2nd June when hundreds of beacons were lit across the Commonwealth as part of the Queen Elizabeth Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. Great Tey was one of that number and a vast throng of villagers joined in the associated celebrations. The evening commenced with a packed BBQ at The Chequers, organised by Terry and Natalie, followed by a delicious Jubilee Cake cooked by Dilys Wakeling, during the cutting of which the crowd sang the National Anthem.

The Church Bells rang out and a buglar played patriotic tunes as part of the continuing festivities waiting for the light to fade. At 9.30 the crowd were led by the buglar to the Old Playing Field where, following a few words from Roger Fairs as Chair of the Parish Council, the buglar played "Majesty" a special bugle piece written for the Jubilee to be played immediately before the lighting ceremony. At 9.45 Russell Cottis set fire to the Beacon wearing a resplendent Union Jack outfit and his expert preparation of the fire ensured that it roared into life providing a spectacular end to the evening.



## 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 July 2022 at 7.30 pm

1. Apologies for Absence.
  2. Declaration of Interests.
  3. Confirmation of Minutes Of The Parish Council Meeting of 14th June 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

221472 Braziers Cottage, East Gores Road, Coggeshall - Demolition of an existing wood store and the erection of a new ancillary workshop/store on broadly the same location. Resubmission of 220225

#### (b) Applications approved by Colchester Borough Council

#### (c) Any other planning matters

#### 9. Financial Matters

##### (a) Cheques for payment

101974 D Williams-clerk salary £508.50 less PAYE £101.60 £406.90

101975 HM Revenue & Customs - PAYE for clerk £101.60

101976 Mrs R Stone – notice board annual rental £10.00

#### 10. Harold Fairs Recreation Ground

##### (a) To receive an update regarding quotes for extension of the play area

##### (b) To consider any management matters

#### 11. Handyman

##### (a) To receive a report on outstanding jobs

##### (b) To update 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. Correspondence not dealt with elsewhere.

#### 17. Other Business for Discussion.

Date and Time of Next Meeting 19th August 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)

## NATIONAL QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Great Tey played its full part in a memorable Jubilee bank holiday with 4 days of enjoyable and successful village events giving hundreds of people the opportunity to celebrate being part of such a vibrant community.

### FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT

The ever popular village quiz on the Friday night proved to be a great success. In a packed village hall our local quizmasters put our grey matter to the test with a range of topics from Geography and History to Sport, Entertainment, Food and Drink, a Royal based music round (my personal favourite: 'Why Does It Always Reign On Me?') as well as a regal picture quiz. Thanks to Bryan and Clare for putting together such an entertaining evening, and congratulations to Norma's Vegetable Patch for walking away the victors.

### VILLAGE FAYRE AND GRAND DRAW

Saturday began with a slightly overcast start, but suddenly the sun burst through the clouds and just brought everybody out to enjoy the clear, blue sky and all the attractions that were on offer. Serenaded by charismatic Bell-Ringing throughout the day, there were a fabulous array of stallholders selling handmade crafts etc, there were also games, historic displays, local art, as well as wellbeing items and body art. Christine's Tea Tent was busy all day with the usual homemade cakes, but with tasty ice creams, strawberries & cream, fish & chips, and of course Terry's BBQ at The Chequers as well, there was no reason to go anywhere else!

Also, there were complimentary inflatables available for children to 'let off steam' and for the first time, Alpaca Acres brought two beautiful Alpacas and a baby Goat for everyone to meet and bond with. If that wasn't enough, the Arena was blessed with music from the Scottish Pipe Band, a Dog show, Tug-of-War, Knobbly Knees and a King & Queen display.

Finally, the Jubilee Grand Draw held at the Fayre sold out with a record 2000 tickets bought. Enormous thanks are due to local businesses and individuals who donated so many much sought after and generous prizes, and to the dedicated ticket sellers who gave up so much time to sell raffle tickets at the events and across the village beforehand. Congratulations to all prize winners and thank you to everyone who supported this important fund raiser.

### CIVIC SERVICE AND FAMILY PICNIC

Events concluded on Sunday with a very touching service in St Barnabas Church, Great Tey, led by the PCC, followed by a mini pilgrimage to the Old Playing Field for a picnic and afternoon of games organised by the school PTA.

We would like to thank everyone involved in preparing, running and supporting such an amazing 4 days. It provided a brilliant platform to show why the village is called GREAT TEY, for us all to mingle and meet or make friends, and to raise significant funds for local charitable causes.

*The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Village Planning Committee*



## WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES ENJOYED BY GREAT TEY CUBS!

The cub pack has settled back in Great Tey really well, with 13 young people enjoying a varied and full programme over the last few months. They have worked on a number of their badges including:

Athletics Badge, learning about how to warm up and the benefits of exercise

Chefs Badge, learning about safety in the kitchen, healthy eating etc.

Space badge which involved making a scale model of the Solar System in the village hall

And a number of them have achieved their Skills Challenge Award having completed a range of activities and tasks (including some around the home, you're welcome parents!)

They also celebrated Chinese New Year & St Patricks Day, learning about the cultures and traditions of those two festivities and there was also some excellent pancake flipping for Pancake day

More recently we have taken the opportunity to get outdoors, including time spent in Chalkney Woods exploring the environment and playing cricket and rounders (an honourable 6 – 6 draw between the cubs and leaders) in the park.

The pack has had the chance to take part in a number of activities with other cubs in the district recently, including:

District hired Roller World in Colchester for an exclusive cubs event, with well over 100 cubs enjoying the skating

We joined several other groups on a trip to Legoland, including a sleepover and movie night after the visit

And three of our cubs took part in MegaCamp – a county wide weekend camping event with over 1,800 cubs in attendance. The weekend gave the cubs the opportunity to try go-karts, fire lighting, archery, axe throwing, canoeing, inflatables, high ropes and much more! A great, if tiring, weekend and a big thanks to the leaders who gave up their weekend to ensure the cubs had an amazing experience

We only have 3/4 meetings left before the summer but have a number of activities planned including a trip to Coggeshall Fire Station and have started planning for a weekend camping trip with the Scouts and Beavers for when we start back in September.

If your young person would like to experience cubs before the summer break, please contact [1stgreatteygroup@gmail.com](mailto:1stgreatteygroup@gmail.com)

## CHRISTINE LUCOCK BEM

Christine Lucock was awarded the BEM (British Empire Medal) in the Queen's Birthday honours for her continuous voluntary work in the community of Great Tey.

We all know of Christine's tireless work in helping at nearly every social event in the village, but also it has to be said, Great Tey is so much richer for everything she does to help so many residents of our village.

This award cannot have been given to a more deserving person.

## EXPANSION OF THE CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

Great Parish Parish Council are consulting on the expansion of the children's play area at the Harold Fairs Recreation Ground. They have received designs from several providers and would like Parishioners comments on the different designs before reaching a decision.

A session is being hosted at the Village Hall on Saturday 16th July from 11.30am to 1.30pm - please drop in if, possible so your views can be heard. They will also be seeking feedback online via Facebook and via the Primary School directly. The project is made possible through Section 106 monies from the Brook Road housing development.

## Family Bingo

Sunday 7th August

Doors open 1.30pm Eyes down 2pm

Great Tey Village Hall  
CO6 1AE

£5 per person

Child and adult prizes  
to be won

All money raised  
helps to send  
Matthew and Rose to  
the World Scout  
Jamboree in 2023



25<sup>th</sup> Jamboree Scout Mondial Candidat  
25<sup>th</sup> World Scout Jamboree Candidate  
Amazing International Experiences in 2023



Drinks, cakes  
and crisps  
available to  
buy in the  
break.

Scouts

## GREAT TEY FOOTPATH WALKING GROUP

Whilst we love walking around Great Tey on all the footpaths we have around us, in May we ventured for the first time in a long time, a little further afield to Coggeshall. We completed a four-mile circular walk around the village and down to the River Blackwater to the south of the village, returning via Grange Barn and The Abbey. It was a little overgrown in places, and there was a particularly challenging steel footbridge (Nunns Bridge) crossing the Blackwater which some members needed help in getting over, but a very pleasant day was had by all. At time of going to press, we had not completed our June walk, but will report on that next month.



**Sunday 17 July 2022** - We're going even further afield this month, this time to Orford, Orford Castle & River Alde for another four to five mile circular walk. We meet at 9.00am in Great Tey Village Hall car park for the drive to the Suffolk Coast. There is an optional lunch stop available in Orford Village, but please book with one of the contacts below.

**Sunday 21 August 2022** - coming up, local afternoon walk in & around Great Tey, 4/5 miles, meet 3.00pm 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)

## SEWING CLASS

After last month's "advert" in the R&A, I had 5 people take me up on the offer of a sewing class in the Village Hall.

As it is more of an experiment to see if it works, I have booked 4 dates in the Village Hall for August to see what can be achieved. The dates in case anyone else is interested, are Monday 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd August from 3.00pm - 4.30pm.

If these sessions prove popular, we could extend them to a regular once a month, depending on availability at the Village Hall. The cost is £10.00 per session, with the money going to the swimming pool fund after hall hire has been deducted. Please bring all your own equipment, machines, scissors, pins etc with you, and hopefully we will all enjoy the "Class". Thank you

*Norma Tregoning*

## EYES DOWN - BINGO

A very happy afternoon was enjoyed at our June 2022 Bingo session.

Due to falling numbers and holiday commitments we have decided to close early for this Summer. Therefore there will be NO sessions in July or August 2022 ( we don't normally have a session in August anyway).

Therefore the next Bingo Session will be held at the Village Hall on Thursday, 8th September 2022 between 2.00 pm and 4.00 pm.

Please advertise us to your relatives and friends so we see a boost to our numbers. It is a very social occasion with 6 games of Bingo £1, endless tea, coffee and cake. We will see what September brings to plan and decide our future. Bingo is held normally on the 2nd Thursday of the month between 2.00pm to 4.00 pm.

*Beryl Brewer*



## WANTED

Secure, undercover parking space for medium size box trailer 3m x 1.5m x 1.2m high. Please contact Peter on 07860 625325 anytime.

St Barnabas Church,  
Great Tey

**DON'T FORGET!**

**'Pop-Up Tearoom'**

**In the churchyard 2pm – 4.30pm**

**Each Sunday in July  
(3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th)**

**Serving  
Cream Teas**

**Homemade cakes and scones  
Birthday cakes (to order)**

**To book a table for more than 6  
(helpful but not essential)**

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

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



# CHURCH NEWS JULY 2022

## A New Rector!

By the time you read this we will have a new 'Priest in Charge'. Some may wonder what the difference is between a vicar or rector and a priest in charge. For all of us in the pews, there is no difference. Our new incumbent, Ian Scott Thompson, will be taking services and working in our parishes in similar ways to John Richardson, our previous rector. The difference is more an administrative one in that a 'priest in charge' can be a more flexible post and one that can be changed or terminated rather more easily by the bishop, should the need arise. Ian has suggested that after he takes up his post on Wednesday 29th June, he be known as 'the Rector', just as historically, all incumbents have been known.

Ian was born in London and brought up in Surrey and Hampshire. He trained in physics and worked for Plessey research before being ordained in 1983. He has ministered in parishes across Dorset, Hampshire, Surrey and Essex. He is married to Jane who is Finance Manager for the schools charity CYO, and they have two adult daughters, Jenny in London and Rachel in Southampton.

From the beginning of July Ian will have 6 churches to look after. This will mean that he will need to have considerable support from all of us parishioners. In the coming weeks Ian will be working with all the churches in our benefice, to decide how best to share his time with us all.

### Service Times

- 3 July 10am Morning Service (Little Tey)
- 10 July 10am Benefice Communion (Great Tey)
- 17 July 10am Morning Service (Great Tey)
- 24 July 10am Benefice Communion (Chappel)
- 24 July 6.30pm Evensong (Little Tey)
- 31 July No services on this, the 5th Sunday

## Gardens Open

Thank you so much to all those who helped Ann Bartleet with her 'Gardens Open'.

As a result, £2,400 was raised for Great and Little Tey churches.

## News in Advance

### The Fete

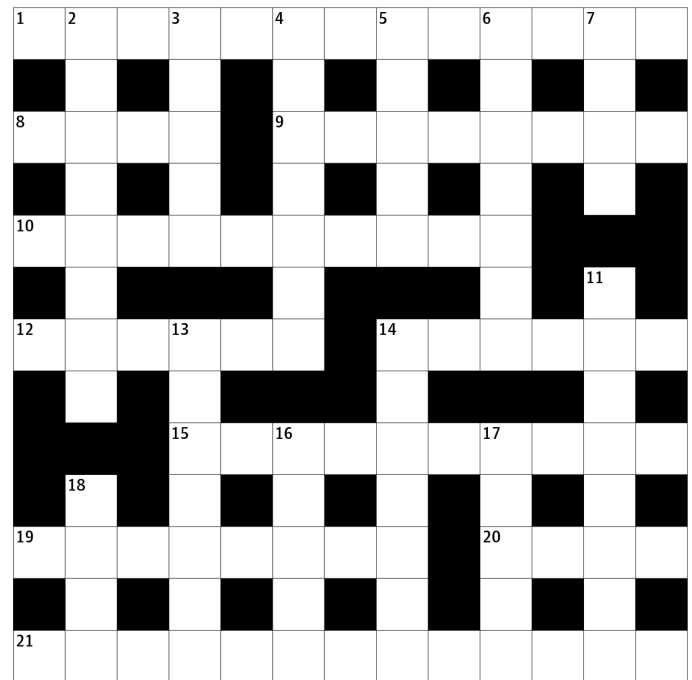
Once again we are holding the Fete at the end of summer. It will take place on Saturday 17th September at Walcotts Hall, by kind permission of Simon Hall and Nicki Bolton.

### Harvest Supper and Harvest Festival

We hope to hold these on Saturday the 15th and Sunday the 16th of October.

# R&A QUICK CROSSWORD

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### Across

1. Anthracite or charcoal, for example — foul elk messes (anag) (9,4)
8. Some time back (4)
9. Female server (8)
10. Well, well! (8,2)
12. Toothed fastener(6)
14. Sour-tasting leaves used in salads and sauces (6)
15. Censure (10)
19. Northernmost of the Windward Islands (8)
20. Cloistered brother (4)
21. State of extremejoy (7,6)

### Down

2. Small guitar-like instrument(8)
3. Work dough (5)
4. It's engaged while driving up or down a steep hill (3,4)
5. Helvetic (5)
6. Person who writes comedies — fur care (anag) (7)
7. Orient (4)
11. Succession of ordered things (8)
13. Sideview (7)
14. Tummy (7)
16. Dot — full stop (5)
17. Afro-Cuban dance (5)
18. Counterspy (4)

## GREAT TEY COMMUNITY POOL

Our efforts at crowd funding were not quite as much as we hoped, but the over £2,000.00 raised with extra after Gift Aid is added, is still a fantastic amount. Many thanks to Mike Stubbins for organising it, and to all the people that did donate, it is very much appreciated.



We did have our profile raised with two articles in the Standard and Gazette about the pool, plus a radio interview that Alec did with BBC Essex, but we need more help with our social media presence. We now have an Instagram Account to hopefully show our progress once things really get going, but what we really need is someone who knows what to do with the Account and can spread the word on this much needed project.

If there is any young person in the Village willing to help the 'older' Committee members negotiate the labyrinth of Instagram, we would be extremely grateful. If interested in helping, please contact any Committee member and bring us into the modern world!!

*Great Tey Community Pool Committee.*



## PANDA'S PEDALS

**Mobile bicycle servicing, repairs and cleaning**

**At your home, work, or a free 'pick up and drop off'**

**Serving Great Tey and surrounding areas**

**[www.pandas-pedals.com](http://www.pandas-pedals.com)**

**07539 075248**

**[pandaspedals@gmail.com](mailto:pandaspedals@gmail.com)**

## THE GREAT TEY FRIENDSHIP/ BOWLS CLUB

I suspect that by the time you read this the weather will have changed but just now it's lovely and warm!



I think I'm in the minority when I say I really like the hot weather... however the weather will not stop us playing bowls on our 2 new mats! Let's hope they help us improve our games!

Our dates for July are Wed. 6th and 20th, with lunch at the Chequers on the 13th and 27th. We are always ready to welcome new members so for more info on the club do contact Andrea on 01206 803541.

## GREAT TEY WI

Last month was a milestone in the history of our WI because our president, Christine Lucock, was awarded the BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL for services to the community. This was a well deserve appreciation of all that Christine has done not only for the Village in general, but for the Playgroup, the Brownies, the Church, various Fund-raising groups in the Village and of course the WI where she has been President for many years, in particular. We all wish her many congratulation on a well-earned and well-deserved award for all she has done.

Apart from Christine being awarded her medal, we also have Carol Nice as an MBE, Caroline Bartleet with a Bafta and of course Simon Hall was High Sheriff of Essex - not bad for a little old Essex Village!

Last month at our monthly WI meeting we had a really interesting talk on the History of Harrods, especially so because the original founder of the department store came from Lexden, with his wife coming from Birch, and they started their business in Clacton before moving to London. We had a really good turn out on the night too, with 5 visitors, which was lovely to see.

This month is our Garden Party at the home of Pauline and Alan Mattin, and if anyone one is thinking of joining our group now is your chance to get to know us all in a nice relaxed atmosphere. The added bonus is that you can also have a look around the Aladdin's Cave that is the collection in Alan and Pauline's home.

We will be gathering at "Jesmond", Church Lane, Little Tey at 7.30pm on Tuesday 5th July. Everyone is welcome.

*Great Tey WI Committee*



## Gardening Notes July 2022

### DELPHINIUMS

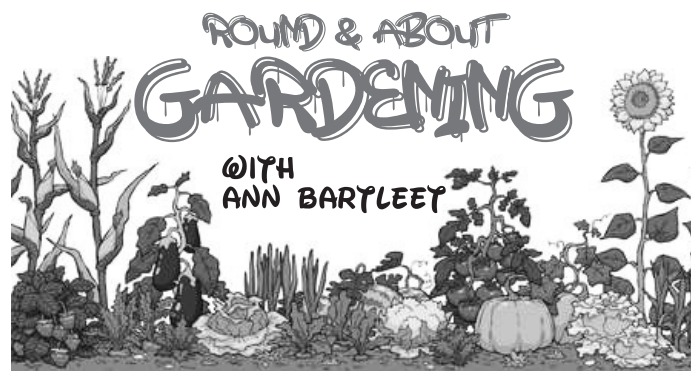
As many of you will know I have been opening my garden recently, which means I have had to answer lots of horticultural questions, some easy to answer, some less so! During the most recent openings, the question most asked was 'why can't I grow delphiniums?' Well, I hope what follows might help a bit or at least give you a clue as to why they are a bit tricky.

I love delphiniums. I remember them in my parents' garden – taller than I was! When we first started to garden here at Bucklers, I went to the Chelsea Flower Show and marvelled at the Blackmore and Langdon stand, a positive forest of 8 foot spires of blue, mauve and white. Of course, I wanted to grow them at home!

For years I planted them and for years they looked great when brought home from the garden centre, but the next summer, either no sign of them at all or just a miserable shadow of last year's plants.

After 50 years of gardening, I think I have cracked it! I grow delphiniums in two places in the garden. In one spot they are spectacular this year and most years as well. Taller than me, lots of flower heads and a plant that looks as if it will be there for ever. The variety is delphinium, Pacific Hybrid 'Black Knight', a wonderful intense dark blue and one of my favourites. I also grow it in another border in a different part of the garden. Here it is nothing like as spectacular, and I keep having to replace it or add to the clump. The secret of success lies in the different conditions in the two places.

All delphiniums need rich soil, so lots of muck or fertilizer and plenty of water.



However, I think they need reasonably good drainage as well. They need staking or some sort of plant support. Their big enemy are slugs and snails which will decimate young growth. The difference in the two places I grow my delphiniums is that one has lighter grittier soil, it also does not have full sun all day long. Grittier soil means fewer slugs.

The other spot has heavy clay soil. It also gets very hot in full sun, all day. It also has more competition from other leafy plants which attract slugs in summer. Drainage in winter is not so good and I think the delphiniums don't like their feet in heavy wet clay in winter.

So choose your site carefully!

A final tip that a specialist grower whom I met at a Hyde Hall Plant Fair, gave me. Don't go for Pacific Hybrids, but try the Elatum group of delphiniums. You may have to search the internet to find them. They are very slightly different in form, but I can barely tell the difference. They are said to be more robust and less fussy. There is a beautiful variety called 'Faust'. It is quite similar to Black Knight and I have just planted a clump. I will let you know how it goes as it in the less favourable spot!

### BOTTLE STALL

Once again, the Villagers of Great Tey have astounded me with your extreme generosity by donating bottles for the Jubilee Fete's Bottle Stall. I was a bit worried that we would not have enough at one stage, but once again you all came up trumps and we had more than enough in the end. In fact, your generosity was so much that I have nearly got enough Bottles for the Church Fete on Saturday 17th September as well.

I will only need to put the box outside my house for a few weeks instead of months to get enough for everyone to enjoy themselves at the next Bottle Stall. It does seem like everyone enjoys the Bottle Stall, because we made over £450.00 for the Village Fund and it is all down to everyone's generosity. THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH!

*Norma Tregoning*

### CROSSWORD

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# 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)

Weekday lunchtimes from 12pm – 2:30pm & Wednesday evenings from 6pm – 8:30pm we offer a set menu.

2 Courses £13.50

3 Courses £15.95

## UPCOMING EVENTS

17th July, Sunday – Quiz Night – Book your table -maximum 6 people per team

30th July, Saturday – Themed Menu – TBC

19th August, Friday – Colchester Morris Men – dance @ 8pm

20th August, Saturday – Live music event with 'Original Sin' including a Raffle & BBQ.

Fundraising Night for Great Tey Swimming Pool Fund. £6 per ticket with a Spot Prize included on your ticket

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, the old page belongs to the previous tenant of The Chequers)

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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