

R&A ROUND ABOUT

MARCH 2023

GREAT TEY

NEWS, VIEWS AND EVENTS IN & AROUND GT TEY

EDITORIAL

This March R&A is an edition to spare you all having to reach for your spectacles, most articles are in larger type to take up space – it was a bit of a slow news month. Here's hoping we can have a few more contributions for April. *Ed*

SCOUT GROUP SPRING QUIZ 2023

We are delighted to confirm that our traditional Spring quiz will be held on Friday 28th April in the Village Hall at 8pm. Popular quizmasters Bryan and Claire will again be putting us through our paces. 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 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 which in the last 12 months has seen all 3 Group sections (Scouts, Cubs and Beavers) provide life enhancing experiences for youngsters from 6-14 years old.

Your support would be much appreciated and the quiz provides a great opportunity to have a fun evening whilst helping to raise funds to help young people benefit from a wide range of exciting activities.

Please confirm your team to any Leader or contact Joanna Ashworth on our email: 1stgreatteygroup@gmail.com to book a table.

Many thanks, Ian Ellis

GREAT TEY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Great Tey Parish Council wishes to inform you of the Pre-Submission Consultation (Regulation 14) on the Great Tey Neighbourhood Plan.

The details of how to make representations on the Pre-Submission Neighbourhood Plan given are below:

- The Plan can be viewed in the following ways:
 - By electronic download from, <https://www.greattey.com/neighbourhood-plan/> where the wider evidence base supporting the plan can also be downloaded.
 - In hard copy at the following locations: The Chequers Great Tey, The Street, Great Tey, CO6 1JS
The Kings Arms Broad Green, A120 Coggeshall Road, Broad Green, CO6 1RU
Great Tey Village Hall, Chappel Road, Great Tey, CO6 1JQ
- The consultation period runs from 15th March 2023 to midnight on 28th April 2023. No representations will be accepted after this closing date.
- Representations can be made in the following ways:
 - By email to greatteyparishcouncil@outlook.com
 - By post to Mr David Williams, Parish Clerk, Greenlands Farm, Lamberts Lane, Earls Colne, CO6 2LE
- All representations must be accompanied by a name, address and, if relevant, the organisation you are representing.

If you have any queries, please contact Marian Hamer at 3 Tey Grange, Chappel Road, Great Tey, CO6 1JQ, marianhamer@btopenworld.com, 07532 345988.

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 14th March 2023 at 7.30 pm

1. Apologies for Absence
 2. Declaration of Interests
 3. Confirmation of Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 14th February 2023
 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 City Council – None at present
 - (c) Any other planning matters
 9. Financial Matters
 - (a) Cheques for payment

102021 D Williams- clerk salary £5543.16 less PAYE £217.20 £325.96

102022 HM Revenue & Customs - PAYE for clerk £217.20
 - (b) To receive the financial report
 - (c) To consider future payments of donations to Great & Little Tey Parochial Church Council
 - (c) Any other financial matters
10. Harold Fairs Recreation Ground
 - (a) To receive an update regarding the extension and refurbishment of the play area
 - (b) To consider any management matters
11. Maintenance Contractor - To receive a report on outstanding jobs
12. Village Hall - To consider any management matters
 - (a) To consider installation of solar energy panels
 - (b) 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 11th April 2023 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 WI

Last month we had an interesting talk on the history of the Old Essex County Hospital, and this month we have “something entirely different.”

Not really sure exactly what the talk will be about but Essex Crime Scene Murders is definitely different! !

We meet on the first Tuesday of the month, this month it is Tuesday 7th March, for a 7.30pm start in the Village Hall.

All ladies are welcome to come along and see if they would like to join us, where we have different and interesting talks, tea/coffee and home made cakes, plus lovely company - What more would you want!

Great Tey WI Committee

Maths Tutor

Does your child need extra help with maths? Do they find it challenging or lack confidence? Or are you an adult wanting to gain your GCSE, improve your functional skills or overcome anxiety around maths?

I can help!

I am a qualified teacher, specialising in maths, with almost 30 years teaching experience. I am DBS checked, can provide references and am available for work in Colchester and the surrounding villages. During weekday evenings and at the weekend, I offer maths tutoring – primary to GCSE level. Tried and trusted methods enable me to teach new concepts, support memory retention and help with practical application.

£25 an hour.

If you are interested contact me on

07941184242 or

lisapearce1@hotmail.com

Lisa Pearce

WINTER BOWLS LEAGUE

With only one league night remaining, Balderdash & Piffle are romping home to the winners enclosure. They cannot be caught but they are still the team to beat. To date they have only been beaten 6 times and the Youth Club have done that twice. Can they make it three on the last night that is the question? Or can Balderdash & Piffle break the all time points record? It should be a good final night as there is also a three horse race for the runners up place.

WINTER BOWLS LEAGUE TABLE - 03/02/2023

Team	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	For	Against	Points
Bowlderdash & Piffle	42	33	3	6	245	112	102
The Ringers	42	23	3	16	201	175	72
Poles Apart	42	21	3	18	184	163	66
Hot Shots	42	19	6	17	189	167	63
Youth Club	42	18	2	22	173	173	56
Guns 'n Roses	42	12	4	26	126	198	40
Chequers	42	9	5	28	123	247	32

EYES DOWN - BINGO

Hi Bingo Players

We had a very good turnout for our Bingo last month. Again a 'thank you' to all our Helpers and to Barry for 'calling'. It is a fun afternoon and a chance to meet other people and chat.



Our next session will be held on Thursday, 9th March 2023 between 2.00 pm and 4.00 pm at the Village Hall.

We look forward to seeing you all. You may win a cash prize or the raffle. Cup of tea and cake £2 and Bingo cards £1 for 6 games.

Bingo is held on the 2nd Thursday of the month.
Beryl Brewer



'Try to leave this world a little better than you found it...'

Robert Baden-Powell

#SkillsForLife



Want to make a difference?

We are always looking for people to join our fun and friendly team of adult volunteers! We need some extra volunteers to support our group. If you feel you can help, get in touch! As much or as little help you can give is greatly appreciated.

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The 1st Great Tey Scout Group is a vibrant and active Scout Group that has been providing young people with exciting and challenging opportunities for many years. The group is made up of a dedicated team of volunteers who work tirelessly to provide a wide range of activities and experiences for the young people, including camping, hiking, sports and adventure. Whether you're a young person looking for a fun and rewarding activity, or a adult looking for a fun and rewarding volunteering opportunity, the 1st Great Tey Scout Group is the perfect place to be.

If you would like to sign up for one of our youth sections or would like to enquire about volunteering, get in touch with us by emailing 1stgreatteygroup@gmail.com

BEAVERS

6-8 Years
Wednesday
5:30-6:30

cubs

8-10 1/2 Years
Wednesday
18:45-20:00

SCOUTS

10 1/2-14 Years
Wednesday
19:15-20:30

GREAT TEY FOOTPATH WALKING GROUP

February produced the early signs of Spring with plenty of Snowdrops to choose from dotted all around the village, not to mention the array of freshly planted ones all along the grass banks of The Street, Great Tey. However, our February walk on Sunday 16th was heavily influenced towards spotting even more from the public footpaths around the village. Sixteen walkers enjoyed the beautiful sun filled day and our efforts were not disappointed either with little clumps everywhere, but particular praise has to be given to Ann Bartleet and her efforts around her own garden & grass verges in Buckleys Lane/Coggeshall Road, as they were exceptional!!



Saturday 11 March 2023 - AGM & Social Evening to be held at: 25 Christmund Way, Great Tey. Meeting commences at 7.30pm followed by a BYO social gathering. Please book with either Peter or Dilys using the contact details below.

Sunday 26 March 2023 - Awayday walk in & around Thaxted, Essex, 4 miles, meet 9.30am Great Tey Village Hall car park.

Sunday 02 April 2023 - Afternoon local 'Lambing Walk' 3-4 miles, everyone welcome, meet 3pm Great Tey Village Hall car park.

Sunday 16 April 2023 - Awayday walk in East Mersea, 4.75 miles, meet 9.30am 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*

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

Looking after our churchyard – important changes THE MAIN CHURCHYARD

We are all very fortunate to be able to be buried in an ancient and beautiful country churchyard, surrounding one of the best pre-Norman Conquest churches in Essex. However, with this privilege come regulations. Most laid down by the Church of England and the Diocese, but some specific to our churchyard.

Although these guidelines were originally available in leaflets given to families seeking burial, these have not been updated for more than 20 years. The village was not made sufficiently aware either of the original regulations, or of the changes made since.

We are now going to put this right. Included in this month's R and A is a leaflet explaining the regulations. From the 1st of May all those seeking burial in this churchyard will be asked to agree to abide by the regulations.

Of course, it would be unreasonable to insist that all those with loved ones, already buried in traditional graves in the churchyard, change the way they look after them. All we would ask is that you read the guidelines and we would be delighted if you followed those guidelines.

The aim is that the churchyard should be simple, peaceful, green and appropriate for this ancient site.

The Garden of Remembrance

The replanting of the Garden is going well. We hope to finish the planting by Easter. After Easter we will be overseeding or repairing the grass. In order to do that, we will have to restrict access for a short time, while the new grass comes through.

PLEASE NOTE – in the leaflet you will see we are going back to the original intention concerning how we all look after this part of the churchyard. In summary from the 1st of May there will be no individual tributes, including cut flowers, within the Garden.

We will be having a special celebration, with lots of flowers, of the lives of all those whose ashes are buried in the Garden, later in the summer.

*John Carr, Christopher Percival, Church Wardens.
Revd Ian Scott-Thompson, Rector*

PROPERTY COLUMN

Go above and beyond

The UK residential property market is currently still a hot topic in the media. Many predictions about how the market will respond to the current economic pressures are abound. Blogs, Podcasts and the 'experts' down the pub or on the train to work are all talking about the same thing.

As previously reported I will not make crystal ball predictions in this column. For my clients I will however look for indicators that may give some sense of the way things are heading. Stability is what anyone involved in property will tell you is key to promote confidence and therefore activity.

It is interesting then to look at some of the commentary that is coming from those at the coal face with access to real data & customer based feedback. The Royal Institute of chartered Surveyors February Economy and Property update for instance indicates that a fall in residential house prices will be relatively modest in 2023 in their view, other institutions are reporting fairly modest falls in pricing, some are higher. With the backdrop of more favorable mortgage deals becoming available, could this mean stability is on the horizon? With a new normal eventually prevailing.

Notwithstanding the above for buyers and sellers that are motivated to move, going above and beyond is important now. For buyers, seeking the best mortgage deal, taking the right advice and buying well. For sellers listing at the right price and presenting in the best possible light. For Estate Agents going the extra mile is also required..... I am helping to clear a vendor's garden at the weekend to get the property looking tip top for the photographs and listing for instance.

I have recently been asked a lot about rental. Should I rent instead of buying, should I rent my property instead of selling. My answer here is always the same, it depends on your position and what your motivation is. Renting could offer a short-term fix. But consider your options carefully, rents are rising on the back of increased demand, the monthly rental you pay is essentially gone. If you chose to rent your property, evaluate the costs to do this and allow a margin for any work that maybe required after a tenant leaves. At the end of the rental what will you be looking to achieve in the prevailing market at that time.

A word about seasonal activity, Springtime is traditionally when we may think about moving home. We start looking we start listing. What ever the level of demand or availability is this year it could still be the best time to find a good deal or sell your property and move on within the same prevailing market conditions.

Finally, buyers' agents are sometimes a way to navigate the market and find a great deal. Here the agent will for an agreed fee search to the buyers detailed brief, for both on and off market opportunities. Certainly, this arrangement has been growing in popularity for the value it can if deliver if everything comes together.

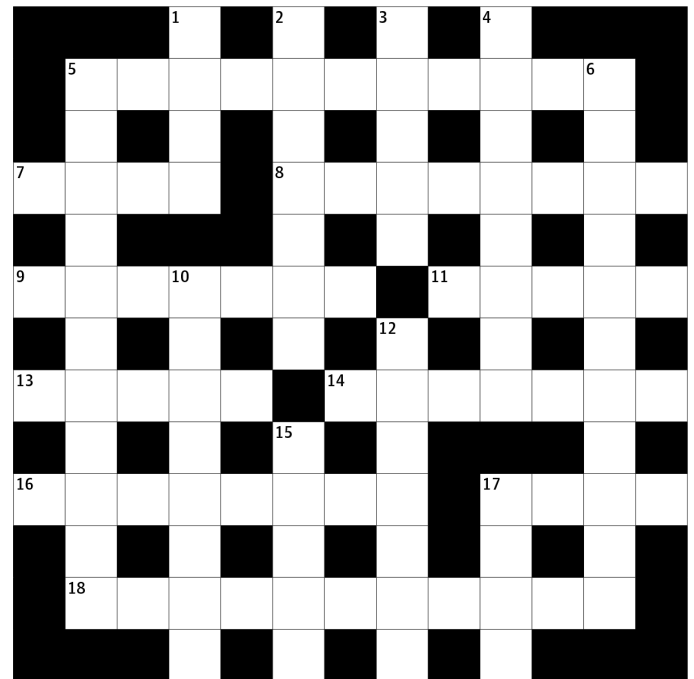
Please remember my views here are just that, always do you own research to make the best-informed decisions before making decisions about property.

Mark Quinn.

Mark.quinn@Kwuk.com

R&A QUICK CROSSWORD

Answers on next page



Across

- Peripatetic (anag) — trigger (11)
- Lump—oaf(4)
- Impressive performer (5,3)
- Very keen to do something (7)
- Lacking originality (5)
- Disdain(5)
- Small scented bouquet — eg. say no (anag) (7)
- Succinct joke (3-5)
- Invent (a new word, say) (4)
- Use (11)

Down

- Give, but want back in due course (4)
- Gene ____, US rockabilly pioneer, d. 1971. (7)
- Urgently needed (5)
- Sicken (8)
- Educational institution in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, allowed new university status after 1992 (11)
- Shocked expression?(11)
- Extremely strict (8)
- Crooked(7)
- Stool pigeon — not us! (anag) (5)
- Child's bed with wooden slatted sides (4)

GARDENING NOTES March 2023 **Hellebores, and snowdrops – How do they spread?**

I have a clump of purple hellebores that came from my parent's garden nearly sixty years ago. They are a great favourite because they start flowering at the end of January, long before any of my other varieties and I have lots! For years and years, they didn't spread at all. However, I never bothered to feed them. The poor things were starving! Stuck in the same, not very good soil for all those years, it is a miracle they survived! Last year I read somewhere that, although hellebores are very tough (true, I once left a clump, bare rooted, in a bucket for a year and it survived), they will do much better if you feed them. This year I have five clumps, all flowering, clearly the other four must have been there all the time but just not flowered. It just shows that there is always lots to learn and it's amazing what a few chicken pellets will do!

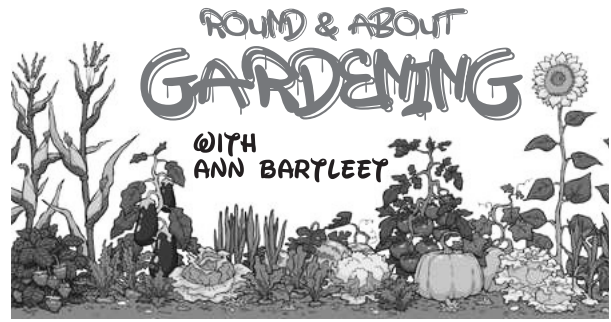
While we were planting snowdrops in the village, I was asked a couple of questions that I was not quite sure how to answer. I was asked, whether or not one can grow snowdrops from seed. I knew the official answer was 'yes'. However, I hadn't noticed much evidence that mine have spread by this means. So, I did a bit more 'Googling' and found the answer.

As the snowdrop seed pod ripens, it bends over until it touches the soil. At which time the pod bursts and the seeds fall out very close to the original clump. It is that proximity that had me fooled. I assumed that the tiny bulbils were off shoots from the original bulb. You can, of course, harvest the seed and grow them on yourself. However, this isn't easy as the tiny seedlings, looking a bit like fine grass, mustn't dry out for a minute and you have to keep them alive for about 4 or 5 years before they flower.

The other question I was asked was, 'can you grow snowdrops in pots?' The answer is yes and no! Snowdrops don't like pot life very much. They don't like drying out even when they are dormant, so to be successful you must water, what looks like an empty pot, all the summer.

If you keep them in a pot for more than one season, you should replant them in the autumn in fresh compost because they exhaust the soil very quickly. Now I know why a special variety called polar bear, that I have in a pot, has been sulking and producing very few flowers. The lesson is clear – grow your snowdrops in the soil.

All the above goes to show that plants will flourish if we do it right, but will sulk at best, die at worst, if we get it wrong.



PS To spread your snowdrops, lift a clump when the leaves are beginning to go yellow, and carefully tease apart and replant in groups of 4 or 5 bulbs, making sure you plant the bulbs at the same distance from the surface of the soil as before.

TEY COMMUNITY GROUP OUTREACH

If you find you are in need of a lift to an appointment at the hospital, doctor, dentist, or other urgent help, then you should find within this copy of 'Round & About Great Tey' a card for you to pin to your notice board, or keep by the phone, just in case the need arises.



It contains a list of local Great Tey based volunteers ready & willing to help, if we can! It is intended for emergencies only, but we are here to help so that you will not need to feel isolated. If for any reason there is not a card in with your copy, then please call Andrea 07368 217062 or Peter 07860 625325 and we will deliver one to you.

THE GREAT TEY FRIENDSHIP/ BOWLS CLUB

Well, the weather's a bit mixed at the mo. but hopefully the suggested "beast from the East" that was forecast for the end of Feb. isn't going to appear - fingers crossed! the month's not quite over as I write this.....!! will March come roaring in? Let's hope not.



We are able to fit in 3 meetings in March, so whatever the weather we have at least 3 warm and sociable afternoons to look forward to. The dates for those meetings are the 1st, 15th and 29th, with lunch at the Chequers hopefully on the 22nd. If you'd like to come and join us, or just want to know more, do call Andrea on 01206 803541.

GREAT TEY COMMUNITY POOL

At our last meeting in February we finalised the details of our Heads of Terms and hopefully now we will be able push forward with more grant applications. The cost of the Swimming Pool will be approx. £250,000.00 of which the majority of the money will, hopefully, come from grants where we must meet the very strict criteria needed. These grants, although offering very large sums of money, entail completing long time consuming forms with endless details, which take up a lot of time and thought to complete. Are there any Villagers who have time on their hands and active minds which need stimulating? If interested please step forward and help us with these applications forms and the final goal of a community swimming pool.

The Fundraising Committee have been trying to think up ideas which the whole community can join in together to help raise funds for the pool, and hopefully we can elaborate more in next months edition of the R&A.... WATCH THIS SPACE!!

Great Tey Community Swimming Pool Committee



CHURCH NEWS March 2023

The highlight of the month will be **'Mothering Sunday' - 'Mothers Day'**, as it is now often called. Originally this middle Sunday in Lent was the day when people went back to their 'mother church' ie where they were baptized, to celebrate their baptism. More recently, it became a holiday for servants to be given a day off to visit their mothers. Now we celebrate it as a way of giving thanks for a loving home and devoted parents.

We have a simple service during which children (and adults) can collect a small floral tribute to give to their mothers.

Services in March

- 1st March 7.30 Little Tey – Service of Compline
- 5th March. 10.00am Wakes Colne– Morning Service
- 5th March 10am Little Tey – Family Service
- 8th March 7.30pm Little Tey – Service of Compline
- 12th March 10.00am Great Tey – Benefice Communion
- 15th March 7.30pm Little Tey – Service of Compline
- 19th March 10.00am Great Tey – **Mothering Sunday**
- 22nd March 7.30pm Little Tey – Service of Compline
- 26th March 10am Wakes Colne – Benefice Communion
- 26h March 6.30pm Little Tey – Evensong
- 29th March 7.30 Little Tey – Service of Compline

Compline

Compline is above all a service of quietness and reflection before rest at the end of the day. Lent is a good time to think quietly about the way we live our lives and might do better in future.

Soup Lunch

Very many thanks to Christine and the Lucock family for a very special Monday! The sun shone, there was more choice of delicious soups than you usually get in a restaurant, to say nothing of a wonderful choice of puddings and lots of chatter! They raised Approximately £750 for church funds. Thank you to everyone who came and made it such a success.

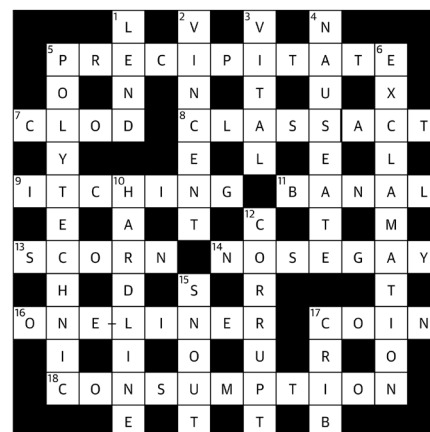
SEWING CLUB

Thankfully there was no illnesses this week and so we had a full house and an enjoyable session. Our expert, Vie, showed us how to "upcycle" old jeans in to an unusual outfit, and our first proper project by Alison Deal was displayed to the group.

This is a friendly group of people interested in sewing and anyone who would like to join is very welcome. We hope our combined knowledge will help current members, and anyone wanting advice, to further their sewing skills. We meet on the first Monday in the month (this month it is Monday 6th March) at 3.00pm - 4.30pm in the Village Hall. The cost is £10.00 each per session, which after the Hall hiring fee is paid, all goes to the Swimming Pool Fund.

Norma Tregoning

CROSSWORD Solutions



THE CHEQUERS

Weekday lunchtimes from 12pm – 2:00pm & Wednesday evenings from 6pm – 8:30pm we offer a set menu
2 Courses £13.95, 3 Courses £16.40

Monday – Closed all day

Tuesday – 5:30pm - 10.30pm

Wednesday/Thursday – 12.00pm - 3.00pm 5:30pm-10.30pm

Friday – 12.00pm – 3.00pm 5.00pm – 11.30pm

Saturday – 12.00pm – 11.30pm (food 12.00pm – 2:30pm)

Sunday – 12.00pm – 8.00pm (food 12.00pm – 3:30pm)

(food served Wednesday to Sunday)

UPCOMING EVENTS

No food Wednesday 8th & Thursday 9th March

19th March, Sunday – Mother's Day – A few tables still available.

25th March, Saturday – DJ Party/finger food – Advance tickets £7 each; with all proceeds going to Crohn's & Colitis UK.

26th March, Sunday – Quiz Night – £3/person (max 6 people/team). Please confirm your team because we have limited space and the evening is popular.

9th April, Sunday – Easter Sunday – lunch booking is advisable.

16th April, Sunday – Quiz Night – £3/person (max 6 people/team). Please confirm your team because we have limited space and the evening is popular.

29th April, Saturday – Fish themed evening menu – pre-order menu available mid-March.

CORONATION DAY @ The Chequers

6TH May, Saturday – Live Music performance by 'From The Edge' with BBQ available. Starting from 4pm. Further information to follow in future editions of the R&A and our Facebook page (see below)

Tel: 01206 210814

Facebook Page: The Chequers-Great Tey. The new page has a hyphen in between words. Please like or page if you would like to keep up to date with what is happening. (The old page belongs to the previous tenant of The Chequers)

Instagram: The Chequers-Great Tey

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Email: thechequersgreattey@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you @ The Chequers.

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Wednesday 22 March 2023

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edwardsdj44@gmail.com

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